

The Parishes of
St. Joseph's,
BATLEY CARR
&
Our Lady & St. Paulinus, DEWSBURY
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CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY 2023

| | DAY | TIME | CHURCH | COMMEMORATION |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 23 | Saturday | 6.00 pm | St. Joseph's | <u>Eric Sutton (LD)</u> |
| 24 | Sunday | 9.30 am | St. Joseph's | Special Intention |
| | <u>Coffee at Paroche</u> | 11.00 am | St. Paulinus | Mary Cassidy (A) |
| | <u>The Nativity</u> | 4.30 pm | St. Paulinus | Desmond Perera (A) |
| | <u>CHRISTMAS</u> | 6.30 pm | St. Joseph's | Annie Ahern (RIP) |
| | <u>EVE</u> | | | |
| 25 | <u>CHRISTMAS</u> | 9.30 am | St. Joseph's | Special Intention |
| | <u>DAY</u> | 11.00 am | St. Paulinus | David Wilcock (FM) |
| 26 | <u>Feast of Stephen</u> | 10.00 am | St. Joseph's | Margaret, Gordon, Lee & Haisha Pygott |
| | <u>Boxing Day</u> | | | |
| 29 | Friday | 10.00 am | St. Paulinus | Martin Murray |
| 30 | Saturday | 6.00 pm | St. Joseph's | Anthony Disken (RIP) |
| 31 | <u>NEW YEAR'S</u> | 9.30 am | St. Joseph's | Margaret Prendergast (Wding A) |
| | <u>EVE</u> | 11.00 am | St. Paulinus | People of the Parish |
| First Jan 2024 | <u>NEW YEARS</u> | 10.00 am | St. Paulinus | Our Lady, Queen of Peace Special Intention (P & C) |
| | <u>DAY 2024</u> | | | |
| 2 | Tuesday | 10.00 am | St. Joseph's | Special Intention (L & G) |
| 5 | Friday | 10.00 am | St. Paulinus | Anthony Scanlon |
| 6 | Saturday (Epiphany) | 6.00 pm | St. Joseph's | Peter Perris |
| 7 | <u>FEAST OF THE</u> | 9.30 am | St. Joseph's | People of the Parish |
| | <u>EPIPHANY</u> | 11.00 am | St. Paulinus | Peter Towson |
| | | <u>For</u> | <u>Your Diary</u> | |
| 10 | Wednesday | 10.00 am | St. Joseph's Primary School | <u>School Mass. All welcome</u> |
| 12 | Friday | 10.00 am | St. Paulinus Primary School | <u>School Mass. All welcome</u> |
| 15 | Monday | 11.30 am | St. Paulinus | <u>Requiem: Julia Renshaw</u> |

Intentions Received: Kelly & Dickinson families, Jack Moss (A), Jean & Sean Thornton (A), Marie Lipinski (A).

PRAYER LIST: Mgr. Michael Kujacz, Rev. Patrick & Cathleen Kelly, Rev. Russel Ashworth, Christopher Sinclair, Patrick Walsh, Patrick Murray, Dominic Ramm, Susan O'Donnell, Connie O'Donnell, Delores Mulrennan, Malcolm Wilson, Margaret Sheard, Marie Waters.

Congratulations to Mr. A Flanagan (No. 67) for winning the 200 Club last draw.



Pope Francis said recently, "Imagine a single mother who goes to church or parish, and says to the secretary: 'I want to baptise my son', and the attendant says: 'No, you can't, because you are not married.'" Let us keep in mind that this mother had the courage to continue a pregnancy - and what did she find? A locked door! So, if we follow this path and attitude, we are not doing God's people any good. Jesus created the seven sacraments and with this kind of attitude we create an eighth: the sacrament of pastoral customs!

"Whoever approaches the Church must find open doors ...

"We need saints without veil, without fear. We need saints in jeans and sneakers. We need saints who go to the movies, listen to music, and stroll with their friends. We need saints who put God first and yet excel

in University and college. We need saints who find time to pray every day and know how to fall in love with purity and chastity, or consecrate their chastity. We need modern saints, twenty-first century saints with a spirituality embedded in our time. We need saints committed to the poor and necessary social change. We need saints who live in the world, who get holy in the world, and who are not afraid to live in the world. We need saints who drink coke and eat hot dogs, who are netizens, who listen to iPod. We need saints who love the Eucharist and are not ashamed to drink a beer or eat pizza on the weekend with friends. We need saints who like cinema, theatre, music, dance, sports. We need social saints, open, normal, friends, cheerful, companions. We need saints who are in the world and who can taste the pure and good things of the world, but without being worldly." This is supposed to be us!!!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & THANK YOU: We have arrived at the celebration of the Nativity and recall the strength of Mary and Joseph who cared for their little child in the midst of so much struggle. Just as children around our world are born into extraordinarily difficult circumstances, Jesus was no stranger to danger right from the get go. And yet he uses all the experiences to mature into our Saviour. We indeed fall on our knees to worship. Thank you for your help and kindness this season and indeed throughout the year. Together we build up our community and make a positive difference to our world. Have a Blessed, warm, cheerful and Holy Christmas.



Thank you!

| St. Joseph's 10/12/23 | St. Paulinus 10/12/23 |
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| £184 | £420.70 |
| £91.50 | £131.30 |
| £8 | |
| £9, £26 | £18.50 |
| £260 | |

MISSION

Envelopes
Loose Plate
Coffee Mornings
Votive/ Piety
50/200 Clubs

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Happy and Holy Christmas to One and All.