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***20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

**17th August 2025**

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| **This weekend** | ***16/08/25***  **SATURDAY** | St. Nicholas | 6pm | ***St Stephen of Hungary***  ***20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME*** | *Dominic Kell* |
| ***17/08/25***  **SUNDAY** | St. Nicholas | 9:30am | *Martin Sullivan* |
| **Our Lady’s** | 11am | *Kieran Sykes* |
| **This Week** | ***18/08/25***  **MONDAY** | St. Nicholas | 9am |  | *Cian Howard* |
| ***19/08/25***  **TUESDAY** | **Our Lady’s** | 10am | ***St John Eudes, Priest*** | *Barrie Briggs*  *(2nd Anniversary)* |
| ***20/08/25***  **WEDNESDAY** | St. Nicholas | 9am | ***St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*** | *November Dead List* |
| ***21/08/25***  **THURSDAY** | **Our Lady’s** | 10am | ***St Pius X, Pope*** | *November Dead List* |
| ***22/08/25***  **FRIDAY** | St Nicholas | 7pm | ***The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*** | *John McPartlan* |
| **Next Weekend** | ***23/08/25***  **SATURDAY** | St. Nicholas | 6pm | ***St Rose of Lima, Virgin***  ***21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME*** | *John Murphy* |
| ***24/08/25***  **SUNDAY** | St. Nicholas | 9:30am | *Martin Sullivan* |
| **Our Lady’s** | 11am | *Terry Burton* |

***MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK:*** Ann Corcoran, Fr. John Carter, Martin Sullivan, John Iren, Michael Murphy, Peter Greaney, and Fr. Anthony Pathe, CSSR.

***THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:*** Dora Graves,Margaret Carry, John Moran, Julie Lowe, Christine O’Toole, John Haynes, Sheila Haynes, Kathleen Gaughan, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Moira Doyle, Anna Gawlik, Rachel, Adah McHugh, Josie Smith, Jane (seriously ill), Pat Doolan, Kieran Sykes, Zoe Reid, Brian Pullan, Bernadette Kelly, Patrick Sullivan, and Terry Cunningham.

***Please remember that there is a story behind everyone named on our sick list and never stop praying for them.***

***Financial Stewardship:***

Envelopes: ***£ 278***Loose: ***£ 388.17***

Standing Orders for JULY: ***£ 547***

Ifyou would like a Mass to be said on a particular date, please submit the request for mass offerings, available at church entrance as soon as possible. ***There is no guarantee that a specific date will be available***. And please state if you would prefer the mass to be said at Our Lady’s or St Nicholas.

***THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:*** Please inform us, if you know any sick person in need of a visit by a Priest or a Eucharistic Minister.

***FRIDAY MASS, ROSARY & EXPOSITION*:** On Fridays at 6;45pm prior to the mass, there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

***SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:*** To parents, if your children do not attend either of our schools, but you wish for them to receive the instructions for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation, please fill in the application form. Proof of Baptism is required.

***RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)***: All those who would like to embrace the Catholic Faith, please fill in the registration form. A complete set of resources for use in the diocese can be found at: https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/sacramentsof-initiation-for-adults/rcia-a-journey-in-faith/ Hopefully, they make life easier for clergy and catechists, and they can be freely adapted to suit your needs. Questions and comments welcome: mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

***JUBILEE MASSES AT ST STEPHEN’S SKIPTON***: Masses for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year will take place at St Stephen’s Skipton, on the following date. Please check the bulletin for times. All are welcome. 19 August, 19 September, 10am, 8 October, 14 November, 10am, 16 December, 7pm.

***PONTEFRACT AND WAKEFIELD DEANERY JUBILEE MASSES***: There will be a series of special Jubilee Masses in some of the churches in the Deanery. Parishioners are encouraged to go to some or all Page 1 of 3 of these Masses and so become ‘pilgrims’ in this Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Jubilee Masses are Tuesday 9 September - St Michael’s Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.

***YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025***: Taking place at Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK with the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025. Tickets are also available for families and groups. For more information, email: [events@youth2000.org](mailto:events@youth2000.org).

***ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM***: The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27th September. 12:00Noon Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

***FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS***: Mass for the Feast of St Bernard, Wednesday 20th August, 12noon. All are welcome. https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royalwater-garden/events.

***ST MARK’S WAY ON THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE***: begins on Saturday 6 September with 8am Mass at Leeds Cathedral. Walk all or part of the way between the Cathedral and the Jubilee Pilgrimage Church of St Austin in Wakefield. See Diocesan website for details of how to sign up.

***LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME***: Free Guided Tours will take place on the following dates, starting at 1.30pm: Sat. 23 August. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

***MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO XIV:*** Pope Leo XIV urged the faithful to reflect on how they invest the “treasure” that is their life, challenging Catholics to share not only material possessions but also their skills, time, and compassion for the good of others. Drawing on the Gospel reading from [Luke 12:32-48,](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081025.cfm) the Pope emphasized that generosity and love are the keys to fulfilment, reminding the crowd that these gifts must be cultivated and put at the service of others rather than hoarded or misused. “Sell your possessions and give alms,” Jesus exhorts in the passage. Pope Leo made clear that this invitation extends beyond charitable donations, pressing his audience to offer their presence, love, and talents to those most in need. “Everything in God’s plan that makes each of us a priceless and unrepeatable good must be cultivated and invested in order to grow. Otherwise, these gifts dry up and diminish in value,” he warned.

***AUGUST DEVOTION***: This month is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. [The Immaculate Heart of Mary](https://www.amazon.com/Flame-Love-Immaculate-Heart-Mary/dp/1989067026?crid=2QHPGG9HWB35R&keywords=immaculate+heart+of+mary&qid=1678276408&s=books&sprefix=immaculate+heart+o%2Cstripbooks-intl-ship%2C190&sr=1-1&linkCode=ll1&tag=happyhome00e-20&linkId=67c3fff8fdca69719067771027f0effe&language=en_US&ref_=as_li_ss_tl) is a symbol of her perfect love for us and her desire to help us draw closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. It’s a great idea to start the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in August as a way of honouring the Blessed Mother, thanking her for her great love and intercession, and asking for her help and protection.

***SAINT BERNARD*:** Was born near Citeaux in 1090. He joined the monastery there in 1111. His presence revitalised the Cistercian house. Eventually he became abbot of nearby Clairvaux. He was much in demand for his advice and worked to overcome divisions in the Church. He wrote many theological works, and he died in 1153.

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