

30th November 2025
First Sunday
of Advent
(Year A)

Parishes of St Joseph, Pudsey & St William of York, Morley

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Masses & Liturgies This Week:

Saturday 29 th Nov.	First Sunday of Advent	6.30pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: Norton Crumpton – A</i>)
Sunday 30 th Nov.	First Sunday of Advent	9.00am: Mass (<i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i>)
Monday 1 st Dec.	Advent Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 2 nd Dec.	Advent Feria	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 3 rd Dec.	St Francis Xavier	7.00pm: Mass (<i>Intention: November Dead List</i>)
Thursday 4 th Dec.	Advent Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
		9.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.00am: Mass (<i>Intention: Fr John Scanlan – 90th Birthday</i>)
		7.00pm: Confirmation Liturgy
Friday 5 th Dec.	Advent Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 6 th Dec.	Second Sunday of Advent	6.30pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i>)
Sunday 7 th Dec.	Second Sunday of Advent	9.00am: Mass (<i>Intention: Harry, May & Josephine Sturgeon</i>)

- **Confirmations:** Please remember in your prayers the 23 young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday (4th December) at 7.00pm**. Thank you to all our catechists and the families for helping them to prepare.
- **Confessions:** Tuesdays 6.30pm-6.50pm (during Adoration), or at request from Fr Peter after Saturday 6.30pm Mass.
- **Offertory received last Sunday:** Loose plate: £179.40; envelopes: £205.75; bank transfers: £250.00; **Total: £635.15**. Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Diocesan Youth Service collection:** £172.20.
- **Prayer Tree:** The tree has shed its leaves for autumn. These will be burned and the ashes spread in the parish garden, so all prayers remain with us. Everyone is invited to add their intentions to the tree.
- **Christmas Fayre: Saturday 6th December 12noon-3.30pm.** Come and share a coffee with your friends and support the stalls. **Please help!** We need: *unwanted gifts, jewellery, tombola & raffle prizes, toiletries, plants, children's toys, games, anything in saleable good condition, promises of cakes (but no bric-a-brac please)*. **BOTTLES especially please!** Please bring **NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS** to the hall **TODAY (Sunday 30th November)**. Please bring **CAKES, BUNS, TARTS, PIES** ETC to the hall on Friday afternoon (5th Dec) OR Saturday from 10am (6th Dec). There is a list on the table in the narthex to sign if you are willing to be a stallholder or helper on the day and/or you are promising contribution of cakes.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation 2026:** The formal preparation for First Reconciliation (for children in Year 3 or above) marks the next steps in your child's Sacramental journey after they have made their Baptism. If you wish to enrol your child in this sacramental preparation programme, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gibbons via St Francis School office on 0113 323 0554 or email: office@stfrancismorley.org.uk by Friday 12th December 2025.
- **Wear and Share Leeds Winter Coat Appeal:** If you have unwanted winter clothing, support families in Leeds by dropping it off at a donation location across Leeds (e.g. Morley Leisure Centre) or bring items to church. Please ensure that clothes are clean, good quality and have a working zip if needed. Donations will be accepted until Friday 30 January. For information see: <https://wearandshareleeds.org.uk/projects/leeds-winter-coat-appeal/>
- **Christmas Music & Singing:** We are looking for some volunteers to help lead the singing for the 4.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve - ideally looking for 3 ladies and 3 gentlemen to get a good balance of tone. We will be looking to arrange two 2½ hour practice sessions in December to go through the carols in preparation - dates and times for the practice sessions to be agreed. Interested? Please email Mark: mark.pereira1985@outlook.com with your name and contact number this weekend so we can schedule the practice sessions in early December.
- **Christmas Masses at St Francis':** 24th December at 4.30pm (carols from 4pm) & 8.00pm; 25th December at 9.00am.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: closes today (Sunday), so please make sure that any envelopes are returned this weekend.

LEEDS DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2026: are available in the church porches, priced £5.

Further items & events from across the diocese can be read in the extended newsletter, which is on both parish websites. Or you can join the mailing list (including *Pause for Thought*) - to be added to or removed from our mailing-list please email: office.stwilliam.morley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Joseph's church, The Lanes, Pudsey LS28 7AT www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk

Tel. 0113 257 0803 **Parish Office:** Mondays & Fridays 9am–1pm. Janice: office.stjoseph.pudsey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Masses This Week:

Saturday 29 th Nov.	First Sunday of Advent	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: Catherine Faby – B</i>)
Sunday 30 th Nov.	First Sunday of Advent	10.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Giovanni Rossato – A</i>)
Wednesday 3 rd Dec.	St Francis Xavier	9.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Elizabeth Briggs – A</i>)
Friday 5 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Josephine Mary Dyson – LD</i>)
Saturday 6 th Dec.	Second Sunday of Advent	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: Edward Knight – A</i>)
Sunday 7 th Dec.	Second Sunday of Advent	10.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Ross Rankine – LD</i>)

