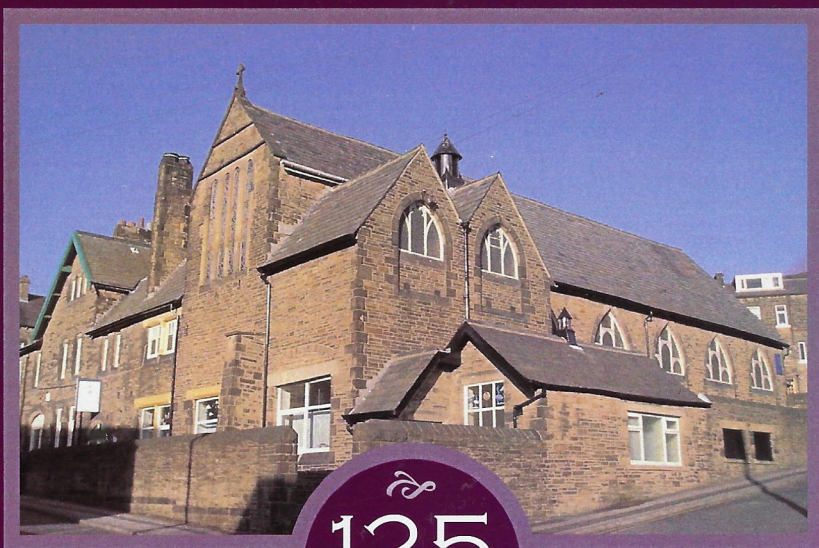


SACRED HEART CHURCH

BINGLEY



OPENED 11 MAY 1880

VOTIVE MASS OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

A Concelebrated Mass in celebration of the
125th Anniversary of the opening of the church,
led by Right Reverend Arthur Roche, STB, STL,
Bishop of Leeds, assisted by Reverend Father
Joseph Smith, Parish Priest and priests of the
Deanery.

11th May 2005



ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn No. 576

Praise my soul the King of heaven
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all his foes.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him
Praise with us the God of grace!

OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant:

...through Christ our Lord

Response:

Amen

READING Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Hymn No. 123

All the earth proclaim the Lord, sing your praise to God

- 1 Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness.
Come into his presence, singing for joy.
- 2 Know that the Lord is our creator.
Yes he is our Father, we are his own.
- 3 We are the sheep of his green pasture,
for we are his people; he is our God.
- 4 Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving.
O enter his courts while singing his praise.
- 5 Our Lord is good, his love enduring,
His word is abiding now with us all.
- 6 Honour and praise be to the Father, the Son
and the Spirit, world without end.

ALLELUIA

- 1 Show forth, O God, show forth your might,
your might, O God, which you have shown for us.
For the sake of your temple high in Jerusalem
may kings come to you bringing their tribute.
- 2 Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God, praise the Lord
who rides the heavens, the ancient heavens.
He thunders his voice, his mighty voice.
Come, acknowledge the power of God.
- 3 His glory is over Israel; his might is in the skies.
God is to be feared in his holy place.
He is the Lord, Israel's God.
He gives strength and power to his people.
Blessed be God

GOSPEL

John 17: 11-19

HOMILY

CREED

BIDDING PRAYERS

In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour.

In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.

We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour,
but stand united now, one in belief.

O we have gladly heard, your Word, your holy Word,
and now in answer Lord, our gifts we bring.

Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken
and it becomes for us our spirits' food.

Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.

Take all that daily toil, plants in our hearts' poor soil,
each hopeful dream, the chances we have missed
the graces we resist

Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant:

...through Christ our Lord

Response:

Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Hymn No. 60

Holy holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Hymn No. 72

Christ has died, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia
Christ will come again, alleluia alleluia.

AT COMMUNION

'Glory to thee my God' sung by the School Choir

FINAL HYMN

Hymn No. 634

Sweet heart of Jesus,
Fount of love and mercy,
Today we come thy blessings to implore;
O touch our hearts, so cold and so ungrateful,
And make them, Lord, thine own for evermore.

*Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,
O make us love thee more and more.*

Sweet heart of Jesus,
Make us know and love thee,
Unfold to us the treasures of thy grace;
That so our hearts from things of earth uplifted
May long alone to gaze upon thy face.

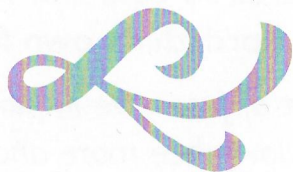
*Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,
O make us love thee more and more.*

Sweet heart of Jesus,
Make us pure and gentle,
And teach us how to do thy blessed will;
To follow close in thy dear footsteps,
And when we fall - sweet heart O love us still.

*Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,
O make us love thee more and more.*

Sweet heart of Jesus,
Bless all hearts that love thee,
And may thine own heart ever blessed be;
Bless us, dear Lord and bless the friends we cherish,
And keep us true to Mary and to thee.

*Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,
O make us love thee more and more.*





DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCH AT BINGLEY

(Compiled from '*Chronicles & Stories of Old Bingley*' by Harry Speight published in 1898, work by Rev. Mgr. G Bradley and information in the Diocesan Archives.)

Very early days

In 1835 a Mission was established at St. An's, Keighley and for the next thirty years the Catholics of Bingley attended Mass there. On 1st November 1863 Fr. Herbert Walker of St. Patrick's, Bradford, was placed in charge of a new Mission at Shipley and Bingley was placed in his care. In about 1869 Fr. Walker began a Mass centre in Bingley at the Fleece Hotel. By 1873 Mass was being said in a building purchased in York Street which later became the Liberal Club.

