Sunday 22 November 2026
Christ the King - Solemnity

Entrance Antiphon **Rv 5: 12; 1: 6**
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Collect
Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**
Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. ℟1**

R/: The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. ***R/:***

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. ***R/:***

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ***R/:***

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. ***R/:***

Second reading **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**
Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation **Mark 11:9, 10**
Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Prayer over the Offerings
As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon **Ps 28: 10-11**
The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayer after Communion
Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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 (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (William 'Billy' Buckley [A])	St Paulinus
Tuesday 24th November	**St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**		
	7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
Wednesday 25th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
	10.00am	Mass (Stella Marie Estrada [Thanksgiving])	St Joseph
Thursday 26th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
	10.00am	Mass (Debbie McGhee [A])	St Paulinus
Friday 27th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
	10.00am	Mass (Alessia & Sofia [Sp Int])	St Paulinus
Sunday 29th November 2026	**First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Maureen Oldroyd [Birthday])	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Maureen Diskin [A / Peter Diskin [B'day 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
The Friends of St Paulinus School

Mass Intentions Received Recently:
Debbie McGhee (Sp Int); Bernard Prendergast (B'day A); John Drury (LD) x 2; Harold Jelly (A); Ellen Jelly (A).

Walk With Me:
There are a number of 'Walk With Me' Advent booklets available in Church – this is a lovely way to make a prayerful journey through Advent – please help yourself – they are priced at £1 per copy.

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: £750.00 (just £50 to go!)

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

14th / 15th November 2026
Weekly Offerings

St Joseph's	Env	£224.00
	Plate	£76.25
Average Weekly Standing Orders		£222.86
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£121.00
	Plate	£173.53
Average Weekly Standing Orders		£166.22

Other Income

'New to You' Shop	£245.00
St J '50 Club'	£200.00

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 200 Club Winner:
Winner: Sunday 8th Nov. no. 136 - Thomas Regan [G]

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.

Priestly Enquirer/Discerner's Meeting:
Friday 27th November commencing at 6:30pm in Hinsley Hall. If you would like to come along for the first time, please register your interest with Fr Simon Lodge by sending an email to: vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care:
Are offering a two-day introductory training course in bereavement accompaniment in January 2027 (Saturdays 9th and 23rd). The training will be held at the St Vincent's centre in Bradford and will cost £20. For more details and to book, please email epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Catholic Care Recruitment:
Residential Childcare Workers, Keighley, Salary £29,113 - £30,565. Senior Residential Childcare Worker, Keighley, Salary £31,068 - £32,639, Full time + sleep allowance. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers, Keighley & Wakefield, £15.07/hr. Schools Social Worker, Part-time 3.5 days £32,105 – £37,018 pro rata. Community Development Worker, Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata. FT/PT & temp Support Workers: Leeds, Bradford, Todmorden, £26,045 pro rata. https://catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/ for details.

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

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.

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.

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