

Sunday 22 December 2024
Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Cf. Is 45: 8

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Micah 5:2-5a

Thus says the Lord:
You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the
strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
And he shall be their peace.

Responsorial Psalm 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19.

**R/: Bring us back, O God; let your face shine
forth, and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. **R/:**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. **R/:**

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R/:**

Second reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world,
he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings
and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I
said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it
is written of me in the scroll of the book."'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor
taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt

offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according
to the Law), then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do
your will'. He does away with the first in order to
establish the second. And by that will we have been
sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia.
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord;
let it be to me according to your word.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the
hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the
house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when
Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped
in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy
Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of
my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the
sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my
womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to
her from the Lord.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed
Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever
nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's
Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace
you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his
Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and
enrich you with his blessing.

Amen.

As you run the race of this present life, may he make
you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

Amen.

So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's
coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich
reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and
remain with you for ever.

Amen.

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and St Joseph, Batley Carr



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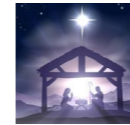
Sunday 22nd December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve



10.00am	Mass of the Day (Harold Jelly [RIP])	St Joseph
6.00pm	Family Mass (Winnie Walsh [RIP])	St Paulinus
12.00am	Midnight Mass (Karen Louise Teale & Family)	St Joseph

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day



9.30am	Mass of the Nativity (Rev Patrick Kelly)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass of the Nativity (Parishes & People)	St Paulinus

Thursday 26th December

St Stephen, The First Martyr

12.00noon	Mass (Intentions of Chrissie Bellamy)	St Joseph
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Friday 27th December

St John, Apostle & Evangelist

12.00noon	Mass (Michael John McPherson [RIP])	St Paulinus
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Saturday 28th December

The Holy Innocents

12.00noon	Mass (Maureen Lyons)	St Paulinus
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Sunday 29th December 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Mark Griffin [RIP])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Margaret Prendergast (W Ann Mem))	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Jack Moss [A] / Parishes & People)	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

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; Hugo Pineda; Paul Waters

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); Anthony Brennan (LD); Eroll Hannon (LD);
Marie Kelly (A); Marie Wood (A); Ada Thompson (A); Olive Jennings (A); Ida Gazzero (LD).

*In the cold of the night,
he stretches out his tiny arms towards us:
he is in need of everything, yet he comes to give us
everything. Let us ask him for the strength to be
open to dialogue. On this festive day, let us implore
him to stir up in the hearts of everyone a yearning
for reconciliation and fraternity.*



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.

Buildings & Fabric Steward

Contact: John Dennehy -

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 - 07733 864751
Jim Regan - 01924 469700

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:

Margaret Prendergast (W Ann Memories); Jim Norris (B'day A); Rev Patrick Kelly (Sp Int); Prick Alcock (A); Theresa Lodge (A).

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!!

St Joseph's 50 Club Winners:

1st - £100 - No.111 Scott Lynch
2nd - £50 - No. 128 Andrea Jackson
3rd - £25 - No. 7 Margaret Brannan

OL & SP - Coffee Morning after Sunday Mass:

Come and join us after the 11.00am Mass - all are very welcome! This week it's FREE as a "thank you" for all the support during the year.

PCSO Carol Kaye will be available in the Parochial Hall after the 11.00am Sunday Mass this weekend, to chat about any local issues you may wish to bring to her attention.

OL & St P - 200 Club:

Sunday 15th Dec - winner number 43 - Jean Lyons.

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.

Share a Christmas Card at St Joseph's:

Instead of sending individual Christmas cards why not 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.

Last Weekend's Offerories:

St Joseph's	Env £115.00
	Plate £101.50
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env £310.10
	Plate £136.90
Total:	£663.50
Other Income	
Fr Ambrose Collection (Total)	£913.00
Flea Market	£88.00
Christmas Wreaths	£220.00

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

The Flea Market:

The Flea Market is now closed 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!

Crib Offerings & The Friends of the Holy Land:

We will all be celebrating here, but because of the war affecting the Holy Land, **in Bethlehem there will be No celebrations this Christmas.** Around Bethlehem and Jerusalem there have been 69 attacks on schools and 2,350 incidents affecting students and teachers. There is one still active organisation supporting Christians emotionally and practically through this time. It is the Catholic charity *The Friends of the Holy Land*. They provide young people with Trauma Therapy, Education/ Scholarships, Training and also some adults with Re-training/Job creation. They ask for your prayers and any Christmas donation you might wish. If you want to give a gift it can be done over the phone 01926 512980. There is a website explaining their mission www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Bishop Marcus encourages parishes to remember the work of FHL, and asks that Crib Offerings and other good will offerings may be made to them over Christmas.

Commencement of the Jubilee Holy Year 2025:

The Holy Father Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme for which is Pilgrims of Hope. In every Diocese across the world, the beginning of the Jubilee Holy Year is to be marked by the celebration of Mass in each Cathedral on 29th December 2024. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the 11:00am Mass at Leeds Cathedral on that day. Everyone welcome.

Jubilee Year Prayer Vigil:

St Mary's, Batley will be hosting a Prayer Vigil entitled; "Cruce, Hostia et Virginem" (the Cross, the Host and the Virgin Mary) on the 1st Friday of each month in 2025. There will be an opportunity for Confession, Adoration, Mass and receiving the Jubilee Indulgence. Friday 3rd January at 6.00pm.

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.

Online Resource for Readers at Mass:

Three short videos on 'Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary: a Refresher for Readers' have been produced by the Diocese to form a simple and concise guide and provide some useful "DOs and DON'Ts" women and men who exercise the important ministry of reading at Mass. Access videos via our YouTube channel, www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk

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.

CAFOD Jubilee Year Events:

CAFOD is offering an online Introduction to the Jubilee Year on Saturday 18 January with special guests to help us become tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout the Holy Year. Register at <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/>

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 Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@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

Open Information Session on the Diaconate:

Are you inquisitive about the Ministry of a Deacon? Then you are invited to attend an open Information session at Hinsley Hall on Saturday 8th February, 10.30am – 12pm. For more information and to register please contact david.arblaster@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. To book your place please email safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

Christmas Blessings:

Thank you all for making me welcome in the Parishes since September - Please be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones this Christmas, and every blessing in 2025. Fr Stephen & Pablo (the Labrador)