

# ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -Year A**

**7th February 2026 Vigil Mass**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Bob Owens Tel: 01422 353690**

**Website: [www.sttheresascatholicchurchqueensbury.com](http://www.sttheresascatholicchurchqueensbury.com)**

**Email: [sttheresas-queensbury@outlook.com](mailto:sttheresas-queensbury@outlook.com)**



*A warm welcome to St Theresa's whether you are a regular parishioner, visiting or new to the parish.*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7th February</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>St Theresa's</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Sunday	8th February	10.00am	St Bernard's	
Monday	9th February	1.00pm	St Theresa's	<b>FATIMA MASS</b>
Tuesday	10th February	10.00am	St Bernard's	
Thursday	12th February	10.00am	St. Joseph's School	
Friday	13th February	10.00am	St Theresa's	
Saturday	14th February	12noon	St Bernard's	Nuptial Mass for Tom & Amelia
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14th February</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>St Theresa's</b>	
Sunday	15th February	10.00am	St Bernard's	

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	<b>READERS:</b>
7th February	S. & P. Middlemiss	M. Brooksbank
14th February	I. Smith & I. Richardson	I. Richardson

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM. *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.***

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia***

<b>Confession:</b> 6.15pm prior to the vigil Mass.	<b>Offertory Collection:</b> £223.50 Candles £15 <i>Thank you</i>
--	--

*Please keep in mind all those who need our prayers:*

**St Theresa's:** John Kennedy & family, Emily Hewardine, Maisie Savage, Ruth Richardson, The Hales Family, Lilian & family, Terry Hall, Sam Rose, Inge Parkinson, Fausto D'Italia, Jean & Barry Parker, Peter Wilby, Julie Simpson, Val Handforth, Phil Nielson, Sharon Chapman, Madison Fox, Joe Whaley, Eunice Brown, Pat Rimmington, Mark Collier, Rev. Stephen Gott and many special intentions.

**St. Bernard's:** Jean Barraclough

**Those who have died recently:** Michael Spence, Henryk Piakowski,

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Pat Moore

Requiem Monday  
16th February at  
11am. St

**PARISH EVENTS:**

There will be tea and coffee in the Church Hall after Mass. All are welcome.



**FATIMA MASS** – Mondays in the Church Hall at 1.00pm. Mass will be preceded with prayer and followed by refreshments. All welcome.



**ST. THERESA’S CRAFT GROUP – Church Hall, Tuesdays 1.15pm – 3.15pm**  
10th Feb – Weaving  
17th Feb – No Meeting  
24th Feb, 3rd & 10th March – Patchwork  
17th March – something Easter’ish

**ST. THERESA’S STAY & PLAY:**



**St Theresa’s Stay and Play** in the Church Hall every **Thursday** morning in term time from 9.15am to 11.15am.  
0 -6 months – Free, 6+ months £2 +£1 for extra children Drink & Snack supplied

**Cleaning Rota:**

Week ending 27th February  
**C. Whitfield & P. Wood**



**Flower Rota:**

Plants will be used in Church until Easter.



**SAINT JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL Address:**

Portland Road, Halifax HX3 6LA TEL: 01422 360646

Website: [www.stjosephs.calderdale.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.calderdale.sch.uk)

Email: [admin@st-josephs.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs.calderdale.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs M.Togher Top primary school in Halifax. Well done.



*Pope Leo’s prayer for February: For children with incurable diseases.*

*Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**8th February - Diocesan Lourdes Fund**

15th March – Catholic Care

**BABY BALLETT** –Saturdays in the Church hall. The hall will be in use between 8.15am – 10.30am

**Yoga** in the hall – Friday – 7.00 – 8.30pm  
£7 per class. Contact Tony on 07884376314/

[tonymbyrne116@gmail.com](mailto:tonymbyrne116@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for arranging**

**flowers in Church** - we need volunteers to arrange flowers for the altar, Our Lady’s Chapel and St Theresa. There are no flowers in Advent or Lent and there will be plants used until Easter. You do not need to be a skilled florist, just a willing volunteer.

