



Welcome to the Parishes of Our Lady & St Paulinus, Dewsbury and St Joseph, Batley Carr



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 15th December 2024 Third Sunday of Advent



5.00pm - 5.30pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Phillip Waite [A])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (<i>Parishes & People</i>)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Jack Miller [LD])	St Paulinus

Tuesday 17th December Advent Weekday

7.00pm	Mass (Martin Birmingham [LD])	St Joseph
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Wednesday 18th December Advent Weekday

10.00am	Mass (Margaret, Gordon, Haisha & Lee Pygott)	St Joseph
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Thursday 19th December Advent Weekday

10.00am	Mass (Michael Dunford)	St Paulinus
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Friday 20th December Advent Weekday

10.00am	Mass (Roger Agagon & Family)	St Paulinus
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Saturday 21st December Advent Weekday

10.30am - 12.00noon	Confessions	St Paulinus
4.00pm - 5.30pm	Confessions	St Joseph

Sunday 22nd December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent



6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Emma Wilson [LD])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (<i>Parishes & People</i>)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Ingrid Stowell [LD])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

For Pope Francis and the Church throughout the world, that all will be blessed as they continue their mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

For all who gather to celebrate the Eucharist today that sharing the bread from heaven, they may have the fullness of life.

For all who have lost heart or whose faith as grown weary, that their love of Christ will be renewed as they prepare to celebrate his birth.

For our own parish community, that our Advent preparations will help each of us draw closer to God.

For the sick, the suffering, the homeless and the hungry, that we may always recognise the Christ who lives in them and share with them the gifts that God has given to us.

For those who have died recently, those whose anniversary of death falls at this time – and for all who mourn their loss.

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We pray for those whom we know to be sick at home or in hospital, among them...

Aiden Murray; Mgr Michael Kujacz; Kathleen Kaye; Adrian Keachie; John Carter; Deacon Patrick & Kath Kelly; Rev Russel Ashworth; Mary Robinson.

We pray for those who have died recently, or whose anniversary falls at this time, among them...

Roger Agagon (A); Danny O'Brien (A); Jack Miller (LD); Karen Louise Teale (LD); Brian Roche (A); John Joseph Colbeck (A); Margaret Poole (A); Anita Estrada (LD); Gregond S Lugtu (A); Luciano M Miranda (LD); Jim Norris (LD); Emma Wilson (LD); Ida Gazzero (LD); Martin Birmingham (LD).

Please remember to turn-off mobile phones before Mass begins...Thank you!

REGULAR EVENTS & CONTACTS

APF Red Mission Boxes

Contact: Elaine Ellis - 07933 272277

Bereavement Support

Fr Stephen would invite people to get in touch about becoming part of a bereavement support network.

Catechists (Sacramental Preparation)

OLSP - Helen Regan - hregan@stpaulinus.org
St J - Sarah Riley - sarah.riley42@outlook.com
or 07917 105301

Childrens' Liturgy Group

OLSP - plans to re-start in 2025

Church Cleaning Contacts (More Volunteers Needed!)

OLSP -
St J - Elaine Ellis - 07933 272277

Church Flowers Contacts

OLSP -
St J -

Church Hall Bookings

OLSP - Roy Jno Baptiste
Jim Regan - 01924 469700
St J -

Gift Aid Organiser

Contact: David Prendergast - 07938 801487

Happy Memories Dementia Support Group

OLSP - Parochial Hall - 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month. Cath Knowles 07986 142049

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Contact: Fr Stephen 01924 465531 for details.

Keep Fit Classes

OLSP - Parochial Hall every Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am. Inara Bennett - 07910 127989

Music Ministry

OLSP - Amy Preece - amycpreece@hotmail.co.uk
St J - Cathy Baxendale - cathyh79@googlemail.com

Piety Stall

Contact: Margaret Brannan

Rotas (Eucharistic Ministry)

OLSP - Jim Regan - 01924 469700
St J -

Rotas (Readers)

OLSP - Glenys or Mike Woods on 07870 542238
St J - Marie-Claire Keddie - mckeddie@live.co.uk

Sacristan

St J - Douglas Sykes
doug.kp.sykes@btinternet.com

Safeguarding Representatives (Both Churches)

Awaiting Appointment

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Contact: Cath Knowles (President) 07986 142049
Meetings every third Thursday of the month.

Yoga Classes

St Joseph's Hall - Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm.
Beginners welcome. Sarah Riley 07917 105301

Our Lady & St Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

Headteacher: Miss S Hayes 01924 488282

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy

Headteacher: Mrs C Bulloch 01924 462053

St John Fisher Catholic Academy

Headteacher: Mr K Mackay 01924 527000

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Maureen Oldroyd (A); Martin Birmingham (LD).

The Sacrament of Confirmation - 2025:

Preparation Classes continue in St Paulinus' School, and the ones in St Joseph's Church are as follows: Saturday 11th, 18th and 25th January 2025, the sessions will be from 2.30pm until 5.30pm, with the option of staying on for the 6.00pm Vigil Mass. Application forms are still available. PLEASE RETURN ANY OUTSTANDING FORMS TO SARAH RILEY FOR THE ST JOSEPH'S GROUP ASAP.

2025 Diocesan Year Books:

Are on sale in at the back of both churches costing £5 each - an idea stocking filler!!

OL & SP - Coffee Morning after Sunday Mass:

Come and join us after the 11.00am Mass - all are very welcome! This week in aid of The Fiends of St Paulinus' School.

OL & St P - 200 Club:

Sunday 8th Dec - winner number 54 -Trevor Teale.

St Joseph's Coffee after Mass:

Please come into the hall for refreshments after 10.00am Mass on Wednesday and 9.30am Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

OL & St P - Christmas Fair:

Christmas Fair - Thank you for all your help and support, especially those who organise this mammoth occasion! The total raised so far is £2039.90.

Raffle prizes still not claimed -Whisky -1319, Gin -1828, Baileys -1053, Biscuits -1124. Teddy [yellow ticket] 251, Cake [green ticket] 52. Claim from the Parochial Hall Sunday lunchtime.

Christmas Church Cleaning at St Joseph's:

On Thursday 19th from 6.00pm. We need younger people to come and help. Cleaning materials provided. Many hands make light work!!

Share a Christmas Card at St Joseph's:

Instead of sending individual Christmas cards why not

Last Weekend's Offertories:

St Joseph's	Env	£281.00
	Plate	£92.80
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£187.50
	Plate	£146.00
Total:		£707.30
Other Income		
Fr Ambrose Collection		£558.00
Fr Ambrose (match funding)		£250.00
Flea Market		£85.50

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Parish Banking Details:

To set up Standing Orders or make one-off contributions electronically, please find details of both churches below:

Our Lady & St Paulinus'

Name: Diocese of Leeds, Our Lady & St Paulinus
Sort Code: 40-27-15 **Account Number:** 31017233

St Joseph's

Name: Diocese of Leeds, St Joseph Batley Carr
Sort Code: 40-27-15 **Account Number:** 31017225

sign the big card in church and donate to Forget-Me-Not Children's Hospice, who are currently considering making staff redundant because of lack of funding.

The Flea Market:

After this weekend, the Flea Market will close until Saturday 11th January 2025. Thank you to everyone for their help and support in 2024!

On Saturday 4th January, we need willing and able volunteers to help us to give the Flea Market a bit of a Spring Clean - please come along and help!

Rains Fail Again: "The farmers are crying":

Thank you so very much for your generous response last weekend - you can see the total collected so far in the opposite column. If further donations come in this weekend, they will be added to last week's and sent on to Fr Ambrose. Thank you again!