- **Confessions:** Saturdays 4.30pm-4.50pm.
- **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the family & repose of the soul of **George Allan Grant**, whose funeral service will be at St Joseph's on Wednesday 3rd December at 11.00am.
- **Offertory received last Sunday:** Loose plate: £232.53; envelopes: £185.50; bank transfers: £359.79; **Total: £777.78.** Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Ukraine appeal:** £25.00. You can continue to give to CAFOD's humanitarian aid for Ukraine by putting your offering in an envelope marked 'Ukraine'. **Diocesan Youth Service collection:** £232.81.
- **Gift Aid Receipts:** Please contact Janice (Parish Office) if you would like your GAD receipt for the tax year 2024-25.
- **Advent with the Online Scripture Group:** The parish scripture group is going to journey through Advent with the Jesse Tree devotion. If you would like to join us, an introduction to the devotion and all the resources you need are available here <https://www.faithward.org/jesse-tree/>. The idea is to follow the story of Salvation History from Creation to the birth of Jesus, by reading a short passage of Scripture each day, starting on 1st December and ending on Christmas Day. You may also like to use some of the downloadable resources to create your own Jesse Tree at home, adding something new to the tree each day. There is something for all ages - this devotion is suitable for adults, young people and children alike. If you would like to be able to share some thoughts and reflections with others who are following the same journey, there will be online meetings for adults each week on **Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm**. The meeting on 25th November will introduce the Jesse Tree and get us started. If you would like to join the online group or have any other questions, please contact Helen Edwards at pudseystjoseph@gmail.com
- **Recycling:** As our ongoing parish effort in the CAFOD *Live Simply* award scheme, we are continuing to collect and forward some items that are not currently accepted in the Leeds Council green bins. As well as medication blister packs, we now also are accepting **cracker & biscuit wrappers**. The bin is located by the Presbytery garage in the church car park. For full details of what you deposit see: www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/recycle
- **Bambisanani:** Support David Farmer's Triathlon Challenge To find out more: www.bambisananipartnership.org and visit the News section. To make a donation visit: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/19318>
- **Help with catechesis:** We are always looking for help with preparing children in our parish for their First Confessions, First Communions and Confirmations. Any help is most welcome – even just to support the other catechists. If you are interested, please contact Fr Peter or Helen Edwards: pudseystjoseph@gmail.com
- **SVP Christmas Party:** will be on **Sunday 14th December 1pm-3pm** in the parish hall. Welcome! Please sign up on the notice board in the church porch if you'd like to come along.
- **Youth SVP Toy Collection:** As usual, we are collecting toys to be distributed to needy families in Leeds this Christmas. Any donations should be left in the church porch **by this weekend**, for collection on Monday 1st Dec.
- **Travelling Crib:** will be blessed today (Sunday) at the 10.30am Mass and the first hosting family will take it home. They open it up and set it up, light a candle, read the story and say a prayer, and there are other activities too. They then pack it up and pass it on to the next family (details will be given). To enrol [click here](#) or on the QR code or email catechist.stjoseph.pudsey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk with your name, address, phone number and any dates you are unavailable in Advent.
- **Pudsey Community Project Reverse Advent Calendar:** Stocks are very low at the project, so please consider supporting what is needed by following the Advent calendar. Some copies are in the church porch or you can download one on www.facebook.com/pudseycommunityproject For info about its work: www.pudseycommunity.org.uk
- **Christmas Fair:** Thank you to everyone for supporting and helping out at last Saturday's Christmas Fair, which raised **£1900** (after expenses) **for our school & parish**. Here are the **takings of the stalls**: Santa's Grotto £186.00; Chocolate Tombola £375.50; Bottle Tombola £293.50; Toy Tombola £227.60; Find Santa £33.10; Name the Elf £24.70; Splat the Elf £80.30 (no sooner named, then promptly splatted, poor thing!); Tin Can Alley £43.60; Hook a Duck £43.82; Ping Pong Balls £60.80; Glitter tattoos £41.50; Golf £44.40; Guess Alexa Code £34.00; Face Painting £38.10; Cake Stall £138.10; Hamper £178.00; Café £249.30; Jewellery £84.00; Darts £67.00; Textiles £17.40.
- **Christmas Masses at St Joseph's:** 24th December at 7.00pm & 9.00pm (carols 30 minutes before both Masses); 25th December at 10.30am.



Events & Notices from across the Diocese

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION EVENING: Ever thought of going on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes volunteering as a nurse or as part of the hospitality team but want to know more, then you are invited to an information evening about the roles and pilgrimage. Hinsley Hall, **Monday 1st December 7pm**. For more information, please email Phil Marshall on lourdes.enquires@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07766 148375. To register interest please email recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE: The Rotary Club is collecting candle stubs that can be melted down to make "trench candles", to be used for light, cooking and heating. Please contact Drew directly on 07919 125491 with any questions or to arrange a collection. Alternatively, candle stubs can be left at Hinsley Hall reception **before 12 noon on Tuesday, 2nd December 2025**.

