



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd February 2026 First Sunday of Lent

5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Jace Velora Colaco [7th Birthday])	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Giuseppe Gerado Lencki [B'day A])	St Paulinus

Tuesday 24th February Weekday of Lent

6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	St Joseph
7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
7.30pm	Lent Group	St Joseph

Wednesday 25th February Weekday of Lent

10.00am	Mass (Patrick & Kathleen Alcock [RIP])	St Joseph
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Thursday 26th February Weekday of Lent

10.00am	Mass (Anne Jones [LD])	St Paulinus
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Friday 27th February Weekday of Lent

9.30am	Stations of the Cross	St Paulinus
10.00am	Mass (Kieran Sykes [LD])	St Paulinus
10.30am	Lent Group	St Paulinus

Sunday 29th February 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (...)	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (...)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Michael McPherson [B'day A])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

For the Church, that all who follow Christ will keep Lent well and so come to the Feast of Easter with heart and mind renewed.

For all who are preparing to be baptised at Easter and all who will be received into full communion with the Church: that they will always recognise the presence of Christ in their lives.

For each of us as we prepare to keep Lent Fast day on Friday that we may have a true Spirit of self-denial and be content with less so that others may have more.

For our parish community and for our brothers and sisters everywhere; that together we may aspire to seek justice for those who are oppressed, freedom for those who are held captive and relief for those without food, water or basic medicines.

For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of Christ's love.

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

Joseph Cunningham; Christina Sweeney; Rev Russell Ashworth; Margaret Ewart; Adrian Keechi; Rosaleen Cronin; Rosie & Gordon Fisher; James Staniforth; Marcelo Casera; Evie; Marcelo Casera; Myfanwy Hunter; Peter Claydon.

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); Tracy Wilcock (LD); 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); Ronan John Harrington (A); Maureen Oldroyd (A); Lynda Walker; David Cleary (LD); David Gledhill (A); Michael Cutone; Armando Cutone; Martha Sadler (A); Julie & Michael Crowther; Gary Mitchell (LD); Bill Waite (A).

Please remember to turn-off mobile phones before Mass begins...Thank you!

REGULAR EVENTS & CONTACTS

APF Red Mission Boxes

Contact: Elaine Ellis - 07933 272277

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

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

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 HCPT

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Patrick & Kathleen Alcock (RIP); Kieran Sykes (LD); Anne Jones (LD).

Formal Amalgamation of the Parishes:

Thank you for listening to the proposal to complete the formal amalgamation of our parishes, which was begun (in reality) over nine years ago. As I have said, this is much more to do with the efficient administration of the parishes, and that in reality little else will change, from what happens now. Please do see the yellow sheet of FAQs which I hope will answer any of the questions you might have...but if not, please speak with me or with any member of the Finance Committee: Helen Allsopp; Jim Brannan; Susan McPherson; Ben Preece; David Prendergast.

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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul in our Parishes:

The SVP assists individuals and families in need. If you or someone you know could use support or would simply welcome a caring visit... Confidentially call 07386 853 558

OL & SP - 200 Club:

Winner 15th Feb: 56 - Moya Halloran

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. To enrol, please collect an application form from church.

Food Bank Donations at St Paulinus':

There is a box at the back of Church for your donations of tinned and non-perishable foods. Many thanks!

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'.

14th / 15th February 2026

Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's	Env	£169.00
	Plate	£102.20
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£140.62
	Plate	£165.83

Other Income

New to You Shop	£105.20
OLSP Hall Hire	£245.00

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

This Friday - CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day:

Please do take away a CAFOD envelope for your donations for this year's Family Fast. Return them to Church next weekend.

Lenten Stations of the Cross:

We will make our Stations of the Cross in both churches throughout Lent. Please do sign up at the back of each church to lead the Stations - Previous experience is not necessary...full support will be given! You might like to lead them with somebody else, and share the load?? Please sign up!

Lent Groups - "We Dare to Ask":

This year, we will have two Lent Groups meeting each week during the season. We are piloting a Lent Scheme which has been prepared by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales and is entitled "We Dare to Ask". This course, spread over the five weeks of Lent seeks to encourage an appreciation of what is given in Christian Baptism. God desires what is best for each of us while respecting our freedom to choose. To express our acceptance of the wonderful gift that God offers us, with open hearts and a willingness to change for the better, all we need to do is ask.

We will meet at St Joseph's Church after the Tuesday evening Mass (7.00pm) and at St Paulinus' Church after the Friday morning Mass (10.00am). Please remember that you can attend either of these venues - the content will be the same in both!

Pietra Fitness® Lenten Series:

We are pleased to offer a programme of Pietra Fitness classes during the season of Lent. These classes are offered free of charge during Lent, with an optional contribution towards hall hire costs and charitable donations.

A Gentle Class for Women will be offered in St Paulinus Parochial Hall on Mondays at 10-11am starting 23rd February and running at the same time every Monday until 30th March. If you have an exercise mat, please bring it along, spares available. For more information please contact Emma Kitching, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor: Email: emma@dancercize.co.uk or Tel: 07734 361175.

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours:

Free Guided Tours will take place on Saturday 14th February and Saturday 7th March, starting at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. Booking not required. On arrival gather by the Baptismal Font in the Cathedral.

The 13th Day Film Showing:

The Fatima story DVD will be shown in Holy Spirit Parish Room on Sunday February 22nd at 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome especially, those going on the pilgrimage in August.

Mass For Healing:

Chapel at the Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York, 24th February at 11.45am with Fr Dominique Minskip, Canon Michael Loughlin and Fr Jo Michael. For assistance or if you are unable to attend but would like your name or the name of someone you know placed on the altar during the mass, please contact Fiona Hill 01904 464900 fiona@stbedes.org.uk

New Men's Group:

The Oratory of St Joseph, for young Catholic or other interested laymen aged between 21 & 35. Monthly meetings at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX, for prayer,

Benediction, talks, social time & free supper. Inaugural meeting Thursday 26th February, 6.30-8.30pm. Contact: benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Bishop John Crowley 3-Day Preached Retreat:

17th -19th March at The Briery, Ilkley. You are invited to join Bishop Crowley for a short retreat during Lent entitled "Rest and you will see, see and you will love, love and you will praise (St Augustine)" £230pp fully inclusive or £110 non-residential. For booking or more information contact the administrator on 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

Walk in Father Brown's Footsteps!

Saturday 28th March. Third Annual Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage for Priestly Vocations. From St Anne's, Keighley to Sacred Heart, Ilkley and Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary. Follows the Ilkley Moor route walked by GK Chesterton and Fr John O'Connor, the Diocese of Leeds priest who inspired 'Father Brown'. email: pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Day For Catechists, Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Saturday 11th April, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. The Vicariate for Education ran a very fruitful and well-attended day workshop for Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists in January. For anyone who was unable to make it, there will be a repeat of the day on the 11th April. This will include similar input, times of sharing and prayer. Lunch included. Please register your free place no later than 3rd April by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

A Use for Used Candles & Stubs:

Do you have any part used candles at home, and don't know what to do with them? A local charity taking humanitarian aid to Ukraine collect used candles, including stubs which are made into 'Trench Candles'. A collection box can be found in both churches. Thank you, in advance, for your support. The remaining Paschal Candles will be used for this purpose.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026:

The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. Bookings can be made online on <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or by phone direct with Tangney (01732 886666).

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.

SVP and CAFOD Work Experience:

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st - 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk