



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Yorkshire Brethren)	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Norah Mehers [LD])	St Paulinus

Tuesday 5th May

Weekday of Easter

(Presbyteral Conference in Leeds)

7.00pm	Eucharistic Service	St Joseph
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Wednesday 6th May

Weekday of Easter

(Presbyteral Conference in Leeds)

10.00am	Eucharistic Service	St Joseph
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Thursday 7th May

St John of Beverley, Bishop

10.00am	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Paulinus
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Friday 8th May

Weekday of Easter

10.00am	Mass (Annie Griffin [LD])	St Paulinus
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Sunday 10th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Let us Pray...

God is love and commands us to live in that same love. Let us turn to him and pray for the strength to live as the Lord teaches:

For Leo our Pope, that he will be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and so lead the Church in the ways of the Lord.

For our world, for peace where there is warfare and inhumanity, and especially for all those who live in poverty, that we may share more justly the many resources God has given us.

For the suffering Church across the world, especially for the communities in the Middle East, that they may be enabled to live in peace.

For our own community, that each of us will reflect the love of Christ by the way we live our lives; and for communities across our country who live in fear of violence and hatred.

For all who are sick or housebound, and for those who are bereaved, that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of Christ's love for them.

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

Pat Feather; Rita Gilmartin; Mary Robinson.

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).

Please write clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS as the lists are often very difficult to decipher and no offence is intended when spelling mistakes occur.

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 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
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

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 Faith & Light



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.

Children's Liturgy at St Paulinus:

Having now restarted at St Paulinus' 11.00am Mass. For more information contact Eloise on 07792915158 or email at eloise.simpson@sky.com.

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

25th / 26th April 2026 Weekly Offerings

St Joseph's	Env	£200.00
	Plate	£107.00
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£184.90
	Plate	£150.19

Other Income

New to You Shop	£151.50
St J 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

simply welcome a caring visit... Confidentially call 07386 853 558

OL & SP - 200 Club:

Winner 26th April: 92 - Pat McManus.

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 John Fisher Lourdes Fund Race Night:

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported this event which raised £913.35 - special thanks also to Sarah who looked after us so well! Elly Fiddler, Lay Chaplain.

HCPT Group 74: Fundraising continues:

Tikka & Tunes on Saturday 9th May. £35 per ticket at The Royal King Grill Banqueting Room, Dewsbury - please let Roy or Helen know if you want a ticket.

Next Weekend: We will be selling raffle tickets ahead of HCPT Tikka & Tunes - It's £1 at ticket - first prize a 2 night break for 2 courtesy of Red Letter Days!!

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse:

The National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse takes place every year on the fifth Tuesday of Easter. In 2026, the day will be marked on Tuesday, 5th May. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have produced information and resources available at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/national-day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2026/>

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

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

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. On arrival 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 Escrava 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

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 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 or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Access Bus:

Could you make use of the Access Bus to get to Church each week? It is also available throughout the rest of the week for other journeys! Anyone can register to use Access Bus. If you have any of the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) passes such as Senior, Disabled or Blind then travel on the Access Bus is free. For adults without an ENCTS pass, there is a flat fare of £3 each way. Children pay half the adult fare, £1.50 each way. Before using the Access Bus, passengers must be registered. You can do this by contacting the Access Bus team on 0113 348 1903, Monday to Friday between 08:30 and 16:00 or by downloading / printing an application form. Go to: <https://www.wymetro.com/plan-a-journey/accessible-travel/accessbus/> Once registered you will receive a welcome letter with your passenger number and details of how to book. Bookings must be made a minimum of two working days in advance of travel.

We Believe Festival of Catholic Life:

24-27th July 2026, an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Tickets and more information available now at: www.webeliefestival.com

Upcoming Funeral Arrangements:

NB - Change of Dates

Rev Russell Ashworth - Reception into Our Lady & St Paulinus Church on **Thursday 14th May at 6.00pm.** Requiem Mass on **Friday 15th May at 11.00am** followed by burial in Thornhill Lees Churchyard

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.