

The Parishes of
St. Joseph's, BATLEY CARR
 &
Our Lady & St. Paulinus, DEWSBURY
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Third Sunday of Advent

Prepare the Way for the Presence of Our Lord Jesus.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>	<u>COMMEMORATION</u>
12th Saturday	6.30 pm St. Joseph's	Harold Jelly (A) (Ellen Jelly RIP)	
13th Sunday	10.30 am OLASP	Ida Hardwick 100th B'Day thanksgiving	100 years young!!
14th Monday	10 am OLASP	Philip Waite (A)	<i>St. John of the Cross.</i>
15th Tuesday	10 am St. Joseph's	Pope Francis & Fr. Jonathan	
16th Wednesday	10 am OLASP - Mass	Thanksgiving Mass (J.M)	
17th Thursday	10 am St. Joseph's	James & Timothy Flanagan (F.M)	
18th Friday	10 am OLASP	Yvonne Hoffland	
19th Saturday	6.30 pm St. Joseph's	People of the Parish	
20th Sunday	10.30 am OLASP	Anthony & Shirley Larvin	

Masses for Christmas Eve 24th December:

St. Joseph's 6.30 pm

Our Lady & St. Paulinus 8.30 pm



Masses for Christmas Day, Friday 25th December.

St. Joseph's 9.30 am

Our Lady & St. Paulinus 11.00 am

Please use the online booking system for all weekend and Christmas Masses.

The Booking System for Christmas will close on the night of 22nd December.

The November Dead List is available online. Masses will be celebrated throughout the year.

Intentions recently received: Mary Gillard (L.D). Anniversaries: Winnie & Tom Tarney, Marie Kelly, Ada Thompson, Oliver Jennings & Marie Wood.

Prayer List: We pray for the persecuted, those alone & lonely, concerned, the ill & their carers. Mgr Michael Kujacz, Rev. Patrick Kelly, Tracey Smith, Rose Rodgers, Deborah DeCesare, Maureen Oldroyd, Jensen Burrows, Dominic Ramm, Eileen Thomson, Anton Burrows, Janice McNab, Ann Steffen, Rhona Naughton, Sheena Dunbar, Maurice Conboy, Theresa Lodge, Bella Varey, Eileen Longstaff-Cawson, Jean Halligan, Nora Naughton, Ann Wharton, H.W, Elizabeth Evans, Gordon Lodge, Mark and Nico Griffin, Sheila Sutton, Andrea Cuesta, Susan O'Donnell, Ariann (Rome), Ray & Margaret, Sam Greenwood, Bernard Gaughan, Dot Cordy. Maureen O'Hara.

Having Mass celebrated puts faith into practice & unites us all in prayer. At every Mass we pray for all the people of the parish. We can celebrate the joy of new birth, success in education, sport or work. Mass for the ill focuses our prayer on their recovery or acceptance of their condition. We commend the deceased to the embrace of God's Love and comfort the bereaved. Should you know of anyone who would welcome a visit or chat, please let Fr. Jonathan know.

Advent talks about a living Lord actively present and interested in our story, then and now. Many of our friends may concentrate on a Winterval festival to dispel the dark and gloomy the season, we have faith in something much richer and giving further meaning to our celebrations. People at the time of Jesus were looking forward to their liberation as a Society and as individual men and women. Aren't we looking for the same? For us, God is not simply a concept, an idea but a real presence in our day to day. As we rejoice in the birth of a baby, the life of Jesus witnesses to the fun of celebrations and also the desolation of feeling alone and having too much to handle. Jesus walks, talks and heals throughout the Holy Land. He is challenged by those who thought he was too much and destroyed at the peak of his powers. At this point our faith leads us to believe in something extraordinary. That this is neither the end of his, nor our story. Christmas is all about everlasting life. As our faith centres on Jesus' defeat of death and mortality is gives us opportunity to transform the grief of a loved one and hold out for them our faith in our resurrection into new life with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Surely this is why we pray for each other and help out: not just from our own good will but associated with our faith and Christian community. Great efforts to those who have given that extra this year. Meeting together is especially difficult right now so let us convert our frustration into feelings for love and compassion for those we miss and reach out to them by prayer, phone, text or email. let our faith in a living Lord who loves us how we are shine through out lives.

Safeguarding vulnerable children & adults:

Elizabeth Stanley: 079 38 59 77 25 & Andrea Jackson 078 09 29 85 15

Baptisms, Weddings: For those planning to wed or a baptism, please get in touch. Whilst things might seem almost impossible at the moment, we still need to plan for brighter days ahead.

The Flea Market: at Saint Joseph's. Turnover is high. New stock is always required.

Offertory Collection December 2020

(Excluding Direct Debits and Standing Orders)

	<u>ST. JOSEPH</u>	<u>ST. PAULINUS</u>
06TH DECEMBER 2020	£384.00	£498.10

Many parishioners & especially those with families will have all sorts to think about these days, not least their own economy. Do make sure you look after your household and loved ones at this time. With respect to your offering, please consider your church offering only as part of ALL your outgoings at this time.



4th - 17th December at 7pm COME, O COME EMMANUEL: Advent retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Eucharistic Adoration, Music and Sermon. Tuesday: Confession. Wednesday: healing service. Thursday: Mass in honour of Our Lady with a procession and prayer of consecration. Social distancing in place. www.facebook.com/St Pio Friary.

Sun. 20th Dec at 3.00pm: Christmas Carol Service to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Mary's Church, Batley. Whilst we cannot all meet in church, an online Christmas Carol Service is currently being produced to mark the Anniversary and will be available throughout the Christmas Season. Come and join us. The service will include carols, readings and prayers. The service will be available on our website <https://olaspandstjosephs.org.uk>

Fusion Foodbank, Dewsbury: There will be a box for donations at St. Paulinus Church, this weekend and next weekend. The food bank has been inundated with requests for food during the pandemic. As well as the usual tins, pasta, toiletries etc they are also requesting treats for the families for Christmas such as selection boxes and biscuits etc.

We are living through a difficult year. By caring for and supporting each other, we make life so much better. Many of us have already lost family members and friends. Our Faith tells us they are with the Lord. Whilst we mourn our loved ones and care for the ill and in need, we are uplifted by prayer, the hard work of so many and the grace which comes from friendship. Mass is offered throughout the week for all our needs and intentions. Every Blessing for the Week Ahead. Fr. Jonathan