

Sunday 25 October 2026
Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Ps 104: 3-4**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading **Exodus 22:21-27**

Thus says the Lord: ‘You shall not wrong a sojourner
or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land
of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or
fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry
out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath
will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your
wives shall become widows and your children
fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people
with you who is poor, you shall not be like a
money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest
from him. If ever you take your neighbour’s cloak in
pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes
down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak
for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he
cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.’

Responsorial Psalm **18:2-3a. 3b-4. 47, 51ab.**

R/: I love you, LORD, my strength.

I love you, LORD, my strength;
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. **R/:**

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, ‘O praised be the LORD!’
and see, I am saved from my foes. **R/:**

The LORD lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The LORD gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed. **R/:**

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**
Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we
proved to be among you for your sake. And you
became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you
received the word in much affliction, with the joy of

the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all
the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not
only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you
in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has
gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say
anything. For they themselves report concerning us
the kind of reception we had among you, and how
you turned to God from idols to serve the living and
true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom
he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from
the wrath to come.

Gospel Acclamation **John 14:23**
Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the
Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come
to him.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 22:34-40**
At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus
had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered
together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a
question to test him. ‘Teacher, which is the great
commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, ‘You
shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the
great and first commandment. And a second is like
it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On
these two commandments depend all the Law and
the Prophets.’

Prayer over the Offerings
Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon **Cf. Ps 19: 6**
We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion
May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

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and St Joseph, Batley Carr



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 25th October 2026	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (In Thanksgiving [F&J])	St Paulinus
Tuesday 27th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time		
	7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
Wednesday 28th October	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles		
	10.00am	Mass (Pat Walsh [Sp Int])	St Joseph
Thursday 29th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time		
	10.00am	Mass (Margaret Leeroyd [RIP])	St Paulinus
Friday 30th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time		
	10.00am	Mass (Jack Moss [B’day A])	St Paulinus
Sunday 1st November 2026	All Saints		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Mary Cassidy [A])	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Mr Jackie Hayes [LD])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

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; Terence Swift; Tricia Galido; Kathleen Peterson; Catherine Greenwood; The Skipping Family; Ninia S Medrano; Mary Robinson; Fr Patrick Mungovin.

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); Sally Mitchell (LD); Christopher Duffy; Maureen Lyons (A); Tony Murphy (LD); Luciano Miranda (LD); Shirley Ross-Westwood (LD); James Tomlinson (LD); Augustine Diala (A); John McPherson (LD); Geoffrey Greensmith (LD); Gordon Fisher (LD); Ann Lomas (LD); Anne Goodall (LD); Winnie Dunford (LD); Jackie Lacassagne (LD); Baby Flora Bonner (LD); John McGrath (A); Sheila McGrath (A); Agnes Jennings (A); Bozena (Mary) Socha (LD); Margaret Smith (A); Harold Smith (A); Margaret McDermott (A).

*Please write clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS as the lists can sometimes be very difficult to decipher!
and no offence is intended when spelling mistakes occur.*

REGULAR EVENTS & CONTACTS

APF Red Mission Boxes
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Catechists (Sacramental Preparation)
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Childrens Liturgy (OLSP)
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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.
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Music Ministry
OLSP - Amy Preece - amycpreece@hotmail.co.uk
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Contact: Margaret Brannan (still looking for a helper!)

Rotas (Eucharistic Ministry)
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Rotas (Readers)
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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
HCPT

Name: Diocese of Leeds, St Joseph Batley Carr
Sort Code: 40-27-15 **Account Number:** 31017225

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*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.*