



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 15th March 2026	Fourth Sunday of Lent - <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve) Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	9.30am Mass (Michael Lynch [A])	St Joseph
	11.00am Mass (Patrick & Dorothy Hird [RIP])	St Paulinus
Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick, Bishop & Patron of Ireland	
	6.30pm Stations of the Cross	St Joseph
	7.00pm Mass (Mario & Family [Sp Int])	St Joseph
	7.30pm Lent Group	St Joseph
Wednesday 18th March	Weekday of Lent	
	10.00am Mass (Baby Prendergast [Safe Delivery])	St Joseph
	2.00pm Funeral Service for Anthony Clementson	Crematorium
Thursday 19th March	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
NB Mass in St J School	10.00am Mass (Ellen & Charles Ingham [FM])	St J School
	12.00noon Requiem Mass for Ann Jennings	St Paulinus
Friday 20th March	Weekday of Lent	
	9.30am Stations of the Cross	St Paulinus
	10.00am Mass (Debbie Holland [LD])	St Paulinus
	10.30am Lent Group	St Paulinus
Sunday 22nd March 2026	Fifth 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 (Stephen Holmes [LD])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

For the Church, that its faithful proclamation of the Gospel, calling people to repentance, may be heard and heeded by all. ✠✠✠ For Bishop Marcus, as he begins the process of consultation regarding the future direction of the Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough, and for the people of our dioceses as we prepare for the journey ahead. ✠✠✠ For a healing of our fractured world, especially we pray for peace in the Middle East and in Ukraine, praying for an end to warfare and destruction. ✠✠✠ For all those preparing to receive the sacraments that they may always recognise, and be open to, God's grace and love. ✠✠✠ For mothers everywhere and for all those who share the gift of life with others, that we may all learn to be generous in sharing our lives. ✠✠✠ For those who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of God'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 the Parochial Hall Fund

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Baby Prendergast (Safe Delivery); Mario & Family (Sp Int) x 5.

Future of the Dioceses of Leeds & Middlesbrough:

As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026>

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.

Catholic Care's Annual Appeal:

Will take place in all parishes across the Diocese of Leeds this weekend. We ask every parish to support the Appeal. Your generosity is vital in helping us continue our work with those most in need. This year's collection will support our community markets, Gianna Babybank and social isolation groups. Any donation is greatly appreciated, and we hope you can help us make this our most successful Appeal yet.

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 8th March: 185 - Ronnie Knowles

First Reconciliation Preparation at St Joseph's:

Reconciliation preparation at St Joseph's continues on the following Saturdays: 14th and 21st March 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the hall. Open to anyone from Y3 upwards.

7th / 8th March 2026

Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's	Env	£188.00
	Plate	£141.88
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£175.80
	Plate	£195.13

Other Income

New to You Shop	£94.70
SJBC 50 Club	£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

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'.

Lenten Stations of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross continue 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":

Our Lent Groups continue to 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).

Pietra Fitness® Lenten Series:

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.

St Joseph's Easter Egg Raffle:

Tickets will be on sale after the Vigil and 9.30am Sunday Masses.

HCPT Easter Egg Raffle:

Tickets will be on sale after Masses in both churches on the weekend of 21st / 22nd March. Thank you for your support!

Online Stations of the Cross for Carers:

Tuesday 24th March 7-8pm. Leeds Diocese older people's charity Growing Old Grace-fully is hosting a special online Stations of the Cross, written by Fr Eamonn Hegarty and Michelle Anderson. These Stations invite carers to see their own lives reflected in Christ's journey. To attend, email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.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

Online Gospel Meditations:

Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing. These are on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The 'doors' open at 7.15 for a chat and introductions. All are welcome. Register for the link by email admin@briery.org.uk

The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ:

A re-enactment of the Crucifixion of Christ by 6th Form Students of St John Fisher Academy will take place on

Thursday 2nd April at 12.00noon outside Longcauseway Church. All Welcome.

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 at formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

"Go and Make Disciples" Day of Reflection:

Saturday 9th May, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. A day of reflection with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on our mission to share the faith. Explore the implications of the Great Commission and our call from God to make disciples of all nations, as well as some practical ways to pass on the faith. An uplifting day for all! Lunch included. Register your free place by Friday 1st May by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org

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. Bookings can be made online on <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or 01732 886666.

Holy Week & Easter 2026

Palm Sunday - 29th March 2026

All weekend Masses as normal

Tuesday of Holy Week

6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	St Joseph's
7.00pm	Mass	St Joseph's

Wednesday of Holy Week

10.00am	Stations of the Cross	St Joseph's
11.00am	Chrism Mass at Leeds Cathedral	

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) St Paulinus'

7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet and Watch at the Altar of Repose until 9.30pm	
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Good Friday

12.00noon	Stations of the Cross	St Joseph's
3.00pm	The Liturgy with Veneration	St Paulinus'

Holy Saturday

11.00am	Święconka (Blessing of Baskets)	St Joseph's
8.00pm	The Easter Vigil	St Joseph's

Easter Sunday - 5th April 2026

9.30am	Mass	St Joseph's
11.00am	Mass	St Paulinus'

Come and Celebrate God's Love for You!

Easter Flowers:

Donations towards the cost of Easter Flowers are most gratefully received over the coming weekends. There is a collection box available in each church for this - Thank you!