Please contact Christine Rothwell if you can help with the flowers. 07713 635431

**Well Being café** 1.30 – 3.30pm on the 4th Friday of the month. Next meeting 27th February 2026. Contact Jo Greenwood 07787431176 or turn up on the day.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS:

[www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator** 0113 2618069 or

[safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

Safe spaces 03003031056

**Hinsley Hall** is available for meetings, functions, receptions .... Tel: 0113 2618000 or email [conference@hinsley-hall.co.uk](mailto:conference@hinsley-hall.co.uk)

Bishop Marcus has requested that we pray together for vocations between the 1st Sunday of Advent and Pentecost Sunday.

***Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen***

There is currently a vacancy for a foundation Governor at All Saints in Huddersfield. The role involves attending meetings, offering strategic guidance and safeguarding the faith character of our education. Training is provided if you feel called to serve in this important role and would welcome a conversation please contact the Diocesan Vicariate for Education:

[education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**NEW MENS GROUP-** for those aged 21 – 35years. Monthly meetings at Hinsley Hall for prayer, Benediction, talks and social time + a free supper. First meeting - Thursday 26th February 6.30 – 8.30.

Further information contact

[Benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:Benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

## ST BERNARD'S

[Owensbob204@gmail.com](mailto:Owensbob204@gmail.com)

Those who came to the parish lunch will agree it was a lovely time and thanks to the ladies Group who prepared the food. Many thanks for the £2,000 given for parish funds.

Amanda runs the Qigong & Tai Chi classes on Tues. & Thurs afternoons 1.15pm – 2.15pm. Contact 07869756047 if you wish to join. Other classes in the hall are Zumba, Pilates and Yoga.

Valentine raffle after Mass in the hall.

## DEANERY EVENTS :

[www.halifax-deanery.org.uk](http://www.halifax-deanery.org.uk)

**SVP** has a group at St Mary's - contact 07512 011440

**Brew and Chat-** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at St Columba's Church 10.30am – 12.30pm There is also a craft group led by Agnes Quinn for anyone who would like to join.

**Walk off the Pounds** – every Thursday at 10.30am – 11.30am in St Columba's Church hall.

Deanery Marriage Course - St Mary's after the 11.00am Sunday Mass for one hour over three weekends. 26th April, 3rd May and 10th May.

## Diary Dates:

18th February – Ash Wednesday

26th February- Parish Meeting 6.30pm

6th March 2026 - Women's World Day of Prayer

5th April Easter Sunday

### REFLECTION - A PRAYER FOR INNER PEACE

Lord, I want to be quiet inside and hear your words for me.

I know that your voice can give true peace to my heart.

Give me the strength to quiet myself each day  
that your voice may truly be the guide in my life.

Fill me with the courage to trust  
and obey the messages you give me.

Let me feel through your words, your deep love for me  
that I may know the real peace you have promised.

Thank you, Lord, for continually speaking words of love to me,  
even when I block them out with noise.

Be patient with me as I slowly create quiet spaces in my life for  
you. You are indeed good to me.

Amen

Gerard Coyne gave me this lovely prayer which he thought we could share on the bulletin. There are a few copies on card on the table in the porch.

### WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY – THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES



In 1858 the Immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in the grotto of Massabielle near Lourdes in France. Our Lady instructed Bernadette to dig in the ground nearby, from which came a spring with healing properties. After a thorough investigation, the apparitions were approved by the Catholic Church in 1862. A shrine was built there which remains a popular place of pilgrimage. The latest (69th) approved miracle involved a healing in the water at Lourdes took place in May 1989 and after extensive investigation was approved by the Church in July 2013. Bernadette was beatified on 14th June and canonized on 3rd December 1933 by Pope Pious X1 February 18th is the Feast of St Bernadette but it is also celebrated on 16th April – the day she died.

Notices for the Bulletin to be in by 1pm on Thursday to:

[christinerothwell@btinternet.com](mailto:christinerothwell@btinternet.com) or 07713 635431/ 01422 206219