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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 1st December 2024 First Sunday of Advent



5.00pm - 5.30pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (<i>Parishes & People</i>)	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Tessa Thompson [In Appreciation])	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Brian Roche [A])	St Paulinus

Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7.00pm	Mass (Michael Dunford)	St Joseph
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Wednesday 4th December Advent Week 1

10.00am	Mass (Brian Roche [B'day A])	St Joseph
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Thursday 5th December Advent Week 1

10.00am	Mass (Graham Lindley [Healing])	St Paulinus
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Friday 6th December St Nicholas, Bishop

10.00am	Mass (Eileen King [LD])	St Paulinus
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Sunday 8th December 2024 Second Sunday of Advent



5.00pm - 5.30pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Carmela Walker & Family)	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (<i>Parishes & People</i>)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Joe & Rita Armstead [RIP])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

As we anticipate the coming of the Lord let us turn to the Father in confidence with our prayers and petitions:

For the Church, that the season of Advent will bring about in her members renewed hope as we seek to live more fully for God.

For our world, that all people will seek equal justice for everyone and an end to discrimination of any kind.

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

For the dignity of all human life from conception until natural death, and for all those who have died, that they may know the joy of eternal life in heaven.

For all who are sick or housebound, that they will experience the healing touch of Jesus.

Heavenly Father, we pray for your blessings as we strive to grow together in holiness and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

Mary Robinson; Hugo Pineda; Aiden Murray; Lynda Walker; Mgr Michael Kujacz; Agnes Jennings; Graham Lindley; Rosemary.

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

Sam Connors (A); Ronan Harrington (A); Roger Agagon (LD); Jessie Borgonia (LD); Richard O'Brien (A); Jack Miller (LD); Karen Louise Teale (LD); Kathleen Galligan (LD); Theresa O'Reilly (LD); Dorothy O'Hara (LD); Winnie Walsh (LD); Iheanyichukwy Omasirichi (LD); Okwara Ethelbert (LD); Eileen King (LD). Winnie Riordan (A)

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

Children's Liturgy Group

Fr Stephen invites those who may be interested in re-starting Children's Liturgy to contact him.

Church Cleaning Team (More Volunteers Needed!)

OLSP -
St J -

Church Flowers Teams

OLSP -
St J -

Church Hall Bookings

OLSP -
St J - Elaine Ellis - 07933 272277

Gift Aid Organiser

Contact:

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Tuesdays as announced. (November - Easter)
Contact: Fr Stephen 01924 465531

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 -
St J -

Rotas (Readers)

OLSP - Glenys or Mike Woods on 07870 542238
St J -

Sacristan

St J - Douglas Sykes

Safeguarding Representatives (Both Churches)

Contact:

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Contact:
Meetings every third Thursday of the month.

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

Parish Banking Details:

To set up Standing Orders or make occasional deposits electronically, please find the 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

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Emma Wilson (LD); Patrick & Eileen Lyons (RIP).

The New Bulletin Format:

I am hoping with the extra space available on the bulletin, we will be able to make it much more of a handy resource for parish life! I have just begun to create a list on the left hand side of this page - and it is in no way an exhaustive list - so please help me put useful information and contact details there. It would be good to advertise those events which happen on our premises regularly.

The Sacrament of Confirmation - 2025:

Preparation Classes have begun in St Paulinus' School, and the ones in St Joseph's Church are as follows: Saturday 12th, 19th and 26th January 2025. Application forms are still available. PLEASE RETURN ANY OUTSTANDING FORMS TO SARAH RILEY FOR THE ST JOSEPH'S GROUP ASAP.

If there are any adults interested in Confirmation, please speak with Fr Stephen directly.

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 - This week for HCPT.

OL & St P - 200 Club:

Sunday 17th Nov - winner - no: 147 -Gerrard McGrath

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.

St Joseph's Christmas Fair:

Thank you to everyone who attended - and especial thanks to those who organised and ran the event! Total to date is over £493 - and there is an opportunity to continue to support after this weekend's Masses - Thank you!

OL & St P - Christmas Fair:

Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto in the Hall Saturday 7th December. Please return raffle ticket stubs and money asap. Items for all stalls and raffle prizes still needed. Donations for the Fair needed - raffle prizes, bottles, toiletries, gifts, tombola prizes etc. Cakes on the day.

Rains Fail Again: "The farmers are crying":

Our Lady & St Paulinus' parish has had a link with Fr

Last Weekend's Offertories:

St Joseph's	Env	£96.00
	Plate	£126.50
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£146.00
	Plate	£141.50
Total:		£510.00
Other Income		
Youth Service		£ 51.00
St J Christmas Fair (to date)		£493.00
50 Club		£200.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Ambrose in Tanzania for over twenty years. He has been in touch recently and said "the farmers are crying" as the rains have failed again and their community are suffering terribly. Fr Stephen has agreed to have a special collection at the end of Mass on the weekend 7th & 8th December, in both churches. Any thing you can give will be a great help and every penny will be passed on directly to Fr Ambrose to help the poor in his community: Baraki, Tanzania.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 - Jubilee Year:

St Patrick's and St Mary's pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th - 28th June 2025. After over forty years, next year is likely to be the last jumbulance to Lourdes from St Patrick's. We currently require one more helper to join us. The role is extremely fulfilling but quite straightforward. You must be fit enough to push a wheelchair and willing to possibly share a room with a "VIP" (a person with an illness or who is elderly). Please budget for around £700 for the travel, hotel and full board. This small note cannot do justice to this unique experience so please speak to Paul Leese for further details (0758 210 1538).

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 - An Invitation:

St John Fisher School are holding a Year 7 & 8 Carol concert on Wednesday 11th Dec at 11.10am. We would like to invite any elderly parishioners to come and join us. Our Youth SVP group will be serving mince pies and refreshments afterwards. Please sign in at reception on arrival.

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.

Rejoice in Hope - Advent Time of Recollection:

You are invited to start Advent in the best possible way with the sensational Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal at Ss Peter and Paul's Wakefield. Sunday 8th December, 2pm-6pm. The event will include wonderful music, talks, discussion time, refreshments, Adoration and the opportunity for Eucharistic healing. Confessions will also be available. Don't miss this special opportunity for a beautifully peaceful, and prayerful retreat afternoon.

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.

Advent Retreat (Age 15 To Young Adults):

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to

make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details from director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours:

Free Guided Tour on 14th December. The tour lasts about 1 hour and is free! No booking is required.

Fr Richard Carter's Ruby Jubilee:

Fr. Richard Carter will be celebrating his Ruby [40 years] 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 [over the road from the Church] afterwards. All former parishioners who remember him are cordially invited, but if you intend to stay for the reception please notify by email numbers attending in your group 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

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 epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.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

The Annual Lourdes Dinner Dance:

Friday 28th February 2025 at the Met Hotel in Leeds, Tickets are £40 each, this includes a reception drink, a 3 course dinner and entertainment throughout the night. Please contact Phil Marshall for tickets or more info on 07766 148375 or at philmarshall49@hotmail.com

Catholic Care Vacancy:

Urgently required Support Worker for Adults with Learning Disabilities to cover a period of long-term sickness, £23,151 - £24,294 pro rata (based on qualifications and experience. Location: Keighley Post: up to 37 hours with shift patterns to include weekends and bank holidays, sleep-in allowance payable @ £40.76 per sleep. Please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> and complete an application form