

# OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS, OTLEY

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30 pm	MASS (Vigil) 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am	MASS	Bridget Hannon (LD)
	11.15 am	MASS	Dorothy Hird
	4.00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
MONDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	MASS	Rev Michael Cleverley (LD)
TUESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm	MASS	Tony Gilmartin (A)
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9.25 am	EXPOSITION	
	10.00 am	MASS	Derek John Birch (B'day A)
	11.00 am	YEAR 4 CLASS MASS	
	7.00 pm	PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE	
THURSDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	KEY STAGE 1 MASS	For the Sanctity of Life
FRIDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	MASS	Betty McGrath (LD)
SATURDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	MASS	Parish Deceased (2023)
	6.30 pm	MASS (Vigil) 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Private Intention
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am	MASS	Kathleen (LD) & Michael Cullen & Felix Gallagher
	11.15 am	MASS	People of the Parish
	4.00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	

**This weeks' reflective thought:**

***"Those who live by the truth comes out into the light." ( John 3:21)***

## PARISH NEWS and EVENTS

**COFFEE MORNING** – There will be a Coffee Morning THIS Sunday after 9.30 a.m. Mass.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – The annual retiring collection for the work of Catholic Care will take place THIS weekend (9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024).

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** – In preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter a Penitential Service will be held THIS **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00 p.m. This will begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, a general examination of conscience, followed by the opportunity for individual celebrations of the Sacrament of Confession.

**COFFEE AND A CHAT** – The Parish Centre is open on **Wednesday mornings** (10.30 a.m. – 12 noon) for “Coffee and a Chat”. Whether you have attended Mass or are just in town, please feel free to call in (& bring a friend!). Thank you to those who kindly offer a warm welcome and refreshments. **N.B.** THIS **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** refreshments will be accompanied by Irish Music & Song in honour of St. Patrick.

**THE BABISANANI PARTNERSHIP** (St. Mary’s School, Menston) – Two events are being held to raise valuable funds to support St. Mary’s partner school in South Africa. **(a)** The children in South Africa walk for 2 hours to get to school and friends of St. Mary’s are being asked to walk 100 miles through March. You choose when you walk, at any time, and how fast you walk to accumulate 100 miles in total. If you would like to take part and raise some sponsorship for your efforts please register your interest by e-mailing Barbara Pounder at [bmpounder@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bmpounder@yahoo.co.uk) **(b)** A Quiz Night is being held at Guiseley Football Club THIS **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** (7.00 – 9.00 p.m.) Tickets are priced at £8 per person in teams of 8. Tickets are available from Mrs. Chattoe at St. Mary’s School, Menston.

**CHEVIN CROSS** – The iconic Cross on the Chevin will be erected NEXT **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** and help is needed ! Initially some assistance will be required at 9.00 a.m. at Sinclairs’ Warehouse in Bremner Street, and a lot more help at 9.30 a.m. on the Chevin itself. In all about 40 people are required. After Easter further help will be required when the Cross is taken down on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**. There will be a short Easter Service at the Cross on Easter Sunday (**31<sup>st</sup> March**) at 7.00 a.m.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** – A list seeking Ministers of the Word for Palm Sunday, the Liturgies of Holy Week, together with the Easter Vigil is available for signatures in the church porch. Readings will be made available for Ministers the weekend prior to their proclamation i.e. for Palm Sunday they will be available NEXT weekend, and for Holy Week and the Easter Vigil on Palm Sunday.

**ANGELS FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION EVENTS** – **(a)** The annual 70’s / 80’s Disco will be held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April** at Kirklands (Menston). For further details and Tickets (£12) contact Beth on 07719 785986 or Sue O’Shea on 07973 854852.

**COLLECTION ENVELOPE BOXES** – **(a)** New Collection Envelopes are available for parishioners to pick up as they arrive / leave church. These are arranged in surname alphabetical order. As an encouragement to parishioners to move to Standing Order payments Mandates are enclosed in boxes of envelopes where a Standing Order is not currently used. The new envelopes have now come into use. **(b)** If you do not use either a Standing Order or Collection Envelopes and would like to do so please speak with Fr. Nicholas or e-mail the Parish Office. **(c)** The Standing Order Mandates also come along with a Gift Aid Declaration Form (for parishioners who pay Income Tax). This painless and silent addition to donations made to our Parish community boosts the initial gift by a further 25p for every £1 given.

**ADDRESSES** – The distribution of new Collection Envelopes has highlighted a number of incorrect addresses on the boxes being picked up by parishioners. If your address is incorrect please let us know so that we can inform the Diocesan Finance Office. This is particularly important for those with a Gift Aid.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – The Stations of the Cross are being prayed each **Sunday** during Lent at 4.00 p.m. In order to give a variance on voices offering the reflections it would be good to have the involvement of parishioners who would be prepared to read during this spiritual exercise. If you would be interested please speak with Fr. Nicholas.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SINGERS** – Further rehearsals for our Holy Week and Easter singers will be held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** in the organ loft between 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Thank you to those who have already come together in song and harmony. New voices would be welcome !

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – A period of simple Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is being held for half an hour (i.e. from 9.25 a.m.) prior to the beginning of Mass on **Wednesday mornings**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024** – **(a)** A meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00 p.m. in church for the parents / carers of children (in Year 4+) who would like to enroll them on the Parish catechetical process for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year. **(b)** If you are the parent / carer of a child in a non-Catholic school who is in Year 4+ and has already celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation please come along to this. At this meeting the Catechetical programme will be explained and the resources used will be shared.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN 2024** – **(a)** Attendance Cards are to be given to Fr. Nicholas at end of the weekend Mass that families attend, these will be returned via the School (please check school bags!). **(b)** The fifth Catechetical Session for the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place **THIS Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** (3.15 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. in Year 3's classroom in St. Joseph's). The Sacrament will be celebrated on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** (The Feast of St. Joseph) from 4.50 p.m.

**YOUTH CLUB** – The Youth Club is open for young people in **Years 6 & 7** on **Friday evenings** 6.30 - 8pm in the Parish Centre (term time) Membership costs £1 and 50p each week thereafter. If you could help by volunteering as a leader please contact: Sue O'Shea on 07973 854952

**CAFOD** – **(a)** CAFOD Envelopes will remain available for use by parishioners throughout Lent. Hopefully, 'topped-up' by further donations to these envelopes, a retiring Collection will be taken on **Palm Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March)** for the work of CAFOD. The Parish total raised for CAFOD (to last weekend) is £487.69 **(b)** A Soup Lunch will be held on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at the Parish Church (12 noon – 1.30 p.m. The speaker will be Dwayne Hutchinson from the Leeds Church Institute). Donations at this Lunch will be for the Charity that the speaker represents.

**LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION** – St. Anne's Cathedral, Leeds, will be hosting the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the day on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** (7.00 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.) where clergy will be available to hear confessions. There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

**LENTEN RESOURCE** – CAFOD is offering a variety of Lenten Prayer resources including Stations of the Cross, Daily Reflections for families/individuals etc. on their webpage: [cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources](http://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources)

**RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN** – An on-line weekly Liturgy suitable for children (under-8s) is available at [www.themark10mission.co.uk/little-liturgies](http://www.themark10mission.co.uk/little-liturgies)

**HOME VISITS WITH HOLY COMMUNION** – If parishioners would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or know of someone who would - perhaps a family member, friend or neighbor - they are asked to please contact Fr. Nicholas directly to arrange for a visit.

**REPOSITORY** – Our Repository now has a new selection of St. Patrick's Day & Easter cards for sale.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Nicholas allowing flexibility for those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament.

**MASSES RECEIVED** – Private Intention, The Kacprzak Family X2, Derek John Birch (B'day A), Revd. Michael Cleverley (LD) X2, For the Sanctity of Life, Mary Johnson (LD), Simon Johnston (LD)

**HELPING HANDS** – Working together is a way of getting to know other parishioners better, playing a part in a team, and developing a confidence that for many has been unsettled by the Pandemic. All gifts of time, energy and enthusiasm are welcomed. If you would like to help out in Parish life, or resume what you did pre-Covid, and have a chat to Fr. Nicholas. **N.B. Thank you** to those parishioners who have already shown willing, and to those whose work continues to enhance particularly the church and its grounds.

**HCPT 198 GROUP OTLEY** – To find out more about our Parish HCPT group and what they do please look at the information displayed on the church noticeboard or visit: (e-mail) [group198@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group198@hcpt.org.uk) (Facebook) HCPT Group 198 (Donate via) [www.justgiving.com/page/hcpt-group198](http://www.justgiving.com/page/hcpt-group198) or (website) [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk)

**LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: (Friday 5th - Thursday 11th July 2024)** – (a) Bookings will be opening in the next few weeks and can be made either online or by telephone with the tour operator. Assisted pilgrims needing support please complete medical forms before booking with the tour operator (please contact [stephturner100@gmail.com](mailto:stephturner100@gmail.com) for medical form). All pilgrims who have travelled with us previously, will receive information from the tour operator. Information can also be found on the Diocesan website. Any questions, please contact: [lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) (b) New Volunteers would be welcomed, particularly nurses and a GP is being sought for 2024. Please consider joining this rewarding service. To volunteer, please contact: [lourdesrecruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:lourdesrecruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** - It would be helpful if any items for inclusion in the Newsletter were received (either by written notification or e-mail) by the Thursday teatime prior to the date of publication. Thank you!

### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

**APPEAL FOR MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME** - The Little Sisters of the Poor have had to take the heart-breaking 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 may be found at: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/> A poster in the church porch gives details of how parishioners may make financial contributions to assist the Sisters.

### **A LITANY FOR MOTHERS**

**Eve** our first mother: Thank you for stepping out and being the first to understand the complexities of life.

**Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth**: Thank you for your patience and courage in waiting for a miracle. May all people longing for children be strengthened by your stories and comforted in their pain.

**Hagar**: Thank you for your resolve in the face of exile. May all mothers who are forced to flee or are forgotten be given hope in you.

**Rebecca**: Thank you for your flexibility. Let us remember all mothers who have to raise their children in a different country or far from their relatives and who feel isolated.

**Rachel**: You carried the burden of grief and wept for your children. Hold the hands of all those mothers who weep for their children - children who have gone missing, who have died or are lost to them in other ways.

**Jochebed**: You used wisdom and insight to protect your children. Give to all mothers this wisdom and insight in the bringing up of their children, especially in vulnerable times.

**Naomi and Ruth**: You showed that love can conquer all trials. Help all mothers to love constantly when life seems impossible and despair weighs hard upon their souls.

**Mary**: The new Eve whose 'yes' to God changed our world forever.

Thank you for sheltering the Holy One all those years ago, for your faithful love and tender care of God's most precious Son. May we never forget that in your giving is our greatest receiving - of the gift of life wrapped in a manger and in a tomb. May we know the true cost of relationship by holding our faith in Christ deep within our hearts as you once held him deep within your womb. **Amen.**

Dear Jesus, We thank you for all Mothers and Carers around the world, and for all they do for their children.

We thank you for their patience when we don't get things right. We thank you for their encouragement when we find life hard. We pray that mums would feel really special today and that you would remind us every day to show them as much love and help as they give to us. **Amen**

### **IN PRAYER WE RECALL**

**Those whom God has called back to Himself recently:**

**And those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Tony Gilmartin,  
Fr. Herbert Backhouse, and Fr. Henry Walker

**The sick and those caring for them, especially:** Margaret Arnold, Phil Bradley,  
Theresa & Bob Cononico, Patrick Hird, John McHugh, Steve O'Neill, Patricia O'Rourke, Denise Quinlan,  
Gordon Scott, Martin Scott, Gloria Shilton, and Ken Smith