The permanent Mission

In September 1873 Bishop Cornthwaite invited Fr. Edmund de Thury D.D, who was in charge of the mission at Hawkhurst in Sussex to come north to take charge of the new Mission at Bingley.

On 29th February 1876 Fr. De Thury purchased land at Crow Nest on which to build a church and school. He bought 3,000 square yards for £250 [about £15,000 today]. He also built at his own expense a house, Crow Nest House, which was later sold to a Major Weatherhead.

However before his plans were completed he moved in 1878 to take charge of St. Joseph's, Hunslet.

The church and school

The next priest was Fr. Aloysius Puissant who came from St. Mary's, Bradford, in 1878.

The site chosen by Fr. de Thury was steeply sloping and allowed for a two-storey building, the mixed school for 170 pupils to occupy the lower portion with the church above it. It is interesting to note that the church is in fact described as a school chapel. The building was designed by Edward Simpson, a Catholic architect, who it seems was influenced by the design of St. Mary's School, Bradford, then in Stott Hill.

The church building

The church is described by Speight as 'a simple building about eighty feet long with five half windows on each side of the nave. There is a transept chapel on either side of the chancel, one dedicated to Our Lady and the other to the Sacred Heart. There are fourteen Stations of the Cross, said to have been painted by Fr. de Thury'.

The property had been mortgaged to the Yorkshire Penny Bank on 12th March 1888 for £1,300 [about £91,000 today] of which £874 was paid to Rev. Canon Goldrie of York and £426 to Rev Alfred Watson who was parish priest at Bingley. The inference is that the building work was funded by these two gentlemen who were re-imbursed when the building work had been completed.

The opening ceremony

The church was opened on 11th May 1880 with Solemn High Mass, the celebrant being the Very Rev. Provost Brown (St. Ann's, Leeds.) The deacon was Rev. J Slattery (St. Patrick's, Bradford) and the sub-deacon was Rev. Xavier de Vacht. The Bishop Cornthwaite of Leeds occupied the throne, his assistants being the Very Rev. Canon Scruton, (St. Patrick's, Bradford) and the Very Rev. Canon Glover, (Shipley).

During the ceremony the Bishop pronounced the Papal Blessing.

Development of the Church building

Fr. Puissant moved to St. Ann's, Bradford on June 30th 1881 and was succeeded by Fr. Alfred Watson who was parish priest until 1889 when he moved to Ilkley. During his time a presbytery connecting to the church was built and the grounds connected to it were laid out.

In 1889 Fr. Thomas Parkin came from Heckmondwyke. He installed the gallery and organ in the church. The church was beautified and both it and the school were fully renovated.

In the time of Fr. Michael O'Donnell (1918 to 1935) a new marble high altar and reredos was installed.



Fr Michael O'Donnell with a May Queen celebration in the 1930s
Photograph courtesy of Terry Gibson

It appears that the next major refurbishment was in Monsignor Ronchetti's time in 1973. In celebration of the centenary of the founding of the parish the church was completely renovated, decorated and re-ordered after Vatican II. Much of the marble installed by Fr. O'Donnell was used in building the present high altar.

The window over the Sanctuary

During this work the window over the high altar was enlarged and the stained glass installed.

The major symbols in the window are:-

At the top of the window is the shepherd's crook, symbol of St. Peter's, the mother church. The tree of knowledge and the wings of the dove, sign of the Holy Spirit, the keys of the Kingdom, the Western church, the Eastern church and the all embracing hands of the church. The chalice rising from the Sacred Heart crowned with thorns. The vine leaf and wheat-sheaf, the ring symbolising three Persons in One, the four evangelists, the pelican feeding its young with its blood, the KP (Khyro), the paschal lamb. The window finishes with Christ dominating the serpent.

Notes and interesting asides

In 1898 the parish was noted to be in 'some difficulty with a long-standing debt of £1,200', presumably the balance of the loan of £1,300 taken out some ten years previously, only £100 having been repaid in that time. The gross income of the parish for the year to 31st December 1899 was £253 [about £18,000 today].

The mortgage was discharged on 20th June 1916.

Some interesting figures:-

	1895	1945	2003
Baptisms	21	21	16
Marriages	3	3	7
Easter Communicants	172	441	?
Average Mass attendance	135	420	255

* The parish boundaries changed when St. Monica's, Cottingley was established as a separate parish.





SACRED HEART BINGLEY

Parish Priests who have served in Bingley

Rev. Edmund de Thury DD	1873-1878	
Rev. Aloysius Puissant	1878-1881	Died at Ghent, 21 Dec 1910 He built the Church
Rev. Alfred Watson	1881-1889	Died at Ilkley, 10 Feb 1893 aged 54
Rev. Thomas Parkin	1889-1896	Died 2 December 1917
Rev. Thomas Bradley	1896-1903	Died at Clifford, 1 July 1925
Rev. Honore Fove	1903-1910	
Rev. Francis Creedon	1910-1915	Died 12 August 1961
Rev. Gustav Thonon	1915-1918	Died 24 January 1933
Rev. Michael O'Donnell	1918-1935	Died 25 February 1936
Rev. John Hawkswell	1935-1950	Died at Clifford, 1 March 1965
Rev. Anthony Hinninghan	1950-1951	Died 6 August 1972
Rev. Michael O'Sullivan	1951-1965	Died 11 October 1996
Rev. Frederick J Mawson	1965-1971	Died 19 February 1977
Rev. Denis Rafferty	1971-1972	Died 6 September 1994
V. Rev. Mgr. Thomas Ronchetti	1972-1980	Died 11 October 1997
Rev. John Kelly	1980-1987	
Rev. K Taylor	1987-1998	
Rev. J Smith	1998-	



Church interior, 2005
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