



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



Website:

www.olaspandstjosephs.org.uk

Diocese of Leeds Registered Charity No: 249404



Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Webb
St Joseph's Presbytery
25 Naylor Street
Batley Carr WF13 2DF
Tel: (01924) 465531

e-mail: stephen.webb@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 21st September 2025 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Amalia & Thomas [Sp Int])	St Joseph
<i>Bishop's Visitation Mass</i>	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
<i>Bishop's Visitation Mass</i>	11.00am	Mass (Honora Moss (nee Boland) [B'day A])	St Paulinus

Tuesday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
--------	-------------------	-----------

Wednesday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
---------	-------------------	-----------

Thursday 25th September Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.00am	Mass (Marlene Hill [LD])	St Paulinus
6.00pm	Reception of Remains - Jane Beddows	St Paulinus

Friday 26th September Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.00am	Mass (Fr Barrie Cummins [Sp Int])	St Paulinus
11.15am	Funeral Service for Jane Beddows	St Paulinus

Sunday 28th September 2025 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Rev Patrick Kelly [RIP])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Koletta Cha Cha [LD])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

Filled with the knowledge of God's everlasting love for all, we now turn to him with our prayers:

For the Church, entrusted with the riches of the Gospel, that we may pray with faith, act with justice and so be a living sign of God's presence in the world.

For our world, especially those countries and peoples marred and disfigured by warfare and violence. May all the leaders of the world work tirelessly for peace, justice and respect for others.

For the harvest and for all who work to bring food to the table, that they may receive a just reward for their labours.

For our own community, that we may be a people of prayer, listening and responding to the Word of God and the needs of others.

For the aged and infirm, the bereaved and the lonely, that they may know comfort and healing.

Merciful Father, you are our help and our strength. Open our hearts to your grace that we may always know, and do, your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

+++

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

Michael (Tony) Murphy; Fr Russell Ashworth; Rosaleen Cronin; Mary Gallagher; Sharon McCormack; Adrian Keachie; Lynda Walker; Evie; Dot Meadows; Rosie & Gordon Fisher; Jean Fisher.

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

Sheila Wilcock (LD); Maureen Lyons (A); Fred & Nancy Wood (A); David Goodall (A)

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 Joseph's)

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

Safeguarding Representatives (Both Churches)

Cathy Baxendale; Andrea Jackson; Elizabeth Stanley & Helen Regan

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:

Koletta Cha Cha (LD); May Carroll (LD); Patrick Kelly (RIP) x2.

This Weekend:

We welcome Bishop Marcus to both the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses this weekend. Bishop Marcus is making his pastoral visitation to our churches and will spend time with Fr Stephen discussing many aspects of our parishes, their life and mission.

St Joseph's Coffee after Mass:

Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass on Sunday and Wednesday - just come along!

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.

OL & St P - 200 Club:

Winner 14th September: No 81 - Trevor Teale.

St Paulinus - Keep Fit:

Keep fit will re-open on the 30th Sept.

Journey in Faith:

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Perhaps your partner is Catholic, and you'd like to find out more about the faith for yourself? Perhaps you know someone who is searching in their faith, and you could point them in this direction? Each year we gather a group of adults (of all ages) to explore the Catholic faith, with a view to being baptised or being received into full communion with the Church. Joining the group doesn't in any way mean that you have to go ahead with baptism or reception - it's a friendly, gentle forum in which we can talk about and learn about the Catholic faith, and the different journeys of faith which people tread. We will begin in October, and meet every other week, after the 7.00pm Mass on a Tuesday evening at St Joseph's. Please contact Fr Stephen if you are interested in joining the group.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy Admission:

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 and is due to start 'BIG' school in

13th & 14th September 2025

Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's

Env £265.00

Plate £112.30

Our Lady & St Paulinus'

Env £193.00

Plate £193.50

Other Income

Flea Market (New to You)

£116.20

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

September 2026?

If so, and you would like to enrol your child at St Joseph's, please join us for our OPEN DAY event on 14th October 2025. All applications to be made on the Kirklees Online Admissions Portal @ www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-primary-school-place.aspx.

