



Parishes of Sacred Heart, Ilkley & SS John Fisher and Thomas More, Burley

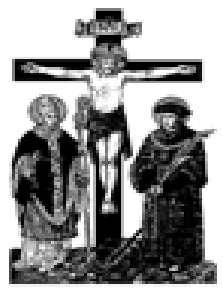
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Sun 24 th December	4th Sunday of Advent <i>2Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps 88:2-5, 27,29; Rom16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38</i>	9.15am SH, Ilkley 11.00am Ss JF&TM, Burley	Christopher Wray (LD) People of the Parish
Mon 25 th	Service times for Christmas		
	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.30pm Ss JF&TM 6.30pm SH 9.00pm Ss JF&TM Midnight SH	Family Christmas Eve Mass Family Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Mass during the Night Midnight Mass
	<i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00am SH	Christmas Morning Mass
Tues 26 th	St Stephen, the first Martyr <i>Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Ps 30:3-4,6,8,16-17; Mt 10:17-22</i>	10.00am SH, Ilkley 10.00am Ss JF&TM, Burley	November Dead List November Dead List
Wed 27 th	St John, Apostle, Evangelist <i>1Jn 1:1-4; Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:2-8</i>	10.00am Ss JF&TM, Burley	November Dead List
Thur 28 th	The Holy Innocents <i>1Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 123:2-5, 7-8, 11-12; Mt 2:13-18</i>	12.00noon SH, Ilkley	John Dunne
Fri 29 th	St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr <i>1Col 1:24-29; Ps 22; Lk22:24-30</i>	10.00am EM, Addingham 10.00am Ss JF & TM, Burley 11.15am Elmleigh Convent	Priest's Intention November Dead List Priest's Intention
Sat 30 th	<i>1Jn 2:12-17; Ps 95:7-10; Lk 2:36-40; Lk 2:22-40</i>	12.00 noon SH, Ilkley 5.30pm Ss JF&TM, Burley	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Sun 31 st	The Holy Family <i>Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3; Ps 104:1-6,8-9;Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19</i>	9.15am SH, Ilkley 11.00am Ss JF&TM, Burley	Antonio & Maddalena Petrillo People of the Parish

	<u>ILKLEY</u>	<u>BURLEY</u>
<u>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...</u>	Please remember the 16 Ilkley parishioners who have requested our prayers	Please remember the 13 Burley parishioners who have requested our prayers
<u>FAITHFUL DEPARTED</u>	John Holroyd, Leo Pinck, Richard Holmes, Margaret Dobson, Gerald Wild, George McNeice, Mel Valde Bernadez, Tom Forrest, Eric Ireton, Richard Damant, Wilfred Barker, Timothy Cronin, Fr Tony Battle, Peter Gavin, Ronald McDonald, Celia Dobson, Bob Stubbs, Christine Terry, Elaine Wilson	Ken Fish, Laurence Parker, Michael Preston, Peter Minchella, Bernard Dunne, Sylvia Berko, Alan Turner, Josephine Parker, Nellie Hopkins, Sandra Mary Deacon, Fr William Bryson, Mgr Anthony Boylan

SACRED HEART PARISH, ILKLEY
 PARISH BULLETIN - SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 2023
 4th Week of Advent

God of joy

God of joy
 Remind me to rejoice
 Wrapped up in my Christmas gifts
 Tied down in my debts
 I have forgotten

God of peace,
 Remind me of your calm
 In my anxiety
 And in my haste
 I have forgotten

God of all
 Remind me
 Of the true light of Christmas
 Of your gift shared

In my own wants
 And in my own needs
 I have forgotten
 Wrapped up in my little world
 Remind me of your world
 God of joy, remind me
 To rejoice

Amen.

Linda Jones/CAFOD

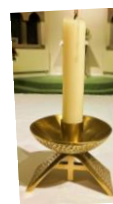
"The mystery of Christmas fills our hearts with awe – a key word – at an unexpected message: God has come, God is here in our midst, and his light has forever pierced the darkness of the world. We need to hear and accept this message anew, especially in these days tragically marked by the violence of war, by the momentous risks posed by climate change, by poverty, suffering, hunger ... and all the grave problems of the present time. It is comforting to discover that even in those painful situations, and all the other problems of our frail human family God makes himself present in this crib, the manger where today he chooses to be born and to bring the Father's love to all. This he does in God's own "style": with closeness, compassion, tenderness."



Pope Francis, Thursday 21st December 2023



The new altar candle holders and crucifix have been donated in memory of Sheila and Gordon Driver.



