





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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 7th December 2025	Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Jozsef Orsos [1st A])	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Joe & Rita Armstead [FM])	St Paulinus
Tuesday 9th December	Advent Weekday		
	7.00pm	Mass (Private Intention [PH])	St Joseph
Wednesday 10th December	Advent Weekday		
	10.00am	Mass (Bishop Douglas Crosby [Sick])	St Joseph
Thursday 11th December	Advent Weekday		
	10.00am	Mass (Jim Norris [1st A])	St Paulinus
Friday 12th December	Advent Weekday		
	10.00am	Mass (Beatrice McGowan [B'day A])	St Paulinus
Sunday 14th December 2025	Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)		Gaudete Sunday
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Bernard Prendergast [B'day A])	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Philip A Waite [A] / Pro Pop)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Joe & Jean Attard [60th W Ann])	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);

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:

Isabel Nina Riley (Thanksgiving); Private Intention (PH);
Kathleen Riordan (2nd A); 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.

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 Faith & Light.

OL & SP - 200 Club:

Winner 30th Nov: No 148 Michael Woods [Samuel]

St Joseph's Christmas Stalls & Raffle:

Thank you to everyone who contributed in whatever way to last week's Christmas stalls and raffle. The total so far is £838 and rising!

The St Joseph's 'Parish Christmas Card' will also be 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 - Saturday 6th December :

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Christmas Fair this year - totals to be announced!

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'.

29th / 30th November 2025

Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's	Env £231.00
	Plate £176.50
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env £173.80
	Plate £181.20

Other Income

New to You Shop	£55.50
Piety Stall	£62.00

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 John Fisher School Yrs 7 & 8 Carol Service:

SJF will be holding their Yr 7 & 8 Carol Service in St Paulinus' Church on Wednesday 10th December at 11.30am. Although the church may be quite full, there are bound to be a few seats available, should you wish to come along!

Carols by Candlelight at St John Fisher School:

You are warmly invited to join the St John Fisher school choir and Hummingbirds for an hour of Carols by Candlelight at 6.00pm on Wednesday 10th December in the school chapel. A suggested donation of £5 towards the school Lourdes fund

Laudato Si' Advent Eco-Fair:

At Hinsley Hall, LS6 2BX, Saturday 13 December 10am to 3pm. FREE entry! Stalls, activities, advice, refreshments! PLUS Adoration in the Chapel & (weather dependent) short Rosary Walk. If YOUR parish, business, or charity would like a stall, contact communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

HCPT - Carols by Candlelight:

On Sunday 14th December in the Hall 6.30pm with St Paulinus School Choir. Tickets £3.00 for adults £1.00 for children. Proceeds for Lourdes Fund.

Carols & Mince Pies in St Paulinus School:

On Thursday 18th December -all senior members of the Parish are invited to St Paulinus School for Carols and mince pies at 1.30pm.

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.

Bereavement Accompaniment Training:

Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two day training course in bereavement accompaniment on Saturdays 11th and 18th 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. For more information, contact 01943 607287 or email: epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Journey in Faith:

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

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.

Holy Spirit Parish Pilgrimage 2026:

Are you interested in joining in a parish pilgrimage to Fatima next year? Depart August 20th 2026 and return August 27th-full details from Susan 07956048711

Leeds Cathedral Vacancy:

Leeds Cathedral is recruiting a part time caretaker to work with a small dedicated team. For an application form and further information, please e-mail your contact details to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Or alternatively for an informal chat, please phone 0113 245 4545. Closing date is Friday 12th December.

Upcoming Funeral Arrangements:

Baby Ava-Rose Lister - Friday 12th December 10.45am at St Paulinus', followed by burial.

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.

Weekly Bulletin News:

Deadline for submissions - Thursday Noon. Please post through the presbytery letterbox at St Joesph's or email: stephen.webb@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Thank you!

Christmas Masses in our Churches

Advent IV (Sunday 21st December 2025)

6.00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass - St Joseph's
9.30am Parish Mass - St Joseph's
11.00am Parish Mass - St Paulinus'

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

The Holy Family - Sunday 28th December 2025

6.00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass - St Joseph's
9.30am Parish Mass - St Joseph's
11.00am Parish Mass - St Paulinus'