



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



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## SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 10th May 2026</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Meg Friis [Sp Int])	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Norah Mehers [LD])	St Paulinus
<b>Tuesday 12th May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>		
	7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
<b>Wednesday 13th May</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>		
	10.00am	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
<i>Vigil Mass of the Ascension</i>	7.00pm	Mass (Yorkshire Brethren)	St Joseph
<b>Thursday 14th May</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>		<b>(Holyday of Obligation)</b>
	10.00am	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Paulinus
	6.00pm	Reception Vigil - Rev Russell Ashworth	St Paulinus
<b>Friday 15th May</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>		
<i>**NB - Time of Mass**</i>	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Rev Russell Ashworth	St Paulinus
<b>Sunday 17th May 2026</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (...)	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Carmela Walker [A])	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (...)	St Paulinus

**Let us Pray...**

Christ commands us to show our love for him and for the Father by loving one another. In that same love let us now turn to the Father with our prayers for the Church and for the world.

For Pope Leo, that his ministry will be blessed by God and hallmarked with courage, compassion and truth.

For our world, that God will inspire world leaders with new ways to right injustice and establish peace.

For all the peoples of the world, that they may rejoice in the gift of love, and that hatred and bloodshed may come to an end.

For all who are sitting or preparing for exams, that the Holy Spirit will guide them to use their gifts wisely and well. We remember particularly our Year 6 children preparing for their SATs this week.

For the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved, that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's unconditional love for them.

God our Father, send your Spirit of truth into our hearts that we may always reject what is false, live by the commands of Christ, and be true to the love you have shown us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Pat Feather; Rita Gilmartin; Mary Robinson; Tricia Galipo.*

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

*Norah Mehers (LD); Rev Russell Ashworth (LD); Vicki O'Keefe (A); Ricardo Estradd Sr (LD); Fe Dataham; Ignacio Dataham (Sr); Ignacio Dataham (Jr); Remy Paredes; Sofronio Paredes; Loida Maneunay; Tiburcio Partacalao; Irene Gallacher (LD); Michael McPherson (A); Freda O'Brien (A); Anita Schön (LD); Judith Fisher (LD).*

## REGULAR EVENTS & CONTACTS

### APF Red Mission Boxes

Contact: Elaine Ellis - 07933 272277

### Catechists (Sacramental Preparation)

OLSP - Helen Regan - hregan@stpaulinus.org  
St J - Sarah Riley - sarah.riley42@outlook.com

### Childrens Liturgy (OLSP)

Contact - Eloise Simpson 07792915158 or email at  
eloise.simpson@sky.com.

### Church Cleaning Contacts (More Volunteers Needed!)

OLSP - Looking for more volunteers - always!  
St J - Elaine Ellis - 07933 272277

### Church Flowers Contacts

OLSP - Ask Angela 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

### 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: 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  
*Friends of St Paulinus School*



### The Regina Coeli

**Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia.  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

Priest: Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.  
**All: Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.**

Priest: Oremus.

*Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri  
Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta,  
quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam,  
perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae.  
Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.*

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Norah Mehers (LD); Meg Friis (Sp Int).

### The Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough & Hallam:

As part of the consultation currently taking place across  
our three Dioceses, there is an opportunity to contribute  
by completing an online questionnaire. 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 by Friday, 22nd May  
2026. To complete the questionnaire, please visit:  
<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026>

### Are You Considering Becoming a Catholic?:

A number of people have contacted me recently about  
becoming Catholic, and had missed the last RCIA  
course. If you are one of them, or are interested in  
doing so, please email me with your details so that we  
can arrange to have a face-to-face or possibly online  
preparation course. Fr Stephen.

### 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 3rd May: 129 - Norman Lyons

#### 2nd / 3rd May 2026 Weekly Offerings

St Joseph's	Env £102.00
	Plate £101.65
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env £135.40
	Plate £176.63

#### Other Income

New to You Shop	£75.70
OLSP Hall Hire	£375.00

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 Joseph's "50" Club:

April winner - No 92 - Irene Prendergast.

### Communion Visits to Sick or Housebound:

Many of you generously support our housebound or  
sick parishioners by offering them the opportunity to  
maintain their link with the parish and Our Lord by  
taking communion out to them. Fr Stephen and Deacon  
Gerry are grateful for your ministry and would like to be  
able to add their support to that but need to know who  
they are! If you are taking out Holy Communion we  
would be grateful if you could give Deacon Gerry the  
details of those you visit - name, address, phone  
numbers, your name & phone number, and how often  
you visit. If you are aware that there are people in the  
parish who would like to receive Holy Communion at  
home, please pass on their details also (after first  
making sure that they would like a visit!!) Thank you!

### First Holy Communion:

Saturday 6th June 2026 at St Joseph's, and Sunday 7th  
June 2026 at St Paulinus'.

### First Holy Communion Preparation at St Joseph's:

At St Joseph's there are 2 more preparation sessions -  
9th and 30th May, starting at 3pm. The Sacrament will  
be celebrated at the evening Mass on the 6th June. The  
presentation of the certificates and the Parish  
Communion breakfast celebration will be at 9:30am  
Mass on Sunday 14th June when Communion outfits  
will be worn again.

### St Joseph's School - National Book Tokens:

National Book Tokens are giving us the chance to be  
one of five schools who could win £1,000 in National  
Book Tokens to purchase inspiring books for our school  
library and reading spaces. Anyone can nominate us so  
could we encourage all parents, carers, staff and the  
community to vote now. Everyone who votes will also  
enter a prize draw to win themselves a £100 gift card.  
Thank you - nominate us at: [nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize](http://nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize)

### Leeds International Organ Festival:

Join us at Leeds Cathedral for the Leeds International  
Organ Festival, featuring a series of recitals by  
outstanding organists from across the UK and around  
the world. Mondays 11th May - 13th July (no recital 25  
May), 1.15pm, Leeds Cathedral - free entry. For more  
information visit <https://www.leedsiof.org/home>

### Illustrated Talk by Peace Envoy:

The Rev Kathryn Fitzsimons will be at The Holy Rosary  
Community Room, Chapelton, Leeds on Thursday  
14th May at 7.00pm. From June-September 2024  
Katherine lived in the West Bank on a World Council of  
Churches programme known as the Ecumenical  
Accompaniment Programme in Palestine-Israel. Hear  
her stories of life on the West Bank and take part in the  
Q&A session that follows. Free entry plus  
refreshments.

### Last Night of the Proms:

At Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike on 16th May 2026 - in the  
Parish Room, Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike. Doors open  
6.00pm - Start 6.30pm. Tickets £5.00 including supper -  
Under 11's free - Bar available. Patriotic & Fancy Dress:  
Union Jack items (hats, flags, etc.) encouraged!  
Proceeds to the S.V.P. For any queries, please contact  
Peter Moreland on 07493 230055

### Blessed Sacrament Procession & Solemn Vespers:

Sunday 7th June, 3.00pm, St Mary's Church, Batley.  
We will be hosting our annual Blessed Sacrament  
Procession followed by Solemn Vespers on the  
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord,  
3.00pm. Beginning on the grounds of St Mary's Primary  
School and processing to St Mary's Church for  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration  
of Solemn Vespers. Refreshments available in the  
school hall afterwards.

### 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.

### Marriage Support:

If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues -  
Retrouvaille could be the solution. tel: 0797 338 0443  
or [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours:

A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following  
Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 16  
May (starting at 2.00pm) and 20 June, 18 July and 8  
August, when the tours start at 1.30pm. The tour lasts  
about 1 hour. No booking is required. Please gather by  
the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

### St. Aidan's Mirfield Parish Mission:

Mon 22nd June - Wed 24th 2026. Led by Sr Briege  
McKenna & Fr Pablo Escriva de Romani. This is an  
opportunity to renew our faith and draw closer to Jesus.  
Sr Briege & Fr Pablo are known for their ministry of  
healing, preaching and have seen many miracles! For  
further details please ring 01924 492950 or email  
[office.staidan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.staidan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

### New Life Through Water and The Holy Spirit:

Retreat Day for New Catholics: The Faith Formation  
team within the Vicariate for Education warmly invites  
newly received Catholics to a retreat day exploring the  
gift of new life in Christ, including time for prayer and  
fellowship, celebrating the adventure of faith together.  
Saturday 27 June, 10.00am-3.00pm, Briery Retreat  
Centre, Ilkley, £35 per person (including lunch). Further  
information/booking, please contact the Briery 01943  
607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk).

### Bereavement Accompaniment Training:

Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two-  
day training course in bereavement accompaniment on  
Mondays 22nd & 29th June 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, please email [epbereavement-care@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:epbereavement-care@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or contact The Briery on  
01943 607287.

### Could You be a Relationship Counsellor?

Marriage Care, a Catholic organisation specialising in  
relationship support is currently looking for those who  
are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm  
for supporting adult relationships, to train for Certificate  
in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer.  
Please note there are costs associated with training (far  
lower than with alternative training providers) however  
no one is excluded on their ability to pay. For  
information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or  
email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)