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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

Lately Dead: Breege Keane, Linn McDonald, Peter William Leach

Anniversaries: Ellen Cawley, Eileen Gilhooley

SBSJ Buses: If you live, work, study or worship anywhere in the Bradford area, please consider following the link <https://bit.ly/4fqLWKx> *before Monday 2 December* to sign the e-petition opposing Bradford Council's proposal to scrap school bus services to our Catholic high school, St Bede's and St Joseph's (SBSJ). See posters in the porch too.

Parish Christmas Mini-Market *Sunday 1st December* - come and join us after 11.00am Mass at St Aidan's for tea and mince pies. There will be a cake stall, crafts, tombola and raffle. All proceeds will go to Bradford Foodbank. Continue in the Christmas spirit and visit Baildon village in the afternoon for festivities and the switch on of the Christmas lights.

Advent Candlelit Service: *Sunday December 8th 3.00p.m.* at St. Walburga's Church. Come and treat yourself to some reflective, peaceful prayer time at this busy time of year.

The Craft Group won't be meeting on Monday 2nd December but will be *back on 9th and 16th December* and then will take a break on 23rd and 30th December, returning in the New Year on 6th January. All welcome.

Possible Roles for Volunteers: Fire Marshalls and First Aiders (both churches). St Vincent de Paul Society; Helping with: flowers, cleaning church and brassware, setting up for mass and tidying at the end, washing and ironing church linen, playing music in church, pianists and organists especially, collecting at the offertory, welcoming at masses, reading at mass, helping with mustard seeds, writing bidding prayers, gardening, helping with parish religious formation, giving communion ...there are other things too. If you want to ask questions email ellydoody@hotmail.com (Elly Fiddler) or 51barpolo@gmail.com (Barbara Kelly).

Keep praying for Ukraine, the Holy land, and the populations of all war-torn countries.

Closing date Sunday 1st December for Parish trip to the Panto Sunday 26th January 2025, 2.15 - Sleeping Beauty - Victoria Hall Keighley £14 adult and £12 children and concessions over 65 (*children get free ice cream at the interval!*) - **Bookings:** email kathspillane@hotmail.co.uk or call 01274594539 stating how many adults or child/concession tickets you require and how you would like to pay (by cash or bacs). After this date any spare tickets will go on general sale! Looking forward to seeing you.

Leeds Cathedral Day of Reconciliation: Tuesday 17th December, 7am to 7pm.
There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition all day

Bradford Metropolitan Foodbank: 'Christmas Dinner in a Can' - Please could you help provide a meal for someone who may not be able to tuck into a nice roast dinner on Christmas Day? The foodbank are asking particularly for canned goods for the Christmas collections. They do get lots of chocolates and sweets so those aren't a priority but if you could drop into the collection boxes a can of meat/fish, a can of vegetables and a can of fruit or rice pudding, you would be providing a meal for someone who maybe would struggle to have a meal otherwise. Your contributions are always much appreciated by the foodbank and are always directed at the people who really are vulnerable- this is our faith in action!

Carols at Costa: No Christmas season would be complete without *Carols at Costa!* Join us at Costa Café in Shipley Market Square on Tuesday, December 17th at 6pm for an evening of carols. Entry is free and Costa refreshments will be on sale. John and Cath Froud and friends will be leading our singing and you will have the opportunity to donate to the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. Come along and get the festive season in full swing - wear your Christmas jumpers and hats!

Piety Stall - A selection of Christmas Cards, Votive Candles, Novenas, Rosaries and other items are now available on the piety stall at the back of both churches. Thank you very much for your continued support of your local piety stall. If you require a specific order, please contact Kate on 07505 76 74 15 to discuss your requirements. Many thanks.

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours Autumn Programme: Free Guided Tour on Saturday 14 December at 2pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour and is free to attend. No booking is required. Please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

St Paul's Bookshop at Hinsley Hall: (*10.00am-4.00pm, Monday-Friday*) has a full range of Advent and Christmas supplies (candles, cards, and books). We will also be stocking People's Missals with the new Lectionary translations, which will come into use on Advent Sunday.

New Bereavement Ministry Training: A two-day course for those wishing to learn how to accompany those who are grieving. 10am – 4pm Saturday 11 January and Saturday 18 January 2025 at The Briery. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

The Annual Mini Vinnies Tea Party will take place on Thursday 23rd January. You will be able to enjoy tea, coffee and cake, games and entertainment from the school choir. Just a date for the diary for now - we will give information on how to book in the New Year.

Safeguarding Conference: We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8th February 2025, 10-3pm at Hinsley Hall. To date guest speakers include the Comboni Survivors Group, Hydrant Programme and Dementia Friendly Churches. It would be a great opportunity to be part of the discussion and sharing of information, to book your place please email safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Fr. Richard Carter will be celebrating his Ruby (40 years) Jubilee of Ordination at the 11.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Bingley, on Sunday 9th February 2025 followed by a reception in St. Joseph's School (*over the road from the Church*) afterwards. All parishioners who remember him are cordially invited, but if you intend to stay for the reception, please notify by email numbers attending in your group richard.carter@dioceseofleeds.org.uk **before 31st December 2024.**

Parish Pastoral Council: the minutes of the 2nd October meeting are on display in the porch

Refreshments after 9:15 Mass at St Walburga's & after 11:00 Mass at St Aidan's: every Sunday in the parish room and hall. Please come along for a drink, biscuits (sometimes cake!!) and a chat. Everyone welcome.

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<u>Sunday 1st December 2024</u> <u>First Sunday in Advent – Year C</u>	5:45pm Vigil Mass - St Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Carolyn George (<i>L.D.</i>) People of the Parish Arthur Sallabank
<u>Monday 2nd</u>	N.B. 9:00am – St. Walburga's	Rosemary Thompson (<i>L.D.</i>)
<u>Tuesday 3rd</u> St Francis Xavier, Priest and Doctor of the Church	10:00am – St. Walburga's	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Wednesday 4th</u>	10:00am – St. Walburga's	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Thursday 5th</u>	10:00am - St. Walburga's	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Friday 6th</u> <i>St Nicholas, Bishop</i>	10:00am – St. Walburga's	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Saturday 7th</u> St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10:00am – St. Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil Mass – St. Walburga's	Eileen Gilhooley (<i>A.</i>) Bernie Sherry (<i>L.D.</i>)
<u>Sunday 8th December 2024</u> <u>Second Sunday in Advent – Year C</u>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Ellen Cawley (<i>A.</i>) People of the Parish

N.B. There will be no Service of the Word with Holy Communion at St Aidan's from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 27th December.