



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 20th September 2026 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Honora (Nora) Moss [B'day A])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Roman Kruczenyk [A])	St Paulinus

Tuesday 22nd September Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm	Mass (Yorkshire Brethren [RIP])	St Joseph
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Wednesday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

10.00am	Mass (Geoffrey Greensmith [LD])	St Joseph
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Thursday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am	Mass (John [Thanksgiving])	St Paulinus
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Friday 25th September Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.00am	Mass (Geoffrey Greensmith [LD])	St Paulinus
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Sunday 27th September 2026 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Let us Pray...

As we seek to be faithful labourers in the Lord's vineyard, let us present our prayers and petitions to him:

For the Church and especially for her mission in England and Wales that, guided by God's Spirit, we may always proclaim the Good News of Christ.

For all in government, that they will govern with integrity and for the common good.

For those who are seeking work and employment that they will always be treated with dignity and respect.

For our own parish community that, faithful to our Christian baptism, we will bear witness to our faith in all that we do.

For all who are working to aid those in need, particularly firefighters and rescue workers: that God will give them strength, wisdom, and protection from harm.

For all who are sick or suffering, homeless or housebound, that they will know the love of Christ in their lives.

God our Father, Lord of the harvest, hear our prayers and grant us the courage to labour joyfully each day in your vineyard. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

Rita Gilmartin; Tricia Agagon Galido; Oliver Teale; Evie; Debbie Brown; Patrick Coyle; Simon; Andrew Dunbar & Family; Maureen Finneran.

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

Joseph Kabo Natividad (LD); Margery O'Brien (A); Nancy Wood (A); Fred Wood (A); Rosaleen Brady (LD); Kat Madina (LD); Daphne Boniface (LD); Sarah (Sally) Mitchell (LD); Christopher Duffy; Maureen Lyons (A); Tony Murphy (LD); Luciano Miranda (LD); Shirley Ross-Westwood (LD); James Kenneth Tomlinson (LD); Augustine Diala (A); John McPherson (LD); Geoffrey Greensmith (LD); Gordon 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 (still looking for a 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 SVP

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Geoffrey Greensmith (LD) x 5; John (Thanksgiving).

New Technology!:

You may notice that in both churches we now have a “Dona Machine” - this is a cashless way of giving to your Church. The machines can accept cards or contactless watches and phones etc! At the moment, they are just set up for general giving, but in the coming weeks they will be programmed to have various different funds in each church - perhaps for Repairs and Maintenance, Flowers, Piety Stall, and Second Collections etc. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, then you only have to enter your details once, and every subsequent time to present the same card, it will ask whether you would like to Gift Aid the donation, without filling in the details again and again!

Adult Catechesis:

We will meet after Mass this Tuesday evening at around 7.30pm. This will take place at St Joseph's Presbytery (after the 7.00pm Mass) or can be joined online, please email me to receive the link. Hopefully the technology will behave this week! Fr Stephen

Christmas is Coming.....:

Each year, in both of our beautiful churches we set up a crib to help us meditate upon the Incarnation of Christ. This is a wonderful practice dating back to the time of St Francis of Assisi. Over the many years our Crib Sets have been used, they have suffered “wounds” and damages, and have indeed become very difficult to handle and store. I would love us to have a new crib set in each of our churches this year - can you help? Would you like to sponsor a crib figure on behalf of an individual, a family or perhaps a group? The sets I am hoping to purchase, are made by Carrara's in Liverpool, and dealing directly with them will save around 50% of the cost charged by the ecclesiastical suppliers...but still, they are in investment! Each figure will cost around £320 - but should last a lifetime, and be much easier to look after over the coming years! There is a form a the back of Church to sponsor a figure.

12th / 13th September 2026		
Weekly Offerings		
St Joseph's	Env	£188.00
	Plate	£104.25
Average Weekly Standing Orders		£222.86
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£141.00
	Plate	£120.50
Average Weekly Standing Orders		£167.43
Other Income		
'New to You' Shop		£99.85
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		

Geoffrey Greensmith (RIP) - Funeral Arrangements:

Geoff's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Batley on Thursday 1st October at 11.00am. There will be no Mass at St Paulinus' that morning.