You must also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which you can also download from the Kirklees Admissions Portal or collect from our main school office. The deadline for both online applications and to hand in your SIF at school (with a copy of your child's birth certificate) is 15th January 2026. If you need any support with your application please ring: Tel: 01924 462053 email: office@stjosephsdewsbury.co.uk

Who Do We Think We Are?

To reflect on this Jubilee Year of Hope, we would like to gather and publish (on the Feast of Christ the Universal King) an oversight of our service as the Catholic community across our two churches and parish communities since the start of the liturgical year in December 2024. Without giving names or personal details, folk from both churches and our three schools are encouraged to send information to Cathy Baxendale by email to: cathyh79@gmail.com as follows:

Service to Church:

e.g., The number and age range of servers, readers, musicians, cleaners, florists, those who meet and greet, serve tea after Mass, catechists, those receiving sacraments. Please also share how you or visitors with you have been made welcome in our churches or where in the world you have been on pilgrimage or prayed for the work of our churches this year

Service to the Community:

e.g., The work of organisations such as the SVP, groups for seniors and/or those with Alzheimer's etc and their carers, children with disabilities, the Flea Market. How many of us do paid or voluntary work as a result of our calling to serve - health, education, social care, emergency services, charity

All info to cathyh79@gmail.com by ALL SAINTS

Dewsbury Churches Together United Service:

On Sunday 28th September 6.30pm at the Church of the Nazarene Dewsbury. All are welcome!

The Bible Timeline Course:

Understand the Bible from start to finish: the Old and New Testament, with this free of charge, world-renowned course presented online live by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on Wed 1st October 2025 at 7pm UK time (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: comeandsee.org

St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy:

We warmly invite prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form students and their parents to our Annual Open Day on Saturday 4th October 2025, from 9.30am until 12.30pm. All are welcome!

Annual Batley Torchlight Procession:

Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 6th October, at 7:30pm. We start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and end at the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Church. All Welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Journeying As Older People:

Wednesday 8th October 10am-2pm, Cathedral Hall, Leeds Cathedral. Leeds Diocese older people's charity

Growing Old Grace-fully is hosting a morning event offering a chance to reflect on our own journey into later life, as Pilgrims of Hope, and explore finding the God of where in our own life. To book or for more info, please email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

How Do We Sustain Hope in Today's World?:

Saturday 11th October 10:30 – 4pm at Hinsley Hall. A one day retreat on hope with Fr Luis Orlando Perez Jimenez SJ. Organised by SPARK Social Justice. See www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk for more details.

Caritas Leeds:

"Hope Does Not Disappoint," Sat 18th October, 10am-2pm: Hinsley Hall. A morning of prayer, reflection and discussion to help us renew our commitment to putting Catholic Social Teaching into action in our parishes, schools and communities. Buffet lunch. To register your interest: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk/ 0113 261 8040.

Celebrating Laudato Si:

Mini-Pilgrimage to Kirkstall Abbey: Saturday 20th October 12:45 – 4pm. Join people from across the Northern dioceses for this 4.7 mile pilgrimage from Leeds City Station to Kirkstall Abbey – mainly following the towpath of the Leeds & Liverpool canal. Full details on the Justice & Peace website www.leedsjp.org.uk

Family And Group Stays at Castlerigg Manor:

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Date for your Diary!

Come along on Thursday 20th November to the Hummingbirds Decade(nce) Concert in St Joseph's Church Hall to celebrate their 10 years together.

Mary's Meals:

Mary's Meals currently works in 16 of the world's poorest countries, feeding over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. They are asking you to donate any left over foreign currency or obsolete UK currency that you may have lying around. **Just bring any foreign or old coins/notes to church during September** and we will pass them on. The money raised from this initiative will help Mary's Meals bring hope to more desperately hungry children across the globe. Every 10p is enough to provide a hungry child with a nutritious meal in school. Thank you for your generous support & prayers.

Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) Survivors' Survey:

As part of a thematic audit of survivor engagement, the CSSA is actively seeking insight from those who have lived experience of abuse and is carrying out a public call for information. This is an opportunity for anybody with information to share with the CSSA (anonymously if you wish).

To find out more about the CSSA's current public call for information, and how you can complete a survey, please visit their dedicated webpage <https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/>