



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd March 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Ann Pygott [RIP])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Catherine & John Lynn [Foundation])	St Paulinus

Tuesday 4th March

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm	Mass (Andrea Healey [RIP])	St Joseph
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Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

10.00am	Mass (Walter Wright [RIP])	St Joseph
7.00pm	Mass (Donna Brennan [RIP])	St Paulinus

Thursday 6th March

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

10.00am	Mass (Peter Hewitt [Foundation Mass])	St Paulinus
12.15pm	Funeral Service for Susan Mary Toole	St Paulinus

Friday 7th March

Friday after Ash Wednesday

10.00am	Mass (David Wilcock [Foundation Mass])	St Paulinus
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Sunday 9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent

5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Nicholas Hart [A])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Bernadette Wilcock [Foundation])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

For the Church that, as stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God, all its members will persevere in the Lord's work and bear good fruit.

For our world, that the policies and actions of those in positions of power and authority may always lead to the common good.

For conversations between individuals, communities and nations, that they may be hallmarked with respect, integrity and the pursuit of truth.

For all of us gathered here, that we may each recognise our own weaknesses and build each other up in charity and peace.

For our Holy Father, and all who are sick, or suffering in any way, that they will know Christ's healing love.

For those who have died, and those suffering the pain of bereavement, that the victory of Christ will bring comfort and healing.

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

Graham Lindley; Rev Russell Ashworth; Michael Kujacz; Cath Kelly; Chris Sinclair; Margaret Ingham; Kat Madina, Christina Sweeny.

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

Giuseppe Gerado Lencki (LD); Sheila Mongon; Ann Pygott (LD); Ricky James (LD); Sam Connors; Maureen Oldroyd (A); Joan Carter (LD); Rev Patrick Kelly (LD); Carmela Walker (B'day A); Lindsay Duxbury (LD); Elizabeth Waschkoloski (LD); Alan Priestly (LD); Joyce Loveday (LD); Susan Toole (LD); Linda Harrison (A); Anne Swithenbank (LD); Michael Walsh (LD); Susan Toole (LD); Sarah McVicar (A)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE PRAYER SHEETS IN CHURCH FOR MARCH

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 - Jill Riordan - 07495 134218

Church Hall Bookings

OLSP - Roy Jno Baptiste - 07734 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 (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:

Michael McPherson (A); Mary Taylor (A); Nicholas Hart (A).

Prayers For The Holy Father:

Bishop Marcus writes: "I ask the lay faithful, clergy and religious throughout our diocese to join me in fervent prayer for the Holy Father Pope Francis during this time of his serious illness. Let us ask Almighty God to grant the Holy Father the gift of healing, comfort in faith, the blessing of hope and the strength of divine love in his suffering. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Unfailing Help, intercede for him, and may the prayers of St George defend him from all evil."

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 & SP - Coffee Morning after Sunday Mass:

Come and join us after the 11.00am Mass - all are very welcome! This week in aid of Faith & Light.

OL & St P - 200 Club:

Winner: Sunday 23rd Feb - no. 71 - Hannah Cummins

Palm Crosses:

Please leave any old palm crosses in the boxes at the back of the churches. These will be burnt to provide the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday - Masses & Services:

10.00am Mass at St Joseph's Church.
11.15am Service in St Joseph's School.
1.30pm Service in St Paulinus' School.
7.00pm Mass in St Paulinus' Church.
There is also a Mass at St John Fisher School Chapel at 1.30pm - you are most welcome to attend, but will need to sign in at the school reception upon arrival.

Stations of the Cross

We will make Stations of the Cross each week after the First Sunday of Lent. Details in next weekend's bulletin - but please do consider leading Stations (resources are available and help will be given!)

22nd / 23rd February

Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's	Env £97.00
	Plate £134.80
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env £206.00
	Plate £181.50

Other Income

Happy Memories Group	£555.00
Flea Market:	£149.20

Thank you for your continuing 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

First Reconciliation 2025:

Children in Yr 3 and above who have not yet made their First Reconciliation (First Confession) are invited to join the preparation sessions which are being offered. For children in St Paulinus' school, please speak with Miss Regan, and complete the application form. Children who do not attend St Paulinus' are invited to get an application form from either Sarah Riley or Fr Stephen, and preparation will take place on Saturday afternoons (22nd & 29th March - 3.30pm-5.30pm) at St Joseph's Church Hall.

Leeds Pax Christi Prayer Service:

Leeds Pax Christi is organising an Ash Wednesday Prayer Service outside Holy Trinity Church on Boar Lane on 5 March, 12.30pm. We urge repentance for those involved in nuclear war preparations and pray that we all have the courage to say yes to peace no to war. All are welcome.

Lent Days of Recollection:

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham will lead two days of recollection at Ss Peter and Paul's Church in Wakefield on Saturday 8 March from 10am until 4pm and Sunday 9 March 1.30pm until 5.30pm. The theme is Journeying into God: Prayer as Relationship with God, Self and Others. For more details go to <https://www.peterpaul.org.uk/> If you are attending on Saturday, please bring a packed lunch.

Dementia Friends Online Training:

Leeds Diocese older people's charity *Growing Old Grace-fully* and Age Friendly Leeds are offering free online training for people in the Diocese to learn how to become Dementia Friends. The two identical sessions are Monday 10th March 2.30pm – 3.30pm and Tuesday 29th April 7.00pm – 8:00pm. To book on either session e-mail: growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Visit of Sacred Relics:

The Relics of Saints Andrew, Columba and Margaret of Scotland will be visiting Leeds Cathedral from Monday 10th March until Sunday 16th March 2025. It will be possible to visit the relics, which will be housed in the North Transept, outside the times of the advertised services and during the usual opening hours of the Cathedral. On Saturday 15th March 2025, I will celebrate a Votive Mass on that day in the Cathedral at 12Noon. Please let your parishioners know about this Visit and the details of the celebration of the Votive Mass.

Doorways of Hope - Online Events:

Leeds Diocese older people's charity *Growing Old Grace-fully* is hosting a programme of 3 hour-long online events on the theme of hope, to be led by Paula Shanks and Mgr. Donal Lucey. The dates are Tuesday 18 March (afternoon), Wednesday May 14 (evening) and Thursday July 10 (evening). To book or for info email: growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy Chapel:

We will be hosting 12 Hours for the Lord - as part of our series of events to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7am on Friday March 28th and continue until 7pm. Parishioners from our local churches are invited to drop into our school chapel to join. We will end our 12 hours with Benediction. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church to indicate your presence.

New Bereavement Ministry Training:

There is another presentation of this two day course for those wishing to learn the basics of grief and how to accompany those who are grieving. The next training will be on Saturday 22 March and Saturday 5 April 2025 (9.45am – 4pm each day) at The Briery. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

The Search for Truth: Edith Stein, 14–16 March 2025

Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours Winter Programme:

The next 'Free Guided Tour' will take place on Saturday 22nd March at 1.30pm. The tour last about 1 hour. No booking is required.

Chrism Mass:

The annual Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday of Holy Week (16 April) at Leeds Cathedral at 11:00am. The sacred oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, used throughout the Diocese, will be blessed at the annual celebration. Our priests will also renew their priestly promises. All welcome to attend.

Celebration of Married Life:

On Saturday 17th May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and send it to the Bishop's Secretary: Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or Email it to: bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, by Friday 2nd May 2025.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Fri 4 - Thurs 10 July 2025. Bookings are now open. The theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope', to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Jubilee is a major celebration in which pilgrims are invited to immerse themselves in God's infinite mercy. Early booking strongly recommended. In anticipation of higher than usual numbers, transfers will be offered to and from Stansted Airport once the Leeds flight is full. Please book via the Tangney website or by phone directly with Tangney Tours. Further information is available on the Diocesan website.

Recruitment of Lay Trustees:

Applications are welcomed for the role of Trustee from Catholic lay faithful to enrich the diversity of the Board's membership. Additionally, the Diocese are seeking to expand the committee structure of the Trustees and would welcome applications for membership of those committees as well. Please see the Diocesan website for more details and how to apply.