SVP WEBINAR ON PRISONS: Wednesday 3rd December 6.30pm. We have a range of stimulating contributors including a prison chaplain - what does he do? Two women members of the SVP in South Wales who visit HMP Parc, young people in the schools - challenging them to learn about Gospel values and prisoners. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81572729185> Meeting ID: 815 7272 9185

BATLEY JUBILEE MASS WITH BISHOP MARCUS: Over the Jubilee Year St Mary's, Batley, have been celebrating monthly Prayer Vigils on the 1st Friday of each month, comprising of Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm, Rosary at 7.00pm and Mass at 8.00pm, with Adoration/Confessions throughout. Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the final Mass on **Friday 5th December at 8.00pm**. Please do join us for any part of this Prayer Vigil. **See poster at the end**

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS: Please join the Franciscan Friars (CFR's) at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "Called to Holiness: The Second Vatican Council after 60 Years". Upcoming dates (Saturdays): **December 6**, January 10, February 7, March 7, and May 2. The day starts at 11.45am, includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a reflection on the Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions and Eucharistic adoration, concluding around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Welcome! **See poster at the end**

THE GIFT OF JESUS – ADVENT UN-WRAPPED: Exploration of the Liturgical Season of Advent - a Day of Reflection led by Fr Dennis Cassidy at The Briery on **Saturday 6th December**. £25pp including a soup lunch and dessert and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact the Administrators on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

HEALING SERVICE: Wednesday 10th December at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth LS18 5AB. This is a beautiful opportunity to pray for healing for yourself or others, whether physical, psychological, or spiritual. Remember Jesus is alive, and miracles can and do happen! Everyone is welcome, including non-Catholics and those of no faith - all that is needed is an openness to Jesus.

WOMEN OF HOPE - AN ADVENT WEEKEND RETREAT – 12th - 14th December at The Briery, Ilkley. As the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee year comes to an end, join us for a weekend unwrapping gifts from scripture, with music and art, and plenty of time for personal reflection. For more information and to book, contact the Administrators on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: A free guided tour will take place on **Saturday 13th December at 1.30pm**. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

LAUDATO SI' ADVENT ECO-FAIR: at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX on **Saturday 13 December 10am to 3pm**. FREE entry. Stalls, activities, advice, refreshments, plus Adoration in the Chapel & (weather dependent) short Rosary Walk. If YOUR parish, business, or charity would like a stall, contact communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

See poster at the end

CATHOLIC CARE IS HOSTING TWO CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTIES: St John the Evangelist, Bradford on **Tuesday 16th December, 12:30pm** and St Winefride's Church Hall, Bradford on **Wednesday 17th December, 1pm**. Both events feature a 3-course lunch and live music from the Toe Tappers. Tickets are £6. Contact Jean (07960 983384), Michelle (07739 975000), or Moira (07952 258572) for details.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously – under-18s and over-18s. Next meeting: **Friday 19th December 6.30pm-8.15pm** at Leeds University chaplaincy, St Mark's Avenue LS2 9BN. Under-18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge: vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

LIVE NATIVITY: The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal are hosting a live nativity at Corpus Christi church, Neville Road **Saturday 20th December at 2pm** including real animals, party afterwards refreshments, activities for children, Father Christmas coming with gifts, Carol singing. All welcome.

BEREAVEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING: Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two day training course in bereavement accompaniment on **Saturdays 17th and 24th January 2026** at The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley. The cost is £70 and includes a cooked 2 course lunch and refreshments on both days. For more information, please email epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or contact The Briery on 01943 607287.

ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: **Friday 13th February 2026** at the Met hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To secure your tickets for this popular event, contact Phil on 07766 148375 or email philmarshall49@outlook.com.

OTHER NOTICES

ONLINE ROSARY FOR THE DIOCESE: for the needs and intentions of the Diocese using Microsoft Teams every Friday from 21st November to 19th December at 2.30pm. To join, see: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news/>

CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING: Adult LD support workers – Dewsbury – Full & Part time & fixed term maternity cover. Salary £24,892 - £26,096 pro rata. Also Care Bank Support Workers (Dewsbury) and Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers (Keighley) needed: £14.12 inclusive per hour plus sleeps. Please email CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL VACANCY: Leeds Cathedral is recruiting a part time caretaker to work with a small, dedicated team. For an application form and further information, please e-mail your contact details to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Or alternatively for an informal chat, please phone 0113 245 4545. Closing date for applications is Friday 12th December.

SITE MANAGER VACANCY: St Walburga's Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint a reliable, proