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PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE HOLY LAND

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

Psalm Response: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! *Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 125(126), Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 – **Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

<p><u>Lately Dead:</u> Sr Mary Christine- <u>Anniversaries:</u> Margaret Groves</p>

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

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: Thank you for another fantastic collection on Wednesday- the people at the Foodbank were amazed- and a **huge** thank you goes to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fair held at St Aidan's which raised a magnificent £903 - that will certainly go a long way to helping many vulnerable people have a better Christmas! We will have an **additional 'Christmas collection'** on *Wednesday 18th December 12.00 till 1.00* - Christmas dinner in a can (a can of meat or fish, a can of vegetables and a can of fruit) is our focus, but if everyone just dropped one can (or packet) into our collection boxes at either of our churches as they attend services over the next few weeks it would certainly make a difference! Thank you for your continuing support for this good cause!

Carol Service: St. Walburga's School would like to invite Parishioners to the St. Walburga's School Key Stage 2 Carol Service on *Thursday 19th December* at 6.30pm. Looking forward to welcoming you!

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

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.

Volunteer Roles: 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. Contact ellydoody@hotmail.com (Elly Fiddler) or 51barpolo@gmail.com (Barbara Kelly) if you wish to put your name forward or ask for more information.

Advent Retreat (Age 15 To Young Adults) at Castlerigg Manor: Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Email director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. for more details. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: the minutes of the 8th October meeting are on display in the porch

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.**

The Annual Lourdes Dinner Dance: will take place on Friday 28 February 2025 at the Met Hotel in Leeds, Tickets are £40 each or £375 for a table of 10, Ticket price includes a reception drink, a 3 course dinner and entertainment throughout the night. Please contact Phil Marshall for tickets or more info on 07766 148375 or at philmarshall49@hotmail.com

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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Sunday 8th December 2024 Second Sunday in Advent – Year C	5:45pm Vigil Mass - St Walburga's 9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	Bernie Sherry (L.D.) Ellen Cawley (A.) People of the Parish
<u>Monday 9th</u> IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	12:00pm – St. Walburga's	Ruben & Sheila Bacalso – 25 th Wedding Anniversary
<u>Tuesday 10th</u> <i>Our Lady of Loretto</i>	10:00am – St. Walburga's	Heaton, Horsfall & Coulter Families
<u>Wednesday 11th</u> <i>St Damasus I, Pope</i>	10:00am – St. Walburga's	Breege Keane
<u>Thursday 12th</u> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	N.B. 9:00am - St. Walburga's	William Devney – 80 th Birthday
<u>Friday 13th</u> St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	10:00am – St. Walburga's	Holy Souls
<u>Saturday 14th</u> St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church	10:00am – St. Walburga's 5:45pm Vigil Mass – St. Walburga's	Margaret Groves Sr. Mary Christine (L.D.)
Sunday 15th December 2024 Third Sunday in Advent – Year C <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	9:15am – St Walburga's 11:00am – St Aidan's	People of the Parish Margaret McAlpine (L.D.)

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