



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

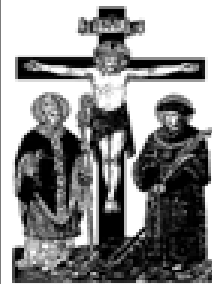
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### TIMES OF MASSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Ps 115:10,15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10</i>	9.15am 11.00am	SH, Ilkley Ss JF&TM, Burley	People of the Parish Fr Joe Smith (RIP)
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 18:8-10,15; Mt 25:31-46</i>	10.00am	Ss JF&TM, Burley	Patricia McKenzie (ann.)
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Is 55:10-11; Ps 33:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15</i>	9.15am 10.00am 10.00am	SH, Ilkley SH, Ilkley Ss JF&TM, Burley	<b>Exposition</b> November Dead List November Dead List
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 50:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lk 11:29-32</i>	10.00am	Ss JF&TM, Burley	Patricia McKenzie (ann.)
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Peter's Chair</b> <i>1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps 23; MT 16:13-19</i>	12.00 noon	SH, Ilkley	Lawrence McNaney (ann.)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<i>Ezk 18:21-28; Ps 129; Mt 5:20-26</i>	10.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Ss JF & TM, Burley <i>St Patrick's Huddersfield</i> SH, Ilkley	Fr Joe Smith (RIP) <b>Requiem Mass</b> <b>Canon Joseph Smith</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Deut 26:16-19; Ps 118:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48</i>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	12.00 noon 5.30pm	SH, Ilkley Ss JF&TM, Burley	Jacquie Kilkerr (RIP) Lorna Knight (RIP)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Ps 115:10,15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10</i>	9.15am 11.00am	SH, Ilkley Ss JF&TM, Burley	Terence McTigue (ann.) People of the Parish
Confessions – Saturdays following 12 noon Mass at Sacred Heart and 5.00-5.15pm at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More				

	<u>ILKLEY</u>	<u>BURLEY</u>
<b><u>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...</u></b>	Please remember the 12 Ilkley parishioners who have asked for our prayers this week	Please remember the 12 Burley parishioners who have asked for our prayers this week
<b><u>FAITHFUL DEPARTED</u></b>	Marie Barritt, Philippa Mary Barron, Francis Burke, Joan Busfield, John Dalton, Kathleen Eklid, Leonard Kearney, Bridget Macknay, Francis McGilly, Wilfred Smith, Josie Smith, Basil Thorpe, Sheila Todd, Stephen Wainwright.	Fr. Joe Smith, Raymond Doherty, Lorna Knight, Michael Lafferty, Steve Hancox, Ian Brown, Dr Paul Southern, Jean Fox, Fr Gerald Creasey, Deacon Nick Baggio, Mavis Duffy, Niamh Davis (Dublin) Lillian Jones, Fr Paul Brook, Susan Marshall, Winston Frank Selby, Lucy Routh, Canon Joseph Finan, Canon Denis Tangney, Joseph Mallon

The Pope's Lenten message: 'Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom'

Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the Book of Exodus, choosing "Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom" as its main theme to encourage the faithful that the season is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar – 6.30pm, Sacred Heart  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – 2.30pm, St Margaret's  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – 6.30pm, Sacred Heart – led by SVP  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – venue tba, possibly Middleton Calvary,  
weather permitting

The Ladies Guild will lead a Stations on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am here at Sacred Heart. Everyone is welcome to attend and afterwards to stay for tea/coffee.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The service for the World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.00pm at Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Refreshments will be served after the service. All welcome.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**



Today we enrol our children into the programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which they will celebrate here on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Please remember them and their families: **Arturo, Bea, Charles, Iona, Sam and Samuel**

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL  
LENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7am to 7pm.  
There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

**ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**

Join The Briery for a short meditation on the upcoming Sunday readings from 7.30pm to 8.15pm on Thursdays. The Zoom opens at 7.15pm for a chat. All are welcome. Email [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk) or call 01943 607287 to receive the link to join.

**WELCOME TO MASS!**

We are short of Welcomers to join the rota to ensure every week we have helpful smiles to greet us. Two volunteers are needed to greet people and hand out books, ideally helping to keep things tidy as well. This is also a lovely ministry for a family to cover together. The rotas are managed by Whatsapp groups to enable swaps when necessary. Please contact Krzysia Condliffe on 07906445886 email [sacredheartilkley.office@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartilkley.office@gmail.com) if you can help or would like to know more.

More Readers or Eucharistic Ministers are also always welcome.

**Easter Cards and Lenten material are now available on the Piety Stall**



**LENT LUNCHESES 2024**

**Act on Poverty**

CTI Lent Lunches this year will be hosted by the Baptist Church, on Thursdays beginning at 1.00pm. There will be a simple soup lunch, followed by a talk. The talks are based on material prepared by Christian Aid with the theme "Act on Poverty".

22nd February	-	"Prophetic"
29th February	-	"Broken"
7th March	-	"Generous"
14th March	-	"Located"
21st March	-	"Summary"

There will be no charge, but you are invited to contribute in support of Christian Aid.



**TOWARDS BECOMING A 'LIVE SIMPLY' PARISH**

Thank you to Keith who came to talk about how our friends in Burley have become a Cafod 'Live Simply' parish – it has certainly provided much to think about.

There is a display at the back of church outlining some of their activities and we are encouraged to think about what we could do here in Ilkley. If you would like to know more, would like to get involved in some way (perhaps organising recyclables collection or charity donations), or have any ideas and suggestions, please do get in touch, emailing [sacredheartilkley.office@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartilkley.office@gmail.com) in the first instance.

**BULLETIN STRAIGHT TO YOUR HOME**

You can receive the full Sacred Heart parish bulletin as an email which helps us to reduce the amount of printing we do and paper we use, and also ensures as much information as possible is shared directly with you. If you would like to receive a copy each week or know of someone who might appreciate it, please get in touch by emailing [sacredheartilkley.office@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartilkley.office@gmail.com)

**URGENT APPEAL FOR MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME:** The Little Sisters of the Poor have had to take the heartbreaking decision to close their Leeds Care Home after RAAC concrete was found in 95% of the roof. Over the next few months all 62 residents must be re-homed and over 90 staff face redundancy. The Sisters must meet costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents have been found new homes. More details here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/>. Please bring this story to the attention of anyone you think may be able to help financially.

**CATECHISTS DAY:** Diocesan Catechists are invited to Hinsley Hall, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10am-3pm for a day of celebration and thanksgiving for your wonderful ministry. Input from Sr Therese CFR, an opportunity for sharing and times of reflection, simple lunch provided. This is a free event but booking is essential. Email [formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) to book.

**CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL APPEAL:** 9-10<sup>th</sup> March 2024. In 2023, in its 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, the Charity supported over 2,700 people in need. Please give as generously as you are able to enable us to continue our work. If you would like to become a Friend of Catholic Care please visit our website: Friends of Catholic Care - Catholic Care ([catholic-care.org.uk](http://catholic-care.org.uk)) If you are able to make a regular contribution you can set up a standing order. Bank details: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds) 05-00-20; 11472611. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please contact us for a Gift Aid form: [finance@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:finance@catholic-care.org.uk).

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE:** 12<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm in Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (52 Otley Old Rd, Leeds, LS16 6HW). All are welcome to come and pray for healing for themselves or their loved ones. On this occasion we are delighted to welcome the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (CFRs) who will say a few words. Both Catholics and those of other faiths or no faith are welcome. Confession will be available. Tea and Coffee will also be available in the hall next door after the service.

**WHERE DO WE FIND RESILIENCE IN WORKING FOR JUSTICE & PEACE?:** Hear how the lives of St Oscar Romero & Archbishop Dennis Hurley can inspire us. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm, Leeds Trinity University. This is a presentation of the 2024 Romero Lecture organised by the J&P Commission in partnership with Leeds Trinity University. See our website for more details and to reserve a place at this free talk [www.leedsjp.org.uk](http://www.leedsjp.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC PARISH SUMMIT EVENTS:** The Diocesan Lifelong Faith Formation team are leading a series of workshops, the first on Preventing Burnout in your Parish, including input from Catholic Parish Summit webinars, Mass and Exposition. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, St Stephen's, Skipton 10am–3:30pm, repeated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, St Benedict's, Garforth 10am–3pm. Bring a packed lunch. Booking essential at [formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) Discounted tickets still available for the Catholic Parish Summit, 12-14<sup>th</sup> June, Harrogate. For more information about the Summit and the associated webinar programme visit [www.catholicparishsummit.com](http://www.catholicparishsummit.com)