St J 50 Club:

June Winner - Unclaimed - Jace Calaco

OLSP 200 Club Winners:

Sunday 13th Sept - winning no.155. Paul Render

Catholic Primary Academy Admission Round for Academic Year 2027-28:

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 and is due to start 'BIG' school in September 2027? If so, and you would like to enrol your child at either St Joseph's or St Paulinus', please join them for their OPEN DAY events, as detailed below:

St Paulinus' on Thurs 8th October (9.15am - 11.15am) and St Joseph's on Monday 12th October 2026

St Paulinus' also have 15 hour nursery places (3 hours each morning) for any child aged 3 and over.

All applications for Catholic school places are to be made on the Kirklees Online Admissions Portal. You must also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which you can also download from the Kirklees Admissions Portal or collect from our main school office. The deadline for both online applications and to hand in your SIF at school (with a copy of your child's birth certificate) is 15th JANUARY 2027.

Ways You Could Support The 'New to You' Shop:

Can you help us in any of the following ways??

- Take unsold items away. Collect a box of items when required and take to a charity shop of your choice.

- Unsold clothes we send to Humanitarian Aid to the Ukraine need to be washed and ironed before donation as laundry facilities are not always available for the families in the Ukraine. If you are able to take an occasional bag, that spreads the load.

- We are also collecting broken or oddments of genuine gold and silver jewellery i.e. that single earring at the back of the drawer.

Thank you for considering any of these options - and for more information, please get in touch with Sarah Riley.

The Leeds Catholic Voice:

This is the new free monthly newsletter for our diocese and will be launching from weekend of 3rd & 4th October, which is also the deadline for sending any articles, photographs or ideas for the November edition to communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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:

If you or someone you know could use support or would simply welcome a caring visit... Call 07386 853 558

Forget-Me-Not Children's Hospice Quiz:

Forget Me Not Quiz at St Paulinus Parochial Hall on Friday September 25th at 8.00pm. Entry: Donation (£10 minimum) per team of 5/6. To enter contact Jim Regan 01924 469700, Roy Jno Baptiste 0773486751, or John Ineson 07543522638. Limited Bar and BYO! All proceeds to the "Forget Me Not" Children's Hospice.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

A joint pilgrimage between Leeds and Middlesbrough Dioceses will take place on Saturday 26th September. Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 12:00 Noon. Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 2:30pm, Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine around 3:30pm. Bring a picnic!

Leeds Cathedral Choir and The Sixteen:

Sunday 27th September, 3pm, Leeds Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir performs with members of internationally-renowned choir The Sixteen and the Genesis Sixteen young artist programme, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission free, with a suggested £10 donation.

Annual Batley Torchlight Procession:

Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession from St Mary's Catholic Primary School to St Mary's Church. Monday 5th October, 7:30pm.

"It Is Beautiful To Be Old":

Older People and Catholic Social Teaching: Tuesday 13th October 2026, 10am-1:30pm, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. This event, hosted by Growing Old Grace-fully will explore Catholic Social Teaching regarding the blessings of later life, led by theologian Dr Peter Kevern. To book a place, please email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Instagram Hangout:

Join us at Leeds Cathedral for an exclusive tour created especially for Instagrammers! Learn more about the fascinating history, architecture and design of our Arts and Crafts-style Cathedral, access areas not usually open to the public, and capture its beauty through photography. Saturday 31st October 2pm-4pm. All are welcome! Tickets are free, but registration is essential: https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal:

Discipleship Days 2026-2027 - Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "May the Lord Give You Peace". November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1. The day includes Rosary, Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, 11.45am - 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Diocesan Faith Formation Events:

Many Catholic adults wish to discover more about their faith. The Vicariate for Education is offering a wide range of faith development events during 2026/27, both at Hinsley Hall in Leeds and elsewhere throughout the Diocese. These are aimed at, among others, those who enjoy listening to a stimulating lecture, those who want to engage in some accompanied study and catechists wishing to develop their skills. To find out more, scroll down to "Faith Formation": www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025

Join The Catholic Medical Association:

Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk