



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PUDSEY

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15TH MAY 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 14 th May (5 th Sunday of Easter - Vigil)	6.30pm	(Intention: Special Intention – K&J)
Sunday 15 th May (Fifth Sunday of Easter)	9.30am	(Intention: Józef & Jolanta Rudzki)
	11.00am	(Intention: The People of the Parish)
Monday 16 th May (Easter Feria)	9.30am	(Intention: The People of the Parish)
Tuesday 17 th May (Easter Feria)	7.00pm	(Intention: Special Intention – SC)
Wednesday 18 th May (Easter Feria)	9.30am	(Intention: November Dead List)
Thursday 19 th May (Easter Feria)	9.30am	(Intention: Special Intention – PM)
Friday 20 th May (Easter Feria)	9.30am	(Intention: Holy Souls)
Saturday 21 st May (6 th Sunday of Easter - Vigil)	6.30pm	(Intention: In Thanksgiving – Dennis & Annette Marshall - WA)
Sunday 22 nd May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)	9.30am	(Intention: The People of the Parish)
	11.00am	(Intention: Tina Rossato - LD)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 6.00pm – 6.20pm; Tuesday 6.30pm-6.50pm.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to Sebastian Louis Jesusko & Alexander Dante Goddard, who were baptised yesterday (Saturday) and to their proud families!

ONLINE SCRIPTURE GROUP: Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. Welcome! To join: pudseystjoseph@gmail.com

OFFERTORY & DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK: Standing Orders & bank transfers: £390.00; offertory envelopes: £297.00; cash donations: £326.81; Total: £1013.81. A sincere **THANK YOU** for your generosity! How to give to our parish:

1. Bank transfer: Sort Code: 40-27-15, A/C no: 21018175, A/C Name: ST JOSEPHS PUDSEY.
2. By popping your offertory envelope (or your own envelope with your number clearly marked please) through the presbytery letterbox.
3. By SMS: text CHURCH PUDSEY to 70500 to contribute £5 to the offertory of our parish.
4. You can also make donations online by going to: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/supporting-your-parish & clicking on “Online Parish Offertory”

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL: Thanks for your donations last week (£35.00), which are forwarded to CAFOD. The total raised so far is £2467.65. You can still contribute to the Ukrainian appeal by putting your offering in an envelope marked ‘UKRAINE’ and putting it in the offertory at Mass.

PARISH MEETING: All are welcome to a general meeting of the parish. Fr Peter will present the parish accounts for 2021/22 and report on property developments, and we can discuss plans for our parish as we emerge from the pandemic. It will be in the Parish Hall on Wednesday (18th May) 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

PLATINUM JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY: Sunday 5th June, starting at 3pm. Tickets are now on sale after each of the weekend Masses (adults £3, children £1), or please contact Freda Mortimer or the parish office. It's essential to buy tickets beforehand for catering & planning purposes. We hope to provide games for the children, so if anyone has any garden games that they can loan to us, please speak to Freda when buying your tickets.

SUMMER FAIR: Sunday 26th June in the afternoon. More details about this will be announced soon.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION: Today (Sunday 15th May) at 3.00pm at Hinsley Hall (62 Headingley Lane, LS6 2BX). Large free car park on site. Food, drink & games for the kids in the grounds after the procession. All welcome.

Returning to Mass at Pentecost - An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)



A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

From the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales - Friday 6th May 2022

LIVESTREAMING: Since the lockdown in March 2020, Fr Peter has offered to livestream Mass from St Joseph's, latterly just on Sundays at 9.30am. In view of the bishops' statement, it now seems the right time to stop the livestreams after next Sunday's Mass. Fr Peter has been using his own personal equipment, and at the present moment we cannot justify the large expense needed to set up the kind of permanent system that is in use in some other churches. For those parishioners who cannot come to Mass, please contact Fr Peter if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY APPEAL: Our SVP Community Support Centres in Leeds and Bradford urgently need small domestic and personal electrical appliances. The donated goods should be in clean and in good working order; marked (legal requirement – usually found on a label on the appliance) and if possible, with an instruction booklet. Members of our Parish SVP will be available after the weekend Masses during May to take your donated items.

DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION VACANCY: The Diocese of Leeds and the Vicariate for Education wish to appoint a practising Catholic to promote and implement the bishop's vision for Catholic Education within the Diocese. Please contact Liam Dowds, on 01737 652043 or ldowds@emmausleadership.me for further details. Closing date: Monday 6th June 2022 at 12 noon.

LEEDS CATHOLIC CARE: is hosting a welcome session for people interested in becoming a parish representative at their Head Office, 11 North Grange Road, Headingley, Leeds LS6 2BR (next to Hinsley Hall) on Tuesday 7th June at 6pm. Please confirm your attendance to rachel.wilkinson@catholic-care.org.uk

THE TWELVE: is the Diocesan Youth Leadership Team and are looking to recruit Catholic young people in Years 8-12 to continue their work of collaborating with Bishop Marcus on Diocesan decision making, giving voice to young people on Diocesan matters and priorities: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/youth/the-twelve. The Deadline for Applications is Friday 10th June. Email Ryan Wilkinson at youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information.

VACANCY: Duty Manager at the Leeds Diocesan Conference Centre at Hinsley Hall in Headingley. Further info: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies

VOCATIONS SERVICE HOLY HOUR: Wednesday 25th May 7pm-8pm at Hinsley Hall (62 Headingley Lane LS6 2BX). All welcome, whether exploring your own relationship with Jesus, or simply to pray for vocations. Bar open afterwards for informal chat with Vocations Service.