



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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
Tuesday 31st December	Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas		
	No Mass Today		
Wednesday 1st January 2025	Mary, Mother of God		(Solemnity)
	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	St Joseph
Thursday 2nd January	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church		
	No Mass Today		
Friday 3rd January	The Most Holy Name of Jesus		
	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	St Paulinus
Sunday 5th January 2025	The Epiphany of the Lord		
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Cathy Kelly & Family [Sp Int])	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Jim Norris [LD])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

In Baptism we are all made daughters and sons of the Father and so with confidence in his great love for us we turn to him with our prayers:

For the family of the Church that, by our unity and love, we will always bear witness to the love of God our Father.

For the whole human family that we may learn to live in peace, striving to break down the barriers of prejudice and intolerance.

For broken families, that they may try to find common ground on which children may flourish in loving and lasting relationships.

For all who are sick or suffering in any way, particularly those who are victims of violence or natural disasters, that they will be comforted by the love of Christ.

God of love, Father of all, teach us the sanctity of human love, and help us to live in peace with the whole of humanity that we may share your life forever. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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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; Cath 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); Deacon Patrick Kelly (LD); Ann Pygott (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.

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 - 0773 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 - amycprece@hotmail.co.uk
St J - Cathy Baxendale - cathyh79@googlemail.com

Piety Stall

Contact: Margaret Brannan (looking for helper!)

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:

John Utting (B'day A); Jim Norris (LD); Josie Lampitt (RIP); Sam Lampitt (RIP); Linda Dalby (RIP); Petrina Wood (Sp Int); Roy Robinson (Sp Int); Mary Catherine Simmons (Sp Int); Stella Estrada & Rafael Delitran (Thanksgiving); Dan Helms (LD); Margaret Swift (B-day A).

Thank you!

Sincere thanks to everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so very beautiful and fitting. Both of our churches looked wonderful, having been cleaned to within an inch! They were both festooned with floral arrangements, and made ready for the proper celebration of the Feast - Thanks to everyone concerned in preparing our churches.

Thanks to all who enhanced our liturgies as Welcomers, Collectors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers at the Altar and of course our wonderful Musicians.

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended, and celebrated the Masses with us - it was a wonderful "first Christmas" as your Parish Priest - Thank you!

Christmas Offerings:

My heartfelt thanks for your generosity with your Christmas Offerings this year - it is very much appreciated! As you may know, the Christmas and Easter Offerings in the Diocese go to the priest to make up his annual income, and so your generosity makes a huge difference throughout the whole year! Thank you, and bless you all! Fr Stephen.

Funeral Arrangements for The Rev Patrick Kelly:

Deacon Patrick's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 17th January at 12.30pm. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Marcus, and Mgr Paul Fisher will preach. Please remember Cathy and her family during these coming weeks. May Deacon Patrick rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

The Sacrament of Confirmation - 2025:

The Preparation Classes 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.

Last Weekend's Offertories:

St Joseph's	Env £170.00
	Plate £127.50
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env £211.80
	Plate £138.70
Total:	£648.00
Other Income	
Faith & Light	£50.00
Parochial Hall Hire	£315.00
Keep Fit Hall Hire	£150.00

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

2025 Diocesan Year Books:

There are a few remaining at the back of both churches - do take one, and leave a donation if you can!

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 in aid of HCPT.

OL & St P - 200 Club:

Sunday 22nd Dec - winner number 17 - Paul Waters.

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.

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 opened 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. Bishop Marcus will open the Jubilee Year in our Diocese offering Mass at St Anne's Cathedral today (Sunday), but has sent a Pastoral Letter to be read in all churches and chapels of the diocese this weekend.

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 email richard.carter@dioceseofleeds.org.uk before 31/12/24.

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

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

The Next Week or so...:

I shall be taking a few days break over the next week, so please look carefully at the weekly Mass / Service schedule! Thank you to those who will look after things in my absence! Next weekend the Church will celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, and the celebrant at the Masses will be Monsignor Donal Lucey. I know you will make him very welcome. God Bless you and your loved ones in the coming New Year. Fr Stephen.