

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT -Year A

28th February 2026 Vigil Mass

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

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| Saturday | 28th February | 6.30pm | St Theresa's | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 1st March | 10.00am | St Bernard's | Joe Reid anniv |
| Monday | 2nd March | 1.00pm | St Theresa's | FATIMA MASS Des Freeman RIP |
| Tuesday | 3rd March | 10.00am | St Bernard's | Canon Henry |
| Thursday | 5th March | 10.00am | St Bernard's | Stations of the Cross at 9.30am |
| Friday | 6th March | 10.00am | St Theresa's | Stations of the Cross at 9.30am |
| Saturday | 7th March | 10.00am | St Bernard's | Alice Clarke |
| Saturday | 7th March | 6.30pm | St Theresa's | |
| Sunday | 8th March | 10.00am | St Bernard's | |

John Clarke

| DATE: | WELCOMERS: | READERS: |
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| 28th February | G. Coyne & H. Macintyre | S. & P. Middlemiss |
| 7th March | G. Jarvis & A. McGahey | D. Frost |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *May your merciful love be upon us, as we place all our hope in you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.*

Confession: 6.15pm prior to the vigil Mass.

Offertory Collection: £142.10 *Thank you*

Please keep in mind all those who need our prayers:

St Theresa's: John Kennedy & family, Emily Hewerdine, Ruth Richardson, The Hales Family, Lilian & family, Terry Hall, Sam Rose, Inge Parkinson, Fausto D'Italia, 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.

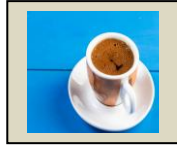
St. Bernard's: Jean Barraclough

Those who have died recently: Peter Wilby RIP,

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Colin Hepworth, Vicky Turner

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. Preceded by prayers and followed by light refreshments. All welcome.



ST. THERESA’S CRAFT GROUP – Church Hall, Tuesdays 1.15pm – 3.15pm
3rd March - Patchwork
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

SMARTIE APPEAL 2026/2027 Suggestions of a charity that would benefit from the Smartie appeal. Please have a think.

Cleaning Rota:
Week ending 27th March
C. Whitfield & P. Wood



Flower Rota:
Plants will be used in Church until Easter.



*Pope Leo’s prayer for March:
for disarmament and peace.*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

15th March – Catholic Care
3rd April – Holy Places (Good Friday)

BABY BALLET –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 or tonymbyrne116@gmail.com

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.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH:

There will be soup and a roll served each Saturday in March, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, in the Church hall between, 12noon and 1pm. All donations will be sent to CAFOD. Please support the soup lunches.



DIOCESAN EVENTS:

www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator 0113 2618069 or

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

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

NEW MENS GROUP- for those aged 21 –35 years. 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 Benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Poland – St Stephen's Parish, Skipton, invites you to join them on a pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland 12th – 18th October 2026. The itinerary includes visits to Wadowice, the Salt Mines, the Divine Mercy shrine and the Jasna Gora Monastery. Cost is £1829 + flights. Contact Christopher.angel@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes- 3rd -9th July 2026. Phone direct with Tangey 07732 886666

ST BERNARD'S

Owensbob204@gmail.com

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.
Sunday 15th March- raffle after 10am
Mass for Mothering Sunday.

Diary Dates:

6th March 2026 - World Day of Prayer
29th March – Palm Sunday
2nd April – Mass of the Lord's Supper
3rd April – Good Friday
5th April - Easter Sunday

DEANERY EVENTS :

www.halifax-deanery.org.uk

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

Brew and Chat- 2nd 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.

Maisie Savage and family would like to thank everybody for their prayers over the last few months. Baby Theo was safely born on Wednesday 18th February following a very difficult and worrying pregnancy.



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josephs.calderdale.sch.uk Headteacher:

Mrs M. Togher Top primary school in Calderdale. Well done.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Focus on Nigeria 2026



St Theresa's Church Hall
Friday 6th March at 4pm.
Refreshments
All are welcome to join us.

The World Day of Prayer service has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria. As we take part in this service, we join a great wave of prayer which encircles the globe, beginning in Samoa and ending, 146 countries later, in American Samoa, all praying with and for the country of Nigeria. The service is prepared by a different country each year. **The theme this year is "I will give you rest, come".** 'Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light'. Matthew 11:28-30

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

christinerothwell@btinternet.com or 07713 635431/ 01422 206219

PARISH MEETING 26th February 2026 6.30pm

Present: Gill Jarvis, Ian Smith, Keith Cooper, Christine Whitfield, Kath Mundy, Ann McGahey, Ian Richardson, Bob Frost, Christine Rothwell and Fr. Bob

Apologies: Fel Kennedy, Cath Cooper, Ruth Richardson.

Agenda: Additional items were added to the agenda.

Minutes of the meeting 27th November 2025 were agreed.

Spiritual & Liturgical Matters:

(a) Easter Services – Fr Bob would like a traditional Easter Mass. Music Fr Bob /CW.

27th March – Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday – 3 readers needed, starting in the hall.

2nd April – Maundy Thursday 6.30pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by 30 minutes watching. One reader needed. Washing of feet to take place.

3rd April Good Friday – Passion of the Lord at 3pm at St Bernard's. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Theresa's.

5th April – Easter Sunday Mass – 10am St Theresa's

(b) Service during Lent – no

(c) Lent events in the Deanery – St Mary's & St Alban's – Tuesday 10th March – a talk given by Fr David Reilly. Theme "The Church's Faith"

Readers & Welcomers Rotas: Keith will have new rotas out in the next couple of weeks which will include the Easter Services. System is working well.

Parish Social Events:

Lent lunches – there will be soup lunches on the four Saturdays in March. All proceeds will go to CAFOD.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March - A shared service between St Theresa's and Holy Trinity.

Summer Fair – Will check the dates with Holy Trinity to avoid dates clashing. Possible dates 14th or 28th June, 21st June is Father's Day.

Smartie Appeal – this year the charity was the Forget Me Not Trust, which comes to an end at Easter. We need a new local charity for the coming year. Suggested Queensbury Support Centre and Focus for Hope based in Brighouse. A note added to the bulletin asking for parishioners' suggestions.

Financial Matters:

We are holding our own and remain in the black.

Health & Safety:

We are continuing to address the points raised by Barry Lewis from the Diocese. Fire signs have been put up. Records have been brought up to date and testing checks are going ahead as recommended. An alarm has been put in the disabled toilet. Do we need emergency lights down the stairs? Fire Evacuation procedure needs to be brought to the attention of the parishioners. Fire Marshalls are Ian Richardson and Ian Smith.

Repairs & Maintenance:

The outdoor sensor light has been replaced by Peter Middlemiss (Thank you, Peter) There are various areas in the Church where the paint is cracking. Is this caused by damp & is it due to the very wet winter. Rendering has come out above the hall door which will need to be assessed when it is daylight.

Tiled Mural:

The craft group have made tiles which when put together will form a mural on Queensbury buildings. This will be heavy when it is all put together and CC would like permission to put it up in the hall. It will measure 122cm x 85cm. This was agreed.

Safeguarding matters:

It is a few years since we were checked in relation to safeguarding. Ian Richardson was nominated as our safeguarding officer in the parish.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 21st May 2026 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.10pm