



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th October 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday 6th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm	Mass (Geoffrey Greensmith [LD])	St Joseph
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Wednesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

10.00am	Mass (Baby Flora Bonner [Sp Int])	St Joseph
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Thursday 8th October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

10.00am	Mass (Geoffrey Greensmith [LD])	St Paulinus
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Friday 9th October

St John Henry Newman, Priest & Doctor of the Church

****Mass in St Paulinus School****

10.00am	Mass (Winnie Dunford [LD])	St P School
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Sunday 11th October 2026

St Paulinus of York, Bishop (transferred)

5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Anne Goodall [LD])	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Michael McManus [A])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

For our Holy Father, Pope Leo that he will continue to lead the Church in proclaiming the Good News of Christ.

For all in government, that they may protect the least among us, especially those who are marginalised by society.

For all who lack access to education, especially girls and women throughout the world, that they may find resources and discover avenues through which to pursue their goals.

For the work of CAFOD, that it may continue to change the lives and hearts of people everywhere, bringing hope and help for as long as it is needed.

For all of us gathered together in prayer, that all that is unworthy in our lives may be pruned away and all that is true be nourished.

For the sick in mind or body, for the lonely and the abused and for those who suffer in any way, that they may be comforted by the Holy Spirit.

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.

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 Goodhall (LD); Winnie Dunford (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 Faith & Light

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Anne Goodall (LD) x2; Baby Flora Bonner (Sp Int); Winnie Dunford (LD) x2; Christina Coyle (1st A); In Thanksgiving (F&J).

November - Month of the Holy Souls:

November will soon be upon us, and it is a time when we particularly remember all those whom we have loved but see no longer, all our deceased relations, friends and past benefactors of the Parishes.

All Souls Day is celebrated this year on Monday 2nd November, and we shall be offering Mass for all the Holy Souls at 12.00noon in St Paulinus Church, and 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church. At the All Souls Masses we shall remember all our loved ones who have died. Please do come along.

In preparation for the Mass, and for the month of the Holy Souls, I have now made available the Holy Souls envelopes at the back of each Church. These are for you to take, and complete with a list of your departed loved ones to remember and add to the "List of the Dead", for whom we shall offer Masses throughout November and the rest of the year, both in the parish and outside the parish. Once you have completed your list, please place it with your offering into the envelope and return it to the Presbytery or else put it into the offertory plate as it comes around at Mass - then again, you could also just hand it directly to me! Please remember that these envelopes are for the "List of the Dead / Holy Souls", and not for individual Masses to be offered as is the custom in November each year. Many thanks, Fr Stephen

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

OLSP 200 Club Winners:

Winners: Sunday 29th Sept. no. 102 - Pat Keegan and no. 175 - Trevor Teale.

26th / 27th September 2026

Weekly Offerings

St Joseph's	Env	£166.00	
	Plate	£113.13	
Average Weekly Standing Orders			£222.86
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£181.00	
	Plate	£171.50	
Average Weekly Standing Orders			£166.22
Other Income			
'New to You' Shop			£129.00

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

OLSP Christmas Fair:

Saturday 5th December - Thrift tickets £1.00 per book to be used at the Fair on sale from this weekend after the 11.00am Mass.

Forget Me Not Quiz:

Thank you for all your support. A very enjoyable night and £380 raised for the Children's Hospice.

The Feast of St Paulinus:

The feast day of St Paulinus is actually on 10th October - and so this year, St Paulinus school will celebrate with Mass in School on Friday 9th October at 10.00am - all are welcome to attend this Mass in school. We will celebrate the Feast in both Churches on the weekend of 10th / 11th October, and at the 11.00am Mass in St Paulinus' Church, we will rededicate the newly restored and refurbished statue of St Paulinus during that Mass.

Painting & Decorating in St Paulinus Presbytery:

If you are willing and able to help in this venture, please sign up on the list in either church, and someone will be in touch with you to make arrangements. Whilst experience and skills are highly valued - a willingness to help out is always treasured!! Thank you for considering this - and there will be different working times to suit different people!

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

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.

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

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. Hope to see you there, and there's a great Pie & Pea supper afterwards!!

St Wilfrid's Way:

The 11th Annual Diocesan 'camino' between Leeds Cathedral and Ripon will take place on Friday 9th & Saturday 10th October. All pilgrims planning to join any stage of either or both days of the Pilgrimage are asked to register online via the link under St Wilfrid's Way on the Diocesan website's pilgrimages page: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/pilgrimages/ - any other queries via pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

"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

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours:

Autumn Programme - A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the autumn: 31 October (starting at 2.00pm) and on 21 November and 12 December 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.

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 Adoration, 11.45am - 4:30pm. Lunch provided.

Catholic Care Update:

We're delighted to share that Catholic Care has a new home at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX. While our address has changed, our commitment to supporting people across the Diocese remains as strong as ever. You can now reach us on 0113 831 5712.

Email Your MP:

Following on from the defeat of 'The Assisted Dying' Bill, there is an urgent need to push for better and more accessible palliative care services across our region. The following link takes you to a suggested draft letter to your MP, which is based on how your MP voted on the 11th September. <https://righttolife.org.uk/voterresult>

Bishop Marcus and The Diocesan Trustees:

Are still seeking volunteers as independent members to join a newly established Audit and Risk Committee. The commitment is four meetings a year. This would be a two-to-three year commitment as discussions and consultations about bringing together the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam progress; and would be of great value in a process of unification. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of Audit, Risk, Finance and Governance. For information please contact Carla Stockton-Jones, Trustee: carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Upcoming Funeral Arrangements:

Anne Goodall - Requiem Mass on Wednesday 14th October at 10.00am in St Joseph's. Followed by burial.

Winnie Dunford - Requiem Mass on Thursday 15th October at 10.00am in St Paulinus'. Followed by burial.