



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday 10th December St Francis Xavier, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7.00pm	Mass (Anthony Disken)	St Joseph
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Wednesday 11th December Advent Weekday

10.00am	Mass (Ann Pygott [In Appreciation])	St Joseph
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Thursday 12th December Advent Weekday

10.00am	Mass (Madeleine Waters)	St Paulinus
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Friday 13th December St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

10.00am	Mass (Winnie Walsh [LD])	St Paulinus
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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

Let us Pray...

As we seek to prepare our hearts and our world for the coming of the Lord let us turn to our loving Father:

For the Church, that all who follow Christ will heed his call to repentance and be ready to greet him when he returns in glory.

For our world, that people will be more willing to share the earth's resources so that the basic needs of all will be met.

For ourselves, that the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist may be a constant reminder to us to share our lives with those we meet.

For our own parish community, especially those who are sick, troubled or bereaved, that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of Christ's love.

For refugees, asylum seekers and all who are far from home, that the loving mercy of God will preserve and support them.

For all who have died in faith, and for those whose faith was known only to God, may they receive mercy and fulness of life in the Kingdom.

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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.

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).

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)

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

Keep Fit Classes

OLSP - Parochial Hall every Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am. Inara Bennett - 07920 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 -

Sacristan

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

Safeguarding Representatives (Both Churches)

There are three people from across the parishes who have expressed an interest in taking on this important responsibility as a team. Thank you!

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Contact: Cath Knowles (President) 07986 142049
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

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Ingrid Stowell (LD); Roger Agagon & Family (RIP); Harold Jelly (RIP); Ellen Jelly (RIP); Intentions of Chrissie Bellamy; Jack Moss (A).

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 11th, 18th and 25th January 2025. 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 - This week for SVP.

OL & St P - 200 Club:

Sunday 24th Nov -winner no. 28 Wanda Render
Sunday 1st Dec winner no. 158 Catherine Quinn.

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 help and support. Lists of winning raffle numbers available at the back of Church, Please collect prizes from the Parochial Hall Sunday lunchtimes.

St Joseph's Christmas Raffle - Winning Numbers:

1: Blue 345 (Claimed) **2:** Blue 247 (Claimed)
3: Peach 834 **4:** Pink 823
5: Pink 947 (Claimed) **6:** White 926
7: Blue 209

Please come and claim your prize - Thank you for your support as the raffle raised £214.00! Making a Grand Total for the Christmas Fayre of £800! Thanks to everyone concerned!

Last Weekend's Offertories:

St Joseph's	Env £55.00
	Plate £148.50
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env £166.00
	Plate £151.50
Total:	£521.00
Other Income	
Donation (Funeral OLSP)	£66.00
Flea Market	£192.50

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

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 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.

Rains Fail Again: "The farmers are crying":

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

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.

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

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

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. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision/skills for leadership, a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing/delivering strategy. 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.