



The Parishes of
**OUR LADY IMMACULATE, BRYN &
St. WILFRID, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD**

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Week commencing: 25th July 2021

17th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (B)

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Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	John Fleming
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Thomas Talbot
	11.00am (StO)	Margaret & Wiktor Wiszowaty
	6.30pm (OLI)	Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday	Sts. Joachim & Anne	
	9.00am (OLI)	Pat Makin
Tuesday	9.30am (StW)	A & E Roberts
Wednesday	9.30am (StO)	Michael Goulding
Thursday	St. Martha	
	9.30am (StW)	Harry Leadbetter
Friday	9.00am (OLI)	William Atherton
Saturday	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	
	10.00am (StO)	Philomena & Stanislaw Stromski

18th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday	6.00pm (StW)	Private Intention
Sunday	9.30am (OLI)	Eileen Witherington
	11.00am (StO)	Parishioners
	6.30pm (OLI)	Sick & Retired Priests

Services during the week

Confessions: Sat: 11.00am-12noon (StO)

Rosary: Sun: 9.00am (OLI)

Mon- Sat: 30 minutes before Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon-Fri: 10.00am-12 noon (StO)

Fri: 7.00-8.00pm (OLI)

Sat: 11.00am-12 noon (StO)

Novena: Wed: 7.00pm (OLI)

Holy Hour: Fri: 7.00-8.00pm (OLI)

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the intention of:

Our Lady's: Grandparents & the Elderly

Available dates: 25th July

St Wilfrid's: Grandparents & the Elderly

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Anniversaries

25th Jul	Monica Bristow	James Farrell
27th Jul	Thomas Talbot	
28th Jul	Margaret Cunliffe	
	John Sudworth	
29th Jul	Edwin Tomlinson	
30th Jul	Jasmine Bowling	
31st Jul	Arthur Bennett	Marie Clarke
	Doris Garrity	

Ordination of Bishop-elect Tom Neylon

The Archbishop announced on Tuesday 6 July 2021 that Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon to be Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. The Archbishop has confirmed that he will ordain Canon Neylon as Bishop on Friday 3 September at 12noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

There will be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend, and whilst tickets are not being issued, it would be helpful if anyone wishing to attend the Mass register their interest by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk You are asked to be in your seats by 11.30am. Please note that parking will be restricted at the Cathedral.

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

This weekend is the 1st World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, initiated by Pope Francis. Below is a prayer written by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI that holds up grandparents and the elderly as a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. This is followed by a prayer to Saints Joachim and Anne – the grandparents of Jesus.

Lord Jesus,

you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them as they grow older.

May they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith,

guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,

that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,

help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,

keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,

and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,

where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. **Amen.**

Saint Anne and Saint Joachim,

you were especially favoured by God,

on the threshold of the New Testament,

to be the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

You provided your daughter

with a loving home, family and faithful teaching,

and brought her up to be the worthy Mother of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Your way of parenting was for her an example

to bring forth the only-begotten Son of God, Jesus,

treasuring all things in her heart. (cf. Lk 2.19, 51)

Your faith laid the foundation of courage and strength

that allowed Mary to stand by the Cross as her son was crucified

and to still believe. (cf. Jn 19.25-27)

In communion with Mary and Joseph,

intercede to your grandson, Jesus, for all parents,

so that they may help their children, to grow in strength and in knowledge

and to discover the mission that God entrusts to them

in the world and in the Church.

Amen.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will resume their weekly meetings in the Smith Room, at the back of Our Lady's Church, on Wednesday of this week (28th July) at 5.45pm. Anyone who may be interested in joining the Legion is welcome to come along.

Covid Guidance

The following is the most recent guidance received from the Archdiocese after the lifting of Covid restrictions last week:

- ‘1. Due to the fact that the pandemic is far from over, it is not the intention to restore an obligation to attend Sunday Mass at this point. People should be reminded of the importance of keeping Sunday holy and, if possible, attending Mass weekly.
2. Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)
3. Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches.
4. Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.
5. The numbers for weddings, funerals and baptisms are limited by the capacity of each building.’

It has been suggested that an area of seating be kept for those who may still wish to socially distance. This, however, does not seem practicable. In view of the increasing local rates of infection, it seems prudent to leave the social distancing measures in place for the time being to reassure anyone who may be anxious about this. The tapes in Church will therefore remain for the next few weeks and will be reviewed at the beginning of September.

The following changes to the celebration of Mass will, however, take place **from next Sunday (1st August)**

- a. Holy Communion will be restored to its traditional place in the Liturgy, and with a procession. Stewards will continue to invite you to come forward row by row.
- b. Communion on the tongue is permissible, but those who wish to receive in this way are asked to wait until the end of Communion and the priest/minister must use sanitiser after each communicant has presented themselves.
- c. Holy Communion under both kinds will not be re-introduced at this time.
- d. Congregational singing will resume.
- e. Hymn books and Mass books will be used.
- f. The Procession of Gifts will resume.
- g. The Sign of Peace will be restored but without any physical contact i.e. by a gesture.
- h. Mass will end in the traditional way.

Home visits to the sick and housebound will resume this week. Further details will emerge in the coming weeks.

SYNOD 2020

The following is an update on the progress of Synod 2020.

After all the Synod votes were counted and considered, the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his Council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th.

During this week, the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage, were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the Pastoral Plan. Alongside this, the prayer and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.

It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging, but also life-giving and, most of all, faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey.

The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan. The Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November.