



# St Theresa of the Child Jesus – Queensbury

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - Vigil Mass**

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**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm St Theresa's Fr Michael Nealon**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am St Bernard's John Hopkins anniv**

**Monday No Fatima Mass**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 10.00am St Bernard's Jim McGowan LD**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February ASH WEDNESDAY**

**10.00am St Bernard's 6.30pm St Theresa's**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10.00am St Bernard's**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am St Theresa's**

**9.35am Praying the Rosary**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am St Bernard's**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm St Theresa's**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am St Bernard's**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*The Lord is compassion and love.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and he shall come to him. Alleluia!*

**Date:**

**18<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Welcomers:**

I Smith & I. Richardson

K. Mundy & E. Brown

**Readers:**

*K. Cooper*

*H. Macintyre*

*Please check with the organist prior to Mass.*

**Confession: *Saturday 6.15pm***

**Offertory Collection £144.80 *Thank you***



**NO FATIMA MASS** this  
Monday



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

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

**St Theresa's** –The Hales family, Anne-Marie, Betty Mackrill , Cath & David Hodgson, Inge Parkinson, Sam Rose, Anne & Jack, Eastic & Hepworth families, Florence Stott, Stephanie Foster, Kath & Terry Hall, Rose Spence, Chris Kenna, Fausto D'Italia, Jean and Barry Parker, Karen Duckworth and many special intentions.

**St Bernard's** – Barbara McDonald, Jean Barraclough, and Francis Marshall

**Those who have died recently:** Helen Creegan RIP

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Michael Duckworth

**ST THERESA'S CRAFT GROUP** in the  
Church Hall on Tuesdays 1.30pm -  
3.30pm. Everything is provided. Just  
come along and enjoy a warm welcome,  
good company and the opportunity  
maybe to learn some new skills.

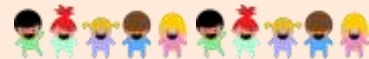
February 21<sup>st</sup>- No Meeting

February 28<sup>th</sup> - Clay work

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - Bears

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Sugar flowers

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Simnel Cakes



**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 - £2 6+ months £3

Drink & Snack supplied



**The Pope's Prayer**

**Intention for February–**

**For Parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing  
communion at the centre, may  
increasingly become communities of  
faith, fraternity and welcome towards  
those most in need,

**Church Cleaning:**

3<sup>rd</sup> March – Maureen Gill & Dot Hamer





**UPDATE:** Work on replacing the windows starts on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to the generous funding from the Lottery.

**Lenten Soup Lunches** start next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm. Come and enjoy some homemade soup and good company. Soup will be available on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered but we still **need a volunteer to make soup on 1<sup>st</sup> April. If you can do this date then please put your name on the list in the kitchen area.**



**ST. THERESA'S SOCIAL PROGRAMME:-**

25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March –  
Lenten lunches at 12.30pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> April - Afternoon tea  
11<sup>th</sup> June –Summer Fair  
8<sup>th</sup> October – Afternoon Tea  
12<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day Parish  
lunch  
19<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fair

**ST BERNARD'S PARISH**

*Coffee after 10am Mass on Sundays.  
Confessions Saturday 9.45am  
Upcoming events – Coronation Afternoon  
tea after Mass Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
First Holy Communion Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
2023  
Bingo – Family fun evening Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>  
July 7pm for a 7.30pm start.*

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL – Portland Road, Halifax HX3 6LA Tel: 01422 360646**

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Notices for the bulletin to be in by 1pm on Thursday to [christinerothwell@btinternet.com](mailto:christinerothwell@btinternet.com)  
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# 100 YEARS CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST



**18<sup>th</sup> February 1923 – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup> 1923**, the first Sunday in Lent, Father Bradley from St Bernard's Halifax celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Cooperative Hall with one hundred members of the Catholic community in Queensbury. Prior to this the determined people at "the top of the hill" in Queensbury had walked the three miles, in all weathers, down to St Bernard's to hear Mass. To ensure that a priest was regularly available to say Mass, an arrangement was made with Father Maloney from St Bede's, Bradford who agreed to say Mass on Sunday mornings.



The Cooperative Hall

The congregation grew and felt that it should have its own Church in Queensbury and began raising money to build a Church of its own. The site of the present Church was bought in 1928 and under the direction of Canon Austin Henry from St Bernard's, it was decided to build a Church. Mr Charles Fox of Dewsbury designed the building. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1931, Bishop Cowgill laid the foundation stone. The Church was formally dedicated to St Theresa of the Child Jesus (who had been canonised six years before) and opened on November 18<sup>th</sup> 1931. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in the presence of fifty priests and worshippers. The Vicar General of the diocese of Lancaster, Monsignor Knuckey, gave the sermon. The cost of the Church was £4200. The parishioners raised two thirds and a grant of £1,500 was received from the Bishop's New Mission Fund.