PARISH RETREAT DAY

'Come to me and I will give you rest'

Saturday 27th January 10.00 – 4.00

Briery Retreat Centre £33pp

Parishioners from the Wharfedale Deanery, including Sacred Heart, English Martyrs and Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, are invited to come together for this Parish Retreat Day, when the Briery Team will welcome and lead anyone who would like the opportunity for a quiet and reflective day at the beginning of the year.

The requested offering of £33 includes a home-cooked 2-course lunch, morning coffee with biscuits & afternoon tea with cake.

Booking is essential - please book by Monday 22nd January 2024

For more information and to book, please contact Amanda or Beth on 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

RECONCILIATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

For all parents of children preparing to receive first sacraments at Sacred Heart next year, there will be a short meeting in church on 25th January at 6.30pm

The next rota for readers, eucharistic ministers and welcomers has been emailed out and is on display in the foyer.

CLARKE FOLEY FRIENDS In order to help cover the costs involved in continuing to provide a range of services to the local community, The Clarke Foley Centre have launched a 'Friends' scheme. We are invited to support this resource with a £30 annual subscription. More information can be found in the Clarke Foley centre itself, or on their website.



Apologies that the comments from the parish meetings have not appeared on the parish website as promised in last week's bulletin; we are working on fixing this, but in the meantime, the document can be viewed on the website for Ss JF&TM.

Having considered the input, 5 main themes have been decided upon as ongoing focus and these are: *Prayer & Liturgy, Faith Formation & Catechesis, Social Justice & Environment; Families & Young People, Communication & Social.*

Everyone is invited to attend the first of the new Parishes Council meetings on **Tuesday 30th January** at 7.00pm, where it is to be hoped together we can develop an action plan for parish growth and improvement.

WHERE IS YOUR PARISH GOING? – WORKSHOP DAYS

The Youth and Lifelong Faith Formation Office of the Vicariate for Education would like to invite you to a day exploring the future of our parishes and what it means to be part of a thriving parish! Our input is sourced from the recent Catholic Parish Summit Webinar ‘Thriving or Closing: Where is your parish going?’ – find the full webinar here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfO_wAhMv0w. The day will be hosted twice, repeated on two Saturdays, both 10:00am to 3:30pm. The first day that has been organised will take place on Saturday 27th January 2024 at St Benedict’s, Garforth, LS25 1PX. The second will take place on Saturday 3rd February at a venue which is yet to be confirmed. Each day will begin with Mass and then the future of our parishes will be explored in discussion groups and directed workshops. The day is free to attend and, although tea and coffee will be provided, participants are asked to bring their own packed lunch. For more information and to book contact us at formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

HANDMAIDS WOMEN’S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 5th January 2024 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

CUPERTINO GROUP MASSES: Next Mass for Christmas: 7 th January 2024, 3pm. St Joseph’s Catholic Church, West Gate, Wetherby, LS22 6LL. Contact number: Fr Frank- 07850 076926 Rosie- 07891951949. These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities.

DIOCESAN GRIEF COMPANION TRAINING: friendly, interactive online course about grief and how to accompany people who are bereaved. On Zoom every Monday from 8 January 2024 to 12 February 2024 - 6.30pm to 8pm. To find out more and apply please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team on epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or call the Briery Retreat Centre on 01943 607287.

COME AND SEE MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP: Mission Halifax invite you to a new monthly prayer group. Prayerful reflection, Adoration, praise & worship, and testimony, 7pm, Friday 12 January 2024. St Patrick’s Church, Elland HX5 0PU. All welcome.

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY: School Social Worker – £29,269 – £33,945. You must hold a Social Work Qualification Closing date: Until appointed. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 to request an application form.

VACANCY: Secondment Opportunity for Deputy Headteacher, St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Required March 2024 – July 2024. Closing date: Friday 12th January 2024. To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Ben Lavin, ben.lavin@bcwcat.co.uk

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS SONG: Pope Francis has endorsed Hear Angels Cry, a Christmas song by a Bethlehem based musician and produced by Friends of the Holy Land. Hear Angels Cry is a heartfelt plea for unity, compassion, and the enduring power of hope, even in the most challenging circumstances. Proceeds from the song will go to Friends of the Holy Land, a UK charity which is also registered in Palestine. More information at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/help-friends-of-the-holy-lands-christmas-song-://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/help-friends-of-the-holy-lands-christmas-song-reach-number-one/>

EARLY MORNING MASS: The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal celebrate an early morning Mass at St. Patrick’s Church, Bradford at 7.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. All welcome.

CHANGE TO ST PAUL’S BOOKSHOP OPENING HOURS: Due to staffing changes, from January 2024 St Paul’s Bookshop at Hinsley Hall will not regularly be open on Saturdays.