Missio - Red Boxes:

If you have a Red Box in need of emptying, please hand in to church so that Elaine can deal with this before the end of the year. Thank you for your support.

Carols & Mince Pie @ St Paulinus' School:

On Thursday 19th December at 1.30pm, Parishioners and Grandparents are invited to come into school and listen to the children sing a selection of Christmas songs from their nativity plays.

St John Fisher School - Another Invitation:

Please join the St John Fisher Sixth Form and choir for their Live Crib in Dewsbury. It will be held outside Longcauseway Church at 11am on Wednesday 18th December. A lovely way to start the festivities! Come along and join in the singing! There will be a collection at the end for the Lourdes fund.

Leeds Cathedral Day of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 17th December, 7.00am to 7.00pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition all day.

Fr Richard Carter's Ruby Jubilee:

You are invited to share with Fr. Richard Carter his Ruby Jubilee of Ordination at the 11.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Bingley, on Sunday 9th February 2025 followed by a reception in St. Joseph's School. If you intend to stay for the reception please notify Fr Carter at richard.carter@dioceseofleeds.org.uk before 31st December 2024.

Diocese of Leeds Community Choir:

This new venture welcomes all parish musicians, parishioners, choir parents, friends, and school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons (19 January, 2 & 9 February, 2 & 23 March all at 2-3.30pm), working towards a concert performance, including music by Mendelssohn, Fauré, and Rutter, on Laetare Sunday, 30 March 2025 (4pm) at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To book your place please email office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Healing Service:

You are invited to attend at St. Aidan's, Mirfield, on Friday 3rd January 2025 at 7.00pm.

New Bereavement Ministry Training:

A two-day course for those wishing to learn how to accompany those who are grieving. 10.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 11th January and Saturday 18th January 2025 at The Briery.

For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at ebereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Workshop For Parish Musicians:

Preparing For Holy Week And Easter - on Sunday 26th January, 2.00 - 4.00pm, Cathedral Chambers (accessed via Wheeler Hall, Leeds Cathedral). Meet musicians from across the Diocese in this free workshop exploring liturgical music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The practical workshop led by Diocesan Choral Directors and composer Teena Lyle, will introduce two new accessible choral pieces, including perusal copies of the music. Our musicians will be on hand for bespoke advice. To book please email the Music Office: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

Safeguarding Conference:

We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8th February 2025, 10.00am - 3.00pm at Hinsley Hall. To date guest speakers include the Comboni Survivors Group, Hydrant Programme and Dementia Friendly Churches. It would be a great opportunity to be part of the discussion and sharing of information, to book your place please email safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Huddersfield Catenians:

The Circle meets monthly on the third Tuesday at Meltham Golf Club. Activities include walks, trips away (Isle of Man and Shrewsbury planned for 2025), Garden Party, Barbecue, attend cricket or rugby matches, are some of the events. Wives/partners welcome to come along and meet our ladies too. Any gentleman interested to learn more can check the website at <https://thecatenians.com> or contact the Membership Officer Dennis Donnelly on 01484 606042. *Friendship in Faith; Family; Fun.*

Catholic Care Director/C E O Vacancy:

Salary over £70,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or contact Katrina on 0113 388 5400, or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk

Confessions before Christmas:

Saturday 21st December

10.30am - 12.00noon St Paulinus'
4.00pm - 5.30pm St Joseph's

Christmas Masses in Our Parishes:

Christmas Eve:

10.00am Mass of the Advent Weekday St Joseph's
6.00pm Family Vigil Mass St Paulinus'
12.00am Midnight Mass St Joseph's

Christmas Day:

9.30am Mass of the Nativity St Joseph's
11.00am Mass of the Nativity St Paulinus'

Thursday 26th

12.00noon St Stephen's Day St Joseph's

Friday 27th

12.00noon St John's Day St Paulinus'

Saturday 28th

12.00noon Holy Innocents St Paulinus'

28th / 29th December - Weekend Masses as normal.