This is in the wall to the left of the Church door.

Father John Flynn was made Parish Priest of Ovenden and Queensbury in 1932. On September 5<sup>th</sup> 1948, a presbytery was bought at 1, Russell Avenue and Father Patrick O'Halloran was appointed as our first resident Parish Priest with a parish of 237 Catholics. The present presbytery was bought in 1961.

Services in 1948 were 9am, 10.30am and 6.30pm on a Sunday. Masses on Holy days were 6am and 8pm. Weekday masses were at 8am with an evening service on a Thursday at 7.30pm.

Following the death of Father O'Halloran in 1952, Father John Riordan was appointed parish priest in 1953. We had children's instruction on a Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm. Initially the instruction was in the cottage in the centre of Mountain and then in a house near Church. The Catholic population was 500 parishioners at this time.

Father Vincent Durkin replaced Father Riordan in 1968 and he began to refurbish the interior of the Church. He told the congregation, *"You can now kneel better (because of the upholstered kneelers), you can see and hear better (due to the microphone/ speakers), so now you should be able to pray better"*

It was during Father Durkin's time that a school bus was provided to take pupils to St Joseph's Primary School in Halifax and later to the Halifax Catholic High.

Father Lawrence Lister replaced Father Durkin in 1974. The instruction for children not attending Catholic school continued on a Sunday at 2.30pm. Novena was on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm and rosary and benediction was at 6pm on Sundays. The men's guild met on a Friday evening at 8pm and the women's guild met on a Monday at 8pm.

Father Canice McGinn came in 1979 and when he became parish priest at St Matthew's in Allerton in 1983 he was replaced by Father John Patrick Rutledge.

Father Barrie Holmes became parish priest in 1984. The Fatima Society took place on a Wednesday at 1.30pm.

Father Patrick Henry was appointed parish priest in 1987 and he was followed by Monsignor Bernard Gilmore in 1991.

Fr Michael Nealon was appointed as our parish priest in 1994 and he retired in August 2016. He continued to be a member of our congregation until his death on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Father Robert Owens is our current parish priest.







### *Reminiscences of Nellie Purdon:*

*Nellie Purdon arrived in Queensbury with her mother, brothers and sisters from Liverpool during the war.*

*She well remembers the Ladies Committee meetings on Monday evenings. They started with prayers and the ladies usually made things for the summer and Christmas fairs. Nellie used to go along with her mum and Mrs Morley, Mrs Duckworth and Mrs Greenwood amongst others. Cissie Bean started organising bingo sessions for prizes not money. Bingo continued for many years and was a popular social evening in the village.*

*There were race nights, whist drives and dances. Nellie remembers the St Patrick's ball at the Victoria Hall. Fr Riordan (known as the "High Priest") quickly evicted some lively gate crashers.*

*A concert at the Victoria Hall based on Romeo and Juliet, turned into a farce as Annie Clegg (Juliet) stood on a buffet behind a clothes horse balcony and the whole lot fell over.*

*Dez Fozzard and his brothers formed a group called "The Cowboy Kids" who entertained parishioners and villagers alike.*

*Geoff Poole, his wife Audrey and daughter Debbie dj'd many dances at St Theresa's. Geoff always used his skills to make the Christmas Grotto magical for Father Christmas.*

*Peter Waite and his wife Irene were always active and organised one particular pantomime with Mary Wilkinson, Anne McGuinness and Dot Gordon as Roly Poly dancers.*

*Nellie had fond memories of holidays and pilgrimages organised from St Theresa's. She remembered a visit to Rome where they had an audience with the Pope. They stayed at the Venerable English College's retreat house Palazzola and visited Castelgondolfo. She remembered roadside Masses when the coach would pull in and*

*Father Hegarty and Father Holmes would say Mass and everyone would take turns to read. Another year ago a group went to the Holy Land.*

*Nellie was always very active in the life of St. Theresa's and was astonished to receive the 'Bene Merenti Medal', one of the Church's highest accolades, for the work that she had done in the parish.*



*Nellie's husband, Tom, was also a willing worker for St Theresa's. He counted the collection money and did his share of gardening at Church. They were the first couple to be married at St Theresa's.*

*Nellie enjoyed being part of the group from St Theresa's that went to York's Knavesmire for the visit of the Pope in June 1982. The weather was warm and sunny and there was a wonderful atmosphere of solidarity as the Pope said Mass. There was never a dull moment on the coach journey to and from York.*