





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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th December 2025	Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)	Gaudete Sunday
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve) Confessions 6.00pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Bernard Prendergast [B'day A]) 9.30am Mass (Philip A Waite [A] / Pro Pop) 11.00am Mass (Joe & Jean Attard [60th W Ann])	St Joseph St Joseph St Joseph St Paulinus
Tuesday 16th December	Advent Weekday 7.00pm Mass (Elizabeth Shepard [LD])	St Joseph
Wednesday 17th December	Advent Weekday **Mass in St Joseph's School** 10.00am	Mass (Mary Walsh [Christmas Bouquet]) St J School
Thursday 18th December	Advent Weekday 10.00am	Mass (Patrick Hird [LD]) St Paulinus
Friday 19th December	Advent Weekday 10.00am	Mass (Alice Watson [B'day A]) St Paulinus
Sunday 21st December 2025	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)	
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve) Confessions 6.00pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Parishes & People) 9.30am Mass (Isabel Anna Riley & Georgina Lily Riley) 11.00am Mass (Kenneth Fawcett [FM])	St Joseph St Joseph St Joseph St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

Henri J.M. Nouwen



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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; Kat Madina; Val; Simon; Virgie Acharon; Stella Duda; Terence Swift; Tricia Galido; Elsamma; Maureen Finneran.

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); Bridget Dearmer (B'day A); Jane Beddows (LD); Bernard McGrath (LD); Helen (A); Shedu (A); Eileen Goodwin (LD); Jack Millar (A); Cissie Atkinson (LD); Carmela Walker (A); Glenis Brown (LD); David Gledhill (LD); Robert Fargie (LD); Sharon Potter (LD); James Jenkins (LD); Sam Connors (A); Ricky James (LD); Daniel Murphy (LD); Reynaldo David (LD); Roger Agagon (LD); Margaret Lingwood (LD); Con Dennehy (A); Tracy Wilcock (LD); Ann Broome (LD); Freda Siddall (LD); Christina Williams (LD); Chris Sinclair (LD); Patrick Hird (LD); Baby Ava-Rose (LD); Terry Hopkins (LD); Joseph Bean (LD); Diane Bergeron (LD). NB - All lists will be cleared after Christmas - please see new lists then.

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 - see at St Joseph's

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 - Looking for more volunteers - always!

St J - Elaine Ellis - 07933 272277

Church Flowers Contacts

OLSP - Ask in Church

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 Mackey 01924 527000

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Elizabeth Shepard (LD); Keith Leighton (LD); Patrick Hird (LD).

Join Bishop Marcus in Praying for Vocations:

Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.

OL & SP and St J Christmas Card & Invitation:

On the way out of Mass you will be given a couple of parish Christmas Cards - please take one for yourself, and pass on one or two to other people who might need a little more encouragement, and an invitation to return to Mass this Christmas!

St Joseph's Coffee after Mass:

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

St Joseph's 50 Club - November Winner:

Number 23 - Pat O'Keefe

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 SVP.

OL & SP - 200 Club:

Winner 7th Dec: No 5 - DINLC.

HCPT - Carols by Candlelight: THIS WEEKEND

On Sunday 14th December in the Hall 6.30pm with St Paulinus School Choir. Tickets or pay at the door £3 for adults £1 for children. All money for HCPT Lourdes fund. . Proceeds for Lourdes Fund.

Mass in St Joseph's School:

On Wednesday morning (17th December) the daily Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's school - to which everyone is invited! There will be Refreshments afterwards, to get you n the festive mood!

Carols & Mince Pies in St Paulinus School:

On Thursday 18th December - 1.30pm - All 'older parishioners' are welcome to come to St Paulinus School Hall and enjoy Carols and Mince Pies with tea served by the Mini Vinnies.

6th / 7th December 2025 Weekly Offerings:				
St Joseph's	Env	£157.00		
	Plate	£121.50		
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£176.00		
	Plate	£125.50		
Other Income				
New to You Shop		£112.00		
St Joseph 50 Club		£250.00		
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			

St Joseph's Parish Christmas Card:

The St Joseph's 'Parish Christmas Card' is available in December. This allows you to donate to Kirkwood Hospice (or a charity of your choice) in lieu of sending individual Christmas cards.

OL & SP Christmas Fair - The Results:

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Christmas Fair this year - the total raised now stands at £1904.00!

Food Bank Donations at St Paulinus':

Please bring items for the foodbank supported by our parish - there is a box at the back of Church for your donations of tinned and non-perishable foods. Thank you for your help.

Keep Fit Classes at St Paulinus Hall:

Our keep fit exercise classes have now closed for the Christmas period and will reopen on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Missio Red Boxes:

Please return your "Red Box" to Church before Christmas for emptying and counting. Many thanks!

First Sacraments 2026:

Confirmation:

Friday 30th January 2026 - 6.30pm.

First Reconciliation:

Tuesday 24th March 2026 in St Joseph's, and Thursday 26th March 2026 in St Paulinus'.

First Holy Communion:

Saturday 6th June 2026 at St Joseph's, and Sunday 7th June 2026 at St Paulinus'.

Priestly Vocations Discernment Meetings:

Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Friday 6.30pm -8.15pm: 19th December (Venue TBC). Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact, Fr Simon Lodge: vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Live Nativity:

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal are hosting a live nativity at Corpus Christi church, Neville Road Saturday 20th December, 2pm including real animals, party afterwards refreshments, activities for children, Fr Christmas coming with gifts, Carol singing. All welcome.

Catholic Care Christmas Appeal 2025:

Catholic Care are supporting over 700 families this Christmas with special Christmas Eve Boxes filled with items to bring joy and togetherness. We're kindly asking for donations of chocolates or sweets to include in the boxes, or a cash donation to help us purchase items. To donate or learn more, please call 0113 388 5400. Thank you for helping us make Christmas brighter for those who need it most.

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - Discipleship Days:

Please join the Franciscan Friars (CFR's) at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "Called to Holiness: The Second Vatican Council after 60 Years". Upcoming dates, January 10, February 7, March 7, and May 2. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a reflection on the Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions and Eucharistic adoration, concluding around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Journey in Faith:

The Next Meeting of our Journey in Faith group is on Tuesday 13th January 2026 after the 7.00pm Mass at St Joseph's.

A Day for Catechists - "for such as these":

On Saturday 24th January, 10am-3pm offered by the Diocesan Vicariate for Education - Hinsley Hall. A day aimed at those involved with Children's Liturgy of the Word and other ministry with children. We will explore different resources and ideas to best form our children and young people - with times of prayer, input, Mass and discussion. Free event with lunch provided. Please email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book your place.

Annual Lourdes Dinner Dance:

Friday 13th February 2026 at the Met hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To secure your tickets for this popular event, contact Phil on 07766 148375 or email philmarshall49@outlook.com.

Lourdes Nurses Volunteer Appeal:

Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? Please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join the team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience, and many nurses return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

The Twelve – 2nd Survey for Young People:

The Twelve, the Youth Leadership Team for the Diocese of Leeds, are doing more research into the engagement of young people within their parish and would like to hear from even more young people! The research includes roles that young people undertake, training opportunities, and general ideas for further engagement of young people in the parish. The new survey can be accessed by visiting: https://forms.gle/p4274YfVS3XZBfsB6. Thank you!

Upcoming Funeral Arrangements:

Christopher Sinclair - Wednesday 17th December 1.45pm at St Joseph's, followed by Cremation.

Catholic Diocesan Supply Service:

We are looking for Teachers, Teaching Assistants and SEN Support Staff to work with schools across the Diocese. Call us on 0113 331 4121 or 01422 384 100.

Christmas Masses in our Churches

Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24th December 2025)

6.00pm Children's Christmas Vigil Mass - St Paulinus'

11.00pm Carols before Midnight Mass - St Joseph's

11.30pm Midnight Mass - St Joseph's

Christmas Day (Thursday 25th December 2025)

9.30am Mass of Christmas Day - St Joseph's

11.00am Mass of Christmas Day - St Paulinus'

Friday 26th December 2025

12.00noon St Stephen's Day Mass - St Paulinus'

Saturday 27th December 2025

12.00noon St John's Day Mass - St Joseph's