Sunday 15 November 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon **Jer 29: 11, 12, 14**
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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 **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**
An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5.**

R/: Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. ***R/:***

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. ***R/:***

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! ***R/:***

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation **John 15:4a, 5b**
Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon **Ps 72: 28**
To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Prayer after Communion
We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 15th November 2026	**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Peter Brian Roche [B'day A] / Holy Souls)	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Peter Collins [A] / Holy Souls)	St Paulinus
Tuesday 17th November	**St Hilda of Whitby, Abbess**		
	7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
Wednesday 18th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
	10.00am	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
Thursday 19th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
	10.00am	Mass (Patrick Flanagan [A] / Holy Souls)	St Paulinus
Friday 20th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
	10.00am	Mass (Margaret Owen [RIP] / Holy Souls)	St Paulinus
Sunday 22nd November 2026	**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (...)	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (...)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (William 'Billy' Buckley [A])	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; Simon.

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); Jacquie 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); Andrew Dunbar (A); Kat Madina (A); John Nana (A); Helen Omonjeils; Gabriel Omonjeils; Jackson Omonjeils; Shedu Omonjeils; Mneka Anozie.

New Lists are available in Church – please complete them, remembering to write as clearly as possible – Apologies for any misspellings, please write in BLOCK CAPITALS to help me!! If you are completing the list of the Dead, please mark whether it is a recent death (LD), or an anniversary (A) – the Anniversary should be taking place at around this time. Thank you for your help!

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:
None.

This Weekend:
We welcome Canon Lawrie Hulme as the Celebrant of our weekend Masses, I know that you will make him feel welcome – and I believe he quite enjoys coming here!! Thank you all!

The Year of St Paulinus – Wreath Festival:
This year we are holding a Festival of Wreaths in St Paulinus Church, running from Advent Sunday (29th November) until Epiphany. We need your help! Please consider making a wreath to display, they can be traditional, contemporary, made of natural or artificial products, and should represent something of who we are in our local community. Perhaps the schools will be involved, local businesses and groups, families and individuals from both our churches and beyond. For more information see the parish website, or speak with Rita Jno-Baptise or Sarah Riley. Do get involved!!

OLSP - Statue of the Sacred Heart:
Donations are still welcome to help in the restoration of our beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart – Total to Date: £650.00 (just £150 to go!)

OLSP 200 Club Winner:
Winner: Sunday 1st Nov. no. 20. Bethany Woods

Growing Old Gracefully Carers Project:
An online support group for unpaid carers has two sessions on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. If you care for a friend, neighbour or family member you are invited to join us for the opportunity to make new friends, chat and have space and time to pray. Contact Michelle for more information or to register carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

7th / 8st November 2026
Weekly Offerings

St Joseph's	Env	£212.00
	Plate	£75.25
Average Weekly Standing Orders		£222.86
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£136.00
	Plate	£140.76
Average Weekly Standing Orders		£166.22

Other Income
'New to You' Shop £77.70

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 on sale after the 11.00am Mass. Please bring donations for the stalls and place in the box at the back of Church - bottles, gifts, toiletries, tombola prizes, chocolates, plants, Cakes on the day. List for Raffle Prizes is on the notice board - please fill in your name to donate prizes. Raffle Tickets are available from this weekend.

OLSP - Over 55s Christmas Party:
On Wednesday 2nd December in the Parochial Hall 12.30pm – 3.00pm. Entertainment will be provided by the children of St Paulinus School. Parishioners (55 and over!!) are invited. For catering purposes please put your name on the list at the back of Church.

Confirmation at St Joseph's 2027:
If you are in Y6 or older and wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation then please speak to Fr Stephen or Sarah Riley, catechist. **The first Confirmation preparation at St Joseph's will be in the hall on Saturday 21st November 2:15pm to 5:45pm** with the opportunity to stay for 6pm Mass.
Sam, our second catechist has moved away from the parish, so we need another volunteer. If you think you might be interested, please speak to Sarah.

Dates for you Diary at St Joseph's:
21st and 22nd November - Gift Stall, Tombolas and seasonal refreshments after both Masses at St Joseph's.
10th December - Hummingbird Christmas Concert.

The Friends of St Paulinus School:
We are hoping to make a display about our pupils, past and present, and are seeking any old school or class photographs you might be able to share with us. Please let Susan Brearley have them at the 11.00am Mass in St Paulinus, please include your name and contact number, and the year of the photograph, and I will will ensure that they are returned to you. Thank you for your help. Susan Brearley (School Governor).

HCPT Group 74 - Lourdes 2027:
We are really struggling for helpers for next year and we need a nurse! HCPT Group 74 take vulnerable children on holiday to Lourdes every Easter. We need volunteers and a group nurse to travel with us next Easter (28th March to 3rd April). It costs £1190 for a 6 night stay in a 3 star hotel and flights. Under 25's can apply for a grant from The Catenians, and under 25's women can apply for a further grant from the Duchess of Leeds Assumption fund. All helpers are subject to an enhanced DBS. Please contact Helen at group74@hcpt.org.uk or 07354923748 for more details.

Wanna Be a Catholic?!: *(In the words of Fr Lodge!)*
If you, or someone you know, is wanting to know more about the Faith with a view to becoming a Catholic, then please let Fr Stephen or Deacon Gerry know. The same applies for people who were baptised Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation. We are looking at beginning the next Adult Journey in Faith Group soon.

Marriage Support:
If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues - contact 0797 338 0443 or retrouvaille.org.uk

The Oratory of St Joseph:
Catholic Men's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Hinsley Hall on the last Thursday each month,6.30pm. Info: oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

OLSP Confirmation Preparation Classes:
Lessons for Children in Year 6 or above are beginning at St. Paulinus School on Monday 9th November - please see Miss Regan at Church or email hregan@stpaulinus.org for further information.

Icon 'Queen of the Franciscan Family':
On display in Leeds Cathedral from Friday 13th to Tuesday 17th November. It was written in Lithuania in 2018. It has been on pilgrimage since then travelling through Europe and visiting Franciscan Holy places also Friaries, Convents and Fraternities. The Franciscan Family is illustrated in the 3 cameos at base of the Icon St Francis of Assisi St Clare of Assisi and St Elizabeth of Hungary (patroness of OFS). Under the small images are Relics from each Saint.

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tours:
Autumn Programme - A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the autumn: (starting at 2.00pm) 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.

St Joseph's Catholic College Past Pupils' Day:
Saturday 21 November. Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch (£15). To book your place, reply with dietary requirements by 13 November to James Jackson: jjackson@sbsj.co.uk & 01274 941941

'We Have Found The Messiah':
An Advent Reflection: Saturday 21st November at The Briery, Ilkley. Join us in preparation for Advent for a day of reflection led by Canon Dennis Cassidy. £35pp to include a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. Contact admin@briery.org.uk or 01943 607287

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". December 5, January 9, 11.45am - 4:30pm. Lunch provided.

Dates for First Sacraments 2027:
Confirmation:
For both churches, to be held at St Paulinus on Thursday 4th February – 7.00pm
First Reconciliation:
St Joseph – Wednesday 17th March
St Paulinus – Thursday 18th March
First Holy Communion:
St Joseph's – Saturday 22nd May – 6.00pm
St Paulinus – Sunday 23rd May – 11.00am

Friends of the Holy Land – Christmas Gifts:
For a range of meaningful Christmas Gift ideas, visit: https://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/shop