

# ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

First Sunday of Advent -Year A

29th November 2025 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.*

Saturday	29th November	6.30pm	St Theresa's	William Swift, Violet & George Done and all relatives of Done, Coyne and Unwin families
Sunday	30th November	10.00am	St Bernard's	Pasquale & Carmine Lantosca, Geraredo Panniechia
Monday	1st December	1.00pm	St Theresa's	Rosemary O'Callaghan
Tuesday	2nd December	10.00am	St Bernard's	Reg & Betty Lownsbrough/Beard Fam
Thursday	4th December	10.00am	St Bernard's	Deceased of Boyd family
Friday	5th December	10.00am	St Theresa's	Relatives of Kennedy family
Saturday	6th December	10.00am	St Bernard's	Deceased of Gonzalez family
Saturday	6th December	6.30pm	St Theresa's	
Sunday	7th December	10.00am	St Bernard's	

DATE:	WELCOMERS:	READERS:
29th November	K. Cooper & C. Cooper	G. Coyne
6th December	D. Frost & B. Frost	H. Macintyre

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia*

**Confession:** 6.15pm prior to the vigil Mass.

**Offertory Collection:** £172.25

Youth Service £49.05

*Thank you*

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

**St Theresa's:** Maisie Savage, Ruth Richardson, The Hales Family, Lilian & family, Terry Hall, Sam Rose, Michael Spence, 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 and many special intentions.

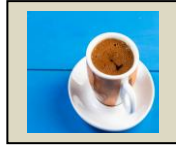
**St. Bernard's:** Jean Barraclough

**Those who have died recently:** James Didgiunaitis RIP

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** David Hodgson

## PARISH EVENTS:

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



### FATIMA Mass

1.00pm in the Church Hall preceded by the rosary. Refreshments after Mass.



**ST. THERESA'S CRAFT GROUP** – Autumn Church Hall, Tuesdays 1.15pm – 3.15pm  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> Decorating Christmas Cakes  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas tree decorations

### 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

**YOGA, YOGA, YOGA, YOGA, YOGA,** Tony is running a yoga class in the Church hall on Fridays from 7pm to 8.30pm. £7 per class. Everybody is welcome whether you are a beginner or experienced. The classes are drop-in style so why not give it a visit. For further details contact Tony on 07884376314 or email [tonymbyrne116@gmail.com](mailto:tonymbyrne116@gmail.com)

**Well Being Café** – 1.30pm – 3.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.  
Contact Jo Greenwood 07787431176 or turn up on the day.

**St Bernard's** – Church Hall  
Monday 1-2pm Zumba group.  
Tuesday & Thursday Tai Chi  
Friday 1 – 2pm Pilates /Yoga  
Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm Zumba



**Pope Francis' prayer for December: for Christians in areas of conflict.**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

11th January 2026 Poor Missions Fund  
25th January 2026 Racial Justice

### FLOWER ROTA

No flowers during Advent



### CLEANING ROTA

Week Prior to Christmas Day-date to be confirmed.



### 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

### ST BERNARD'S

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

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas raffle after Mass – donations needed.  
Bacon/sausage sandwiches & surprise visitor.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm Christmas Table decoration workshop - £25  
A chocolate collection will take place at the end of November for a chocolate hamper and raffle after the carol service.

### 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.

### 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)

Volunteers are needed to support the governance of our Diocesan schools. Further information from Kieran Flood on [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

THIS SUNDAY!!!!

## November Festive Fair

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30-3.30pm**

All Welcome - 50p Entrance Fee  
Accompanied children **FREE!**

Café, Bottle Stall, Grocery Tombola,  
Mega Bric-a-Brac! Homemade Cakes, Toys,  
Christmas Gifts, Decorations, Books & Jewellery.

Chance to win a Festive Hamper too!



Tickets for the Christmas Hamper will be on sale after Mass. The winner will be drawn at the Fair on November 30<sup>th</sup>.



**The First Sunday in Advent – the candle of Hope, the Prophet candle. Reminding us that Jesus is coming.**

## Summary of the Parish Meeting – Thursday 27th November 2025

Nine parishioners + Fr Bob attended. Apologies were received.

1. Liturgy and Music: ADVENT – there will be confessions on Saturday 20th December at St Mary's from 9am – 5pm.  
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. There will be no carol service as carols will be sung during the Mass. There are enough readers.  
St Bernard's Mass at 8.30pm Christmas Eve plus 10.00am on Christmas morning.  
Friday 26th December Mass at 10am at St Theresa's.  
SERVICE of HOPE – the response from those who attended was that it was a meaningful service. Fr Bob felt it was disjointed. We will aim for another service during Lent.  
FATIMA MASS – last meeting will be Monday 15th December when Mass will be followed with mince pies and cake. There will be no Fatima meeting then until January 2026.
2. Financial issues: GJ checked with the Diocese regarding our Parish assessment contribution and why it had been increased so much. This is due to the parish receiving an income from the rental of the presbytery. Our parish finances are stable.
3. Health and Safety issues: Fire Safety report – IR convened a meeting of a group of parishioners to discuss the action plan for fire safety at St Theresa's. All portable electrical appliance, include adaptors and extension leads, have been tested and a record given for the file. The recommendation for an extractor fan in the kitchen area was deferred. The clearing of all combustibles in the porch was felt to be unnecessary. Notices, hymn books etc are needed in Church. It was agreed that the mat in the porch does need to be replaced. KC looking into this. The lack of candle safety notice has been addressed.  
The thurible has been cleaned out and Fr Bob is aware of using it safely. The emergency lighting is checked annually. It was agreed to install extra emergency lighting on the stairs and above the doors to the stairs from Church and the hall BF to contact Todds. IR to look into correct Fire notices throughout the building. It was agreed that there should be detection to the disabled toilet of a beacon and siren warning device. BF is bringing all registers up to date. The fire brigade do not visit business buildings to advise on fire safety. There are private firms that do this. It was agreed that all key holders meet to discuss evacuation procedures in case of a fire. The recommendation to remove door wedges was dismissed as lacking common sense.
4. Repairs and maintenance: mat outside the hall door is broken. It was agreed to turn it round whilst looking into a replacement.
5. Parish Social & Fundraising Activities: Thanks to Cath & Keith for another successful parish lunch. Fair on Sunday 30th November. New Year's Day walk 1st January – soup lunch.
6. Parish committee membership – we need some younger parishioners.
7. Date of next meeting – Thursday 26th February 2026 at 6.30pm

Notices for the bulletin to be in by 1pm on Thursday to:  
[christinerothwell@btinternet.com](mailto:christinerothwell@btinternet.com) or  
07713 635431/01422 206219