**WALK IN FATHER BROWN'S FOOTSTEPS! PILGRIMAGE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 following the route over Ilkley Moor taken 120 years ago when GK Chesterton first met Fr John O'Connor (the Diocese of Leeds priest who was the inspiration for 'Fr Brown'). Starts at St Anne's, Keighley and ends with Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary, Ilkley. More details here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/walking-towards-the-jubilee-in-father-browns-footsteps/> Contact: [communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH:** March 16<sup>th</sup> at St. George's Hall. Join Bradford's historic choir for a captivating performance presented by Bradford Festival Choral Society, Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra, a glittering array of soloists and featuring children from the Diocese of Leeds Schools Singing Programme. Conducted by Thomas Leech, it promises to be a remarkable evening of music. Tickets from Bradford Theatres box office: [Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra & Bfd Festival Choral Society | Bradford Theatres \(bradford-theatres.co.uk\)](http://YorkshireSymphonyOrchestra.com)

## VACANCIES

**VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR:** Hope Housing a Christian Charity based in Bradford (please follow this link for more information - [Hope Housing | Ending Rough Sleeping in Bradford | United Kingdom](#)). Hope Housing are currently recruiting for a Full time Volunteer co-ordinator (£25k per annum funded for 2 years min). Go to the website or call Veronica on 01274 900764 for more information. The closing date is Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**TRUSTEES VACANCIES:** Catholic Care is seeking to recruit new trustees to increase the breadth of knowledge and experience on its established Board of Trustees. Applicants with experience of property management are particularly welcome. If you want to live your faith through action we would welcome an application from you. For further information and if you are interested in applying, please visit [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk).

**LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY:** St Thomas A Becket Catholic Secondary School seeks to appoint a practicing Catholic to join the team as Lay Chaplain. Salary: Grade 7 SCP 19 to SCP 23 £29,777 - £32,076 (pro rata for term time plus 5 days) Closing date: 26/02/2024. Interview date: 18/03/2024 For more details visit <https://careers.bkcat.co.uk/job/515638>

**CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY:** Senior Manager Older Peoples Service Spinal Point SP40 £46,549 to SP43 49,590 full time equivalent plus mileage allowance and many other benefits Location: based at Head Office in Headingley. Please download our application form [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk) and email to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk).

**BLESSED PETER SNOW CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST VACANCIES:** currently have a variety of senior leadership opportunities within Kirklees and Calderdale for committed and passionate practitioners. For more information on any of our vacancies please visit [www.bpstrust.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.bpstrust.org.uk/vacancies)

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## LENTEN RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AND ACTION

**LENT AND EASTER AT ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP:** A wide range of Lenten and Easter reading and devotional material for adults and children, and a good selection of Easter cards all now in stock. Open Monday - Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm. 0113 275 4043 [hinsleyhall@stpauls.org.uk](mailto:hinsleyhall@stpauls.org.uk)

**THE WEDNESDAY WORD** produce a weekly reflection for schools and parishes – a copy of this week's parish version is reprinted below as an example <https://www.wednesdayword.org/>

**CAFOD** You can sign up to Cafod's Lent Calendar [here](#) to receive daily reflections or suggested actions – or you could sign up to The Big Walk [here](#)

Cafod also have a range of resources suitable for children, teens and families.

**MISSION TOGETHER** the youth version of *Missio* have a Lent Calendar here <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/lent/>

**SACRED SPACE** A site rooted in Ignatian spirituality which provides a daily prayer <https://sacredspace.com/daily-prayer/>

**LAUDATO SI LENT CALENDAR** more information and to download the calendar go to <https://laudatosilent.org/europe/>

**CATHOLIC LINK** is an American website but does have a large range of suggested resources for prayer, reading and watching <https://catholic-link.org/lent-2024-catholic-resource-guide/>



# Encountering Christ

## The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



**Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions.** Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



**Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

# 1 Read

The Gospel for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
**THE TRANSFIGURATION**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

*Taken from Mark 9:2-10 The Second Sunday of Lent, Year B*

# 2 Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

As the time of the Passion approaches, the foreboding of the disciples grows. Jesus sustains them with this vivid manifestation of himself in glory. On the holy mountain of revelation they see him transformed. It was a real visual experience, though described in symbols familiar from the Bible - brilliant white clothes, and so on. Moses and Elijah are seen there because they also had experienced the vision of God on the holy mountain: Moses when he had received the Law from God on Mount Sinai; Elijah when he encountered God in the cave on Mount Horeb. The disciples were frightened, confused and overcome at the awesome experience, and yet, at the same time, comforted in such a way that Peter wanted to prolong it. Their reaction to the presence of the Lord will later be reflected by that of Christian mystics - both a reassuring terror and a frightening homeliness, the awareness of a presence which is awesome yet comforting - an experience which cannot fully be put into words. The Voice from Heaven is an echo of the Voice heard at Jesus' Baptism. There, however, the Voice was addressed to Jesus, whereas here it is spoken to the disciples, proclaiming Jesus as authorized teacher, the one who speaks with the authority of the Beloved Son.

**When and how do you meet Jesus? How do you respond to God? Are you frightened of God, or is God a comfort to you?**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

# 3 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, joy, forgiveness, hope or something else.

# 4 Pray for Families

**This Wednesday's word for our school families is SACRED!**

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

**St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

# WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS †

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024



# 1

1st Reading: *Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18*

## The Sacrifice of Isaac

God put Abraham to the test. "Abraham, Abraham," he called. "Here I am," he replied. "Take your son," God said, "your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you." When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. "Abraham, Abraham," he said. "I am here," he replied. "Do not raise your hand against the boy," the angel said. "Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son." Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. "I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you; I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience."

Every parent must be moved by this terrible and touching story. How could a parent do such a thing? And the boy was Abraham's last hope for the survival of his family, granted to him to fulfil God's promise. The narrative pace slows down as they approach the point of sacrifice. In the full version of the story in Genesis we read how Isaac is allowed to carry the wood, but Abraham carefully carries anything on which the child might hurt himself, the fire and the knife. One can imagine the jaunty boy trotting along beside dad, bouncing questions at him, and dad's monosyllabic answers as he nears the moment he dreads. Yet Abraham trusted in God right up to the brink of disaster, somehow confident that God would rescue him from this terrible deed. As Paul stresses, it was not anything Abraham did that justified him, not his obedient action, but his total trust in God. The tradition of the Church sees in this tragic story a 'prequel' of God's offering his only, beloved Son for the salvation of the human race; it is a mysterious preparation for that supreme offering which we celebrate at Easter. With this interpretation of the text we keep the goal before our eyes, as we advance along the way during the season of Lent.

**Do I have such total trust in God's love?**

# 2

2nd Reading: *Romans 8:31-34*

## Paul rejoices in God's love

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Paul reflects on God's love: if God loved us sufficiently to deliver up his son for us, there is no limit to his love. Paul begins his letter to the Romans by exposing the human race as mired in sin. The disobedience of Adam (and 'Adam' means 'man' in Hebrew) is the symbol of this sin. But Paul shows that the perfect, loving obedience of Christ (the Second Adam) to his Father unravels our disobedience, and sets us right again in God's love. The Cross is the supreme act of love: Jesus loves his Father even to death. God accepts this death out of love for the human race. Nothing, continues Paul, can separate us from this love, neither life nor death nor human nor superhuman powers. As an example of this love, Paul then shows how even the Jews who rejected Jesus remain God's beloved people. In the end they too will be saved by that love.

**God in Christ has shown us how to love. How do we truly follow this great example of love the Lord has given us?**

**“ The Cross is the supreme act of love: Jesus loves his Father, and us, even to death. ”**

**The Wednesday Word** Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church  
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**