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**Saturday 17th**  
**Sunday 18th**

**6.00pm. Vigil Mass 20th Week Ordinary Time**  
**9.30am. Sunday Mass**

Tuesday 20th

10.00am. Eucharistic Service  
St Bernard, Ab D

Wednesday 21st

10.00am. Eucharistic Service  
St Pius X Pope

Thursday 22nd

Exposition 5.45pm - 6.20pm  
Eucharistic Service 6.30pm  
Our Lady, Mother and Queen

Friday 23rd

10.00am. Eucharistic Service  
St Rose of Lima V

Saturday 24th

No Confessions today

**Saturday 24th**  
**Sunday 25th**

**6.00pm. Vigil Mass 21st Week Ordinary Time**  
**9.30am. Sunday Mass**

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

**Annual retreat at The Briery, Ilkley**

From 4.00 pm Friday 18th October to 2.00 pm Sunday 20th October 2024  
Single en suite rooms; lift;  
ground floor rooms. Cost £170 with own transport or lifts can be arranged.  
Contact Sue Barnes: 01282 618231. £20.00 deposit to Sue please and  
the remainder payable via phone/card to the Briery.

**After Sunday Mass Refreshment Rota**

Three or four volunteers are needed to cover the following Sundays:-  
**29th September, 17th November, 5th January.**  
Call/text/WhatsApp Kathy on 07932443851

## Ask your MP to protect life in the new Parliament

Many MPs with a strong pro-life voting record in Parliament have lost their seats.

As the new Parliament begins, we are expecting attempts from MPs to introduce [an extreme abortion law](#) that would make it more likely that healthy babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. On the end-of-life front, [Lord Falconer introduced a Bill](#) in the House of Lords to legalise assisted suicide and the Prime Minister has pledged that he will make time for MPs to vote on the introduction of assisted suicide.

As we face these major threats, it's important to make it clear to both new and returning MPs at the start of this parliamentary cycle that they have a large number of voters in their constituency who don't want to see extreme anti-life changes to our laws.

We have launched an [EasyAction tool](#) on our website that makes it simple for your parishioners to contact their local MP asking them to oppose these radical changes to the law.

*Since we are likely to face threats in the new Parliament on both beginning and end-of-life fronts. Ask your local MP to protect the most vulnerable.*

*An easy way to take action is to email your MP today by visiting [righttolife.org.uk/newparliament](mailto:righttolife.org.uk/newparliament)*

### SPUC annual pro-life petition

This year's petition focuses on the two-child benefit cap, which is current government policy on Universal Benefits. One of the biggest drivers of abortion in the UK is poverty.

There are petition postcards at the back of church that can be completed, asking that the policy be overturned by the government.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome 2025

We are delighted to announce a number of pilgrimages to celebrate the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee, including a pilgrimage to Rome in September. To book your place on the pilgrimage, led by Bishop John, please email [info@northernstartravel.com](mailto:info@northernstartravel.com) or call 0161 773 2115.

Please note, places are extremely limited. For more information on our other pilgrimages at home and overseas, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/jubilee-pilgrimages/>.

## Feast of St Monica at St. Mary's Oswaldtwistle on Tuesday 27th August 7pm

There will be a Votive Mass of St Monica followed by the opportunity to venerate her relic and invoke her intercession. There will also be a prayer box before her statue. St Monica exemplifies the power of a praying parent, to bring her children back to Church.

### Books to borrow

There are books available for adults that can be borrowed from the children's room at the back of the church

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