



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th January 2026	Second Sunday after the Nativity	
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Fr Stephen Webb [Birthday]) St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Roger [LD]) St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Jack Moss [A]) St Paulinus
Tuesday 6th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	Solemnity
	7.00pm	Mass (Kelly Family [Sp Int]) St Joseph
Wednesday 7th January	Wednesday after the Epiphany	
	10.00am	Eucharistic Service St Joseph
Thursday 8th January	Thursday after the Epiphany	
	10.00am	Eucharistic Service St Joseph
Friday 9th January	School Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord	
NB - IN CHURCH	10.00am	Mass (James Shields [FM]) St Paulinus
Sunday 11th January 2026	The Baptism of the Lord	
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (John Utting [B'day A]) St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People) St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (James & Ivy Shields [A / RIP]) St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

God gave himself completely to us when he took on flesh and lived among us. We now turn to him full of confidence that he hears and answers our prayers

For the Church throughout the world, that as a New Year begins, she may be an effective sign of the way to everlasting happiness and eternal life.

For all who are actively working to bring aid and comfort to those in need, that the Holy Spirit will give them strength.

For all affected by war, terrorism or natural disaster; for those who have died, for the bereaved, for those who are injured and for those left homeless.

For our own parish community, that each of us may learn to place all our hope and faith in the promises of the Lord and so be witnesses to the power of God's grace.

For all who are sick or suffering, neglected or alone, that the light of Christ will lead them out of darkness.

God our Father, as we celebrate the mystery of the Word made flesh, grant that he may dwell in us and we in him for he is Lord for ever and ever.

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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.

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 Gerado Lencki (A); Peter Logue (LD); Stella Duda (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

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:

Giuseppe Gerardo Lencki (B'day A); Nora Moss (nee Boland) & Patrick Boland (Anniversary of Death); Angela Cox (LD); Fr Steven Billington (Sp Int).

This Weekend:

We welcome Fr James Preston as the celebrant of our weekend Masses whilst Fr Stephen is away for a few days. Fr James is now the Spiritual Director of the Royal English College of St Alban in Valladolid, Spain. I know you will make him welcome!

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 Faith & Light.

OL & SP - 200 Club:

Winner 28th Dec: No. 158 Catherine Quinn.

Confirmations Sessions at St Joseph's:

The next confirmation preparation session at St Joseph's will be on Saturday 17th January at 3pm in the Church hall.

New to You Shop:

The New to You shop will be closed this weekend and 3rd and 4th January. If you are looking for New Years Resolution, why not consider volunteering at the shop either on the rota or helping to take unsold clothes to the weigh in or the dress agency in Ossett!

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!

Keep Fit Classes at St Paulinus Hall:

Our keep fit exercise classes will reopen on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

27th / 28th December 2025

Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's	Env	£156.00
	Plate	£128.50
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£160.00
	Plate	£93.50

Other Income

Christmas Offerings	OLSP	£619.61
	St J	£808.95

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

Journey in Faith:

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

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'.

Carols by Candlelight at the Parochial Hall:

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Carols by Candlelight at the Parochial Hall - it was a lovely event which raised £474.95 for HCPT.

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 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 ebereavementcare@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 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.

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.

Permanent Deacons:

Bishop Marcus is encouraging us all to fervently pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. In our Diocese, we have Permanent Deacons at work across the diocese, however more are needed especially in parts of the diocese where there are no active deacons.

If you are interested in exploring the permanent diaconate, you are invited to an information morning with the Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Team on Saturday 24th January at 10.30am until 12noon at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds. Wives will be most welcome attending this event.

Deacons are ordained to a public permanent ministry, while usually still in employment. Their talents, working life, as well as their married and family life, all add to the life experiences brought into their ministry. This working and family experience, enhanced by the grace of ordination, places Deacons in a unique position to serve. What is a Deacon? Deacons are to be a living icon of 'Christ the Servant' within the Church. A Deacon is first to become as Christ in his servant roles, orientated to the needs of the community in which he serves. The ordained ministry of a Deacon has three parts: Word, that is proclaiming the gospel, preaching, and catechising. Liturgy, exercised in personal prayer, the administration of Baptism, as an ordinary minister of the Eucharist, in blessing of religious artifacts etc. and as an ordinary minister for wedding and funeral services. A crucial third role of the deacon is that of Charity; a role exercised through encouragement and servant leadership in whatever may be needed within and beyond the community he serves.

Crib Offerings 2025

This year we shall be supporting two charities based in the Holy Land, the first is "The Friends of the Holy Land", a charity whom we have supported over the years, and continue to do so. FHL's aims are to support and care for Christians living with extreme suffering and injustice in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza), Jordan and Israel. Providing immediate relief and long-term practical support, so that they can remain in the land of their birthright and have hope to survive and thrive.

Our Bishop has also asked us to support a new charity which has roots in our diocese, and is the "Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust" - BCHT is the first, and still only, palliative care service in the Occupied Palestinian Territories Now entering its third year, the service is currently supporting well over 100 patients, of all faiths and none, and building compassionate communities across Bethlehem. Our Offerings will be split between both charities. If you would like to donate directly to a particular charity, here are their details:

FHL: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

BCHT: <https://bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org/>

Upcoming Funeral Arrangements:

Stanislawa "Stella" Duda: Reception into Church at 6.00pm on Wednesday 14th January. Requiem Mass on Thursday 15th January at 10.00am followed by Cremation at Dewsbury Moor. May she rest in peace.