



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 21st December 2025 *Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)*



5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Isabel Nina Riley & Georgina Lily Riley)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Kenneth Fawcett [FM])	St Paulinus

Tuesday 23rd December *Advent Weekday*

7.00pm	Mass (Keith Leighton [LD])	St Joseph
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Wednesday 24th December *Advent Weekday*

10.00am	Mass (Pat Gaughan [Christmas Bouquet])	St Joseph
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Wednesday 24th December *Christmas Eve*



6.00pm	Children's Vigil Mass (Liam Gallivan [LD])	St Paulinus
11.00pm	Carols	St Joseph
11.30pm	Midnight Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph

Thursday 25th December *Christmas Day*



9.30am	Mass (Ann Pygott [1st A])	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Patrick Hird [LD])	St Paulinus

Friday 26th December *St Stephen, Deacon & The First Martyr*

12.00noon	Mass (Marjorie Webb [Sp It])	St Paulinus
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Saturday 27th December *St John, Apostle & Evangelist*

12.0noon	Mass (Patrick Walsh [Christmas Bouquet])	St Joseph
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Sunday 28th December 2025 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*



5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Margaret Prendergast [RIP])	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Kathleen Riordan [2nd A])	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, those who have died recently,
and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time...Lord, in your mercy...

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 - 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 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
Interim Head: Ms E McDonagh 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:
Jack Moss (A); Ann Pygottt (1st A) x 3; Liam Gallivan & Family (LD); Roger (LD); Margaret Prendergast (Wedding Anniversary Memories - RIP).

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.

Readers and Ministers at the Christmas Masses:
Please sign up on the sheets in each church to volunteer to Read or Minister at the Christmas Masses.

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 - Refreshments are free as a "thank you" for all the support from parishioners over the last twelve months.

OL & SP - 200 Club:
Winner 14th Dec: No. 129 - Norman Lyons

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.

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.

13th / 14th December 2025
Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's	Env £151.00
	Plate £116.50
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env £256.00
	Plate £202.40
<i>Other Income</i>	
OLSP - Keep Fit	£200.00

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

Mission 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'.

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.

Bereavement Accompaniment Training:
Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two-day training course in bereavement accompaniment on Saturdays 17th and 24th January 2026 at The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley. The cost is £70 and includes a cooked 2 course lunch and refreshments on both days. More information, please email epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or contact The Briery on 01943 607287.

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.

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