Sunday 8 November 2026
Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Ps 87: 3**
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect
Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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 **Wisdom 6:12-16**
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8.**

R/: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. ***R/:***

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. ***R/:***

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. ***R/:***

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***R/:***

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 24:42a, 44**
Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Prayer over the Offerings
Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,
we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon **Cf. Ps 22: 1-2**
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Prayer after Communion
Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th November 2026 **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Remembrance Sunday**



5.15pm - 5.45pm Sat Eve	Confessions	St Joseph
6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Peter Brian Roche [A] / Holy Souls)	St Joseph
9.30am	Mass (Mary Cassidy [A] / Holy Souls)	St Joseph
11.00am	Mass (Mr Jackie Hayes [LD] / Holy Souls)	St Paulinus

Tuesday 10th November **St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**
7.00pm Eucharistic Service St Joseph

Wednesday 11th November **St Martin of Tours**
10.00am Eucharistic Service St Joseph

Thursday 12th November **St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**
10.00am Eucharistic Service St Paulinus

Friday 13th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Eucharistic Service St Paulinus

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

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:
Peter Brian Roche x2; Jack Miller (A); Stella Marie Estrada (Thanksgiving); Alessia & Sofia (Sp Int).

Remembrance Sunday:
Faith and Light Soup Lunch Sunday 8th November in the Parochial Hall after 11 o'clock Mass. £3.00 for Soup or a sandwich, apple pie and cream. Tickets on the door at the Paroch – come along!.

November - Month of the Holy Souls:
There is still time to return any of the Holy Souls brown envelopes – I will continue to update the List of the Dead over the coming week or so.

The Year of St Paulinus – Wreath Festival:
This year we are holding a Festival of Wreaths in St Paulinus Church, running from Advent Sunday 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 – I took him over to Liverpool earlier in the week, and once their work on our cribs is complete, they will begin work on the Sacred Heart.
Total Donated to Date: £600.00 (just £200 to go!)

OLSP 200 Club Winner:
Winner: Sunday 1st Nov. no. 169 John Oates.

31st October / 1st November 2026
Weekly Offerings

St Joseph's	Env	£185.00
	Plate	£80.25
Average Weekly Standing Orders		£222.86
Our Lady & St Paulinus'	Env	£185.50
	Plate	£166.50
Average Weekly Standing Orders		£166.22

Other Income

'New to You' Shop	£68.50
OLSP – Hall Hire	£440.00

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 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

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:
14th November -General Christmas stock will be displayed in the New to You Shop.
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.

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.
Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. Info: oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Marriage Support:
If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues Retrouvaille could be the solution. Contact 0797 338 0443 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

OLSP Confirmation Preparation Classes:
Lessons for Children in Year 6 or above are beginning at St. Paulinus School on Monday 11th November - please see Miss Regan at Church or email hregan@stpaulinus.org for further information.

Leeds Cathedral Remembrance Sunday Concert:
Sunday 8th December, 3pm, Leeds Cathedral, Leeds Cathedral Senior Girls, Boys and Scholars Choirs sing Duruflé's Requiem and other music by Vierne, Byrd and Victoria in a special concert for Remembrance Sunday. Admission free, with a suggested £10 donation.

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

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, 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

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.

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