

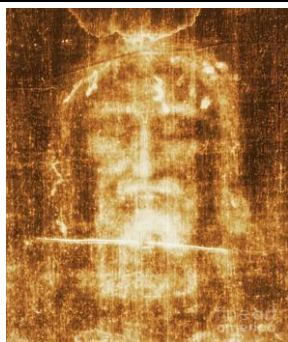
OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS, OTLEY

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PARISH BULLETIN

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2nd Week of Lent (Year B)
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SUNDAY	Second Sunday of Lent
MONDAY	Weekday of Lent
TUESDAY	Weekday of Lent
WEDNESDAY	Weekday of Lent
THURSDAY	Weekday of Lent
FRIDAY	St David Bishop and Patron of Wales
SATURDAY	Weekday of Lent

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY 24 th February	6.30 pm	MASS (Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Lent	Patrick Kelly (LD)
SUNDAY 25 th February	9.30 am 11.15 am 4.00 pm	MASS MASS STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Carmel Hutchinson (LD) People of the Parish
MONDAY 26 th February	10.00 am	MASS	Nicola Cuthbert (A)
TUESDAY 27 th February	7.30 pm	MASS	Jessie & David Pleasant (A)
WEDNESDAY 28 th February	9.25 am 10.00 am	EXPOSITION MASS	Rose Brumbill & John Dwyer
THURSDAY 29 th February	10.00 am	MASS	A Sick Person (PH)
FRIDAY 1 st March	10.00 am	MASS	Parish Deceased 2023
SATURDAY 2 nd March	10.00 am 6.30 pm	MASS MASS (Vigil) 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Kim Wilson (LD) Artuto Magpayo (RIP)
SUNDAY 3 rd March	9.30 am 11.15 am 4.00 pm	MASS MASS STATIONS OF THE CROSS	People of the Parish Maureen Carroll (LD)

This weeks' reflective thought:

The kingdom of God is close at hand Repent and believe the Good News.

PARISH NEWS and EVENTS

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION – The Offertory Procession (the wine, water and hosts) has now been re-introduced during the 9.30 a.m. on Sundays. Volunteers are always welcome!

COLLECTION ENVELOPE BOXES – **(a)** New Collection Envelopes are now 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. **(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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – The Stations of the Cross are being prayed on the **Sundays** in 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.

EXHIBITION – An exhibition entitled “The Cross, the Resurrection and the Shroud of Turin”, continues to be held at the Bridge (U.R.C.) Church (10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. daily except Sundays) and will run until **Friday 1st March**. This exhibition is focused on one of the most famous religious artefacts – the Shroud of Turin – and visitors will be able to view a full-sized replica of the Shroud which is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front and back of a crucified man. Many believe this to be the actual burial shroud used to wrap the body of Jesus of Nazareth after his crucifixion, and upon which his bodily image was miraculously imprinted. The exhibition will also feature other displays and detailed information boards, which cover evidence revealed by historical and scientific research, explaining how the Shroud’s image and bloodstains align with Gospel accounts.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SINGERS – In light of the tremendous response by both singers and our congregation at Christmas, voices are once more being sought to enhance our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies (i.e. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Day). If you like to sing please come along and help in preparing the music on the following Monday evenings: **THIS Monday 26th February** and then on **18th and 25th 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, but the Organ Gallery can hold more !

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**.

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.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE – In preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter a Penitential Service will be held on **Wednesday 13th 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.

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 third Catechetical Session for the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place **THIS Wednesday 28th February** (3.15 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. in Year 3’s classroom in St. Joseph’s). The Sacrament will be celebrated on **Tuesday 19th 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) A sincere word of thanks to everyone who worked so hard in the preparation and delivery of the generous hospitality offered at the Soup Lunch held last Friday (CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day). This raised a magnificent £235.50. **(b)** CAFOD Envelopes remain available for use by parishioners throughout Lent, when, hopefully, having been 'topped-up' by further donations to these envelopes, a retiring Collection will be taken at the end of the Season for CAFOD's work. **(c)** Further Soup Lunches for CAFOD will be held on **Friday 8th March** at the Methodist Church (12 noon – 1.30 p.m. Mark Atkins from Leeds Faith in Schools will speak at this) and **Friday 22nd March** at the Parish Church (12 noon – 1.30 p.m. The speaker will be Dwayne Hutchinson from the Leeds Church Institute). **(d)** THIS Sunday Angela Powell (The Diocesan CAFOD Community Participation Co-ordinator) will speak after the 9.30 a.m. Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION – The annual retiring collection for the work of Catholic Care will take place over the weekend of **9th / 10th March** 2024.

CHEVIN CROSS – The iconic Cross on the Chevin will be erected on **Saturday 16th 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 13th April**. There will be a short Easter Service at the Cross on Easter Sunday (**31st March**) at 7.00 a.m.

LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION – St. Anne's Cathedral, Leeds, will be hosting the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the day of **Tuesday 19th 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

RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN – An on-line weekly Liturgy suitable for children (under-8s) is available at 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 – Thanksgiving for Graces & Blessings Received (J & AM & Family), Deceased Magpayo & Romans Family, Thanksgiving (AM), Deceased Fernandes & D'Souza Family, Birthday Thanksgiving (AM), Birthday Thanksgiving (JFM), Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving (J & AM), Birthday Thanksgiving (AM)

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 (Facebook) HCPT Group 198 (Donate via) www.justgiving.com/page/hcpt-group198 or (website) www.hcpt.org.uk

LEGACY – The Parish has benefitted from a generous legacy from the late Rita Walter whom God called back to Himself last year. The bequest of £5,000 will be put to specific use for the benefit of our Parish family and a Foundation Mass will also be established to recall Rita at the altar around her anniversary.

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 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 **(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

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

TRUSTEES VACANCIES - Catholic Care is recruiting 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

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.

CAFOD'S Lenten Prayer (2024): Come, follow me.

Loving God, when our boat is rocked on the sea of life, by poverty, illness or disaster, you quiet the waves, calm the storm, and lead us safely to shore.

When we work hard, for our daily bread, but at the end of the day go hungry, you walk alongside us, calling "cast out your net," knowing there is enough for all.

When we are lost, and uncertain of how to make a change in our world, your words ring out: "Come, follow me", guiding us to new life with you.

Lead us then, Lord, to play our part in the calming of the storm and sharing your gifts with each other, so that all people throughout the world may look to the future with hope. Amen.

(Children's Prayer): Loving God, your Son, Jesus, calmed the storm that frightened the disciples.

You keep us safe too, even when we are afraid.

Show us how to follow you, and help us to be there for one another. Teach us to share whatever we have fairly so that we, and our whole global family, may look to the future with hope. Amen.

IN PRAYER WE RECALL

Those whom God has called back to Himself recently: Mary Haigh & Canon Joseph Smith (Parish Priest of Burley-in-Wharfedale 2006 – 2013)

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Nicola Cuthbert, Jessie & David Pleasant

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