



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 25th January 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Maureen Oldroyd [A])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Margaret Swift [B'day A])	St Paulinus
6.30pm	Service for Christian Unity	All Welcome
Longcauseway Church		

Tuesday 27th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time		
7.00pm	Mass (Patrick Walsh Jr [Christmas Bouquet])	St Joseph

Wednesday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church		
10.00am	Mass (Christopher Sinclair [RIP])	St Joseph

Thursday 29th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time		
10.00am	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Paulinus

Friday 30th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time		
10.00am	Mass (Stella & Ludwik Duda [RIP])	St Paulinus
6.30pm	Confirmation Service with Bishop Marcus	St Paulinus

Sunday 1st February 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Arthur Francis Roche [A])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Carmela Walker [B'day A] / Pro Pop)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Stella Duda [LD])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

For the Church, especially for Pope Leo and Bishop Marcus, that, under their guidance, we may witness to all peoples the Good News of Jesus Christ.

At a time of deep division and unsettling conflict in the world, we pray for political leaders, that they will be inspired by a sense of justice and concern for others.

For the unemployed and for all who suffer economic hardship, that they may be supported in the rebuilding of their lives.

For ourselves that, mindful of the many blessings that we have received, we may be generous in our service to others.

For all who are sick or housebound, elderly or infirm, that they will know the healing touch of Jesus in their lives.

For the poor, the imprisoned and the downtrodden, that the Good News of salvation may echo in their hearts and transform their lives.

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

Bishop Douglas Crosby; Joseph Cunningham; Christina Sweeney; Rev Russell Ashworth; Pat Walsh; Margaret Ewart; Adrian Keechi; Rosaleen Cronin; Rosie & Gordon Fisher; James Staniforth; Marcelo Casera.

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

Muriel Ferreras (LD); Luba (LD); Phillip Waite (A); Chris Sinclair (LD); Tracy Wilcock (LD); Ann Pygott (A); Lucena Cabico (A); Marie Kelly (A); Ada Thompson (A); Marie Wood (A); Oliver Jennings (A); Zelma Ozols (LD); Giuseppe Gerardo Lencki (A); Peter Logue (LD); Stella Duda (LD); Ronan John Harrington (A); Maureen Oldroyd (A); Lynda Walker; David Cleary (LD); David Gledhill (A).

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 - amypreece@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:

Patrick Hird (LD); Marie Waters (A); Paula Feeney (LD);
Ludwik & Stella Duda (RIP) x2.

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 it is in aid of the HCPT.

OL & SP - 200 Club:

Winner 18th Jan: No. 40 - Mick McGrath .

First Reconciliation Preparation at St Joseph's:

Reconciliation preparation at St Joseph's will be on the following Saturdays: 7th, 14th and 21st March 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the hall. Open to anyone from Y3 upwards. Please collect an application form from church if you wish to enrol.

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. Thanks!

Journey in Faith:

The Next Meeting of Journey in Faith is on Tuesday 27th January after the 7.00pm Mass at St Joseph's.

First Sacraments 2026:

Confirmation:

Friday 30th January 2026 - 6.30pm in St Paulinus'.

Please pray for all our young people who are to receive the Sacrament on Friday this week.

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'.

17th / 18th January 2026 Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's Env £211.00
Plate £126.50

Our Lady & St Paulinus' Env £164.10
Plate £172.90

Other Income

Crib Offerings St Paulinus £89.23
St Joseph £95.80

New to You Shop £138.00

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

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - Discipleship Days: Relics of St Gerard Majella:
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.

The Diocese of Leeds Community Choir:

welcomes all parish musicians and parishioners, all choir parents and friends, and all school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals work towards singing Mass in Leeds Cathedral, and will take place from 2.30pm - 4.00pm 25th January, 8th and 22nd February, 8th, 15th and 22nd March at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. Please email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk to sign up.

Annual Martin House Quiz:

This wonderful event will take place on Friday 30th January 2026, at the Parochial Hall starting at 8.00pm. Teams of 5 or 6 people £10 / £12 entry. Contact Roy or Jim for more details.

'Peace Be With You!' – A Retreat Day:

Saturday 31st January at The Briery, Ilkley. All are invited to join Wharfedale parishioners for a day of prayer and reflection at the start of the year. 10.00-3.30 £35pp including a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact Beth 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

HCPT Group 74 Pig Race:

On Friday 6th February, first Race 7:30pm at St. Paulinus Parochial Hall. Free entry - so please come and support our family fundraiser!

Vivaldi's Gloria with Gabrieli Roar:

Hear Vivaldi's ever-popular Gloria in a vibrant performance by Gabrieli Roar, bringing together Gabrieli's professional singers and orchestra with young singers from choirs across the Diocese of Leeds Schools Singing Programme.

The programme opens with Baroque favourites by Monteverdi and Purcell, showcasing music written nearly 350 years ago and still thrilling young singers today. Saturday 7th February at 7.45pm at Leeds Cathedral. To book: www.ticketsource.co.uk/gabrieli

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 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.

Relics of St Gerard Majella:

On Monday 26th January, Holy Redeemer Parish, Huddersfield will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass at St Patrick's at 7pm, and receive a blessing with his relics.

On Tuesday 27th January, St Joseph's, Bradford will host the relics with Mass at St Joseph's at 6.30 pm.

On Wednesday 28th January, St Austin's and English Martyrs parish, Wakefield will host the relics, with Mass at St Austin's at 7pm.

On Thursday 29th January, Leeds Cathedral will host the relics with Mass at the Cathedral at 5.30pm.

The Year of St Francis of Assisi:

"Peace, simplicity, love of the poor and of all God's Creation" are core Christian messages found throughout the Gospels – but of all the many saints who have exemplified these, perhaps the best-known, and one of the most beloved, is St Francis of Assisi. This year is the 800th Anniversary of the Saint's death, and Pope Leo XIV has declared a 'Year of St Francis' which will run until January 2027. This includes the special graces of a Plenary Indulgence (under the usual conditions) which will be granted to all who participate in a pilgrimage 'to any Franciscan conventional church, or place of worship in any part of the world, named after St Francis or connected to him for any reason'.

We are fortunate to have Franciscan Brothers and Sisters of the Renewal based here in the Diocese of Leeds, plus the following churches and schools associated with the Franciscans or dedicated to St Francis:

The Franciscans of the Renewal, St Pio Friary – Sedgefield Terrace, Westgate, Bradford BD1 2RU
Church of St Francis, Bradford (Parish of the Immaculate Conception and St Francis), BD2 2JU (Our Lady & St Francis Primary School)
Church of St Francis, Morley (Parish of St William of York), LS27 9NF (St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Morley)

Church of St Francis, Holbeck (Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe), LS11 6TN (St Francis of Assisi Primary School & St Anthony's Primary School)
Throughout 2026, the Leeds Justice and Peace Conservation and Environment website will be dedicated to St Francis of Assisi and to all the good news stories of how our clergy and lay faithful in parishes and schools across our Diocese are Caring for Creation, progressing peace and reconciliation, and supporting those experiencing poverty. We will be having our usual Laudato Si' Mini-Pilgrimages for each season of the year, Blessings of Animals, and supporting many projects and initiatives to make our parishes and schools as environmentally, socially and economically sustainable as possible!

Upcoming Funeral Arrangements:

Mary Cass - Wednesday 4th February, Requiem Mass at St Paulinus' Church at 1.30pm.
Richard Skiba - Thursday 5th February, Dewsbury Crematorium at 2.00pm.

Irwin Flint - Tuesday 10th February, York Crematorium at 1.20pm.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...