



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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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
Tuesday 11th March	Weekday of Lent		
	6.15pm	Stations of the Cross	St Joseph
	7.00pm	Mass (Kelly & Dickinson Family [Sp Int])	St Joseph
Wednesday 12th March	Weekday of Lent		
	10.00am	Mass (Margaret Prendergast [B'day A])	St Joseph
Thursday 13th March	Weekday of Lent		
	10.00am	Mass (Ellen Mary & Chales Henry Ingham [FM])	St Paulinus
	12.00noon	Funeral Service for Anne Swithenbank	St Paulinus
Friday 14th March	Weekday of Lent		
	10.00am	Mass (Sam Lampitt [RIP])	St Paulinus
	10.30am	Stations of the Cross	St Paulinus
Sunday 16th March 2025	Second Sunday of Lent		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Michael Lynch [A])	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Giuseppe Gerado Lencki [RIP])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

For Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, – that he may receive healing from the Lord and that the whole Church, and all who follow Christ, will keep Lent well, and come to the Feast of Easter with hearts and minds renewed.

For our world, that slavery and injustice everywhere be ended.

For all those seeking full communion with the Church, especially those who will be received this Easter, that they may be guided by our example of faith.

For ourselves, that we will each seek to renew ourselves spiritually through the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

For all the sick and suffering, the homeless and the housebound, that they will be comforted by the healing touch of Christ.

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

Graham Lindley; Rev Russell Ashworth; Michael Kujacz; Cath Kelly; Chris Sinclair; Margaret Ingham; Kat Madina, Christina Sweeny; Cissie Atkinson; Rev'd Michael Inman; Darren Ramos.

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); Matthew Horbury (LD); Elizabeth Ivy Whitely (LD); Jane Hirst (LD); Jerry Bailey (LD); Margaret Mirfield (LD); Sam Connors (LD); Ricky James (LD).

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 - 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:

Susan Toole (LD); Vicki O'Keefe (RIP); Muriel Lawford (A); Jim Norris (RIP); Rita Flynn (RIP); Margaret Prendergast (RIP) x2.

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 the Friends of St Paulinus School.

St Joseph's 50 Club:

February Winner of £50 - Anne Goodall (no 56)

OL & St P - 200 Club:

Winner: Sunday 2nd March - no. 29 James Harrington

Stations of the Cross

We will make Stations of the Cross each week throughout the rest of Lent. I am pleased that they will be made in both churches, and trying to make it possible for as many people as possible to come along, they will be both evening and day time.

+++Tuesday evening, 6.15pm at St Joseph's+++

+++Friday morning, 10.30am at St Paulinus'+++

There are sheets at the back of each church to offer to lead Stations, please consider doing this! Support and resources are available, just have a chat with Fr Stephen.

1st / 2nd March 2025

Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's	Env £222.00
	Plate £134.30
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env £197.60
	Plate £165.40

Other Income

Hall Hire St Paulinus	£140.00
Flea Market:	£181.50

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 or above 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.

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.

Excavating Hope – The 2025 Romero Lecture:

13th March, 7.00pm. Fr Luis Orlando Jimenez, a Mexican Jesuit, will link his work on human trafficking and the disappeared in Mexico & South America with the life of St Oscar Romero. ALL welcome. See www.leedsjp.org.uk for more details.

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.

Lenten Day of Reflection:

Saturday 29 March. Fr Dennis Cassidy will lead a day of exploration on the Lenten theme of forgiveness and healing at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley. £42pp to include morning coffee, a 2-course lunch and afternoon

tea. Booking essential - please call 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

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.

Train To Teach:

Are you interested in training to teach in a Catholic School? St. Anthony's Catholic Partnership are recruiting now for September 2025. If you would like further details please contact Hannah Taylor on h.taylor@stanthonysleeds.org.uk or 0113 2776944.

School Social Worker Vacancy:

Salary currently £30,559 - £35,235, pro rata dependent on qualifications and experience. Post: Permanent Part time or 1 X Fixed term 15 hours to cover Maternity Leave. Location: West and North Yorkshire. You must hold a Social Work Qualification. Closing Date: Open until the vacancy has been filled.

Catholic Care Vacancy:

Mental Health Outreach Support Worker, £24,404 - £25,584 pro rata. 23 hours per week. Based in Leeds. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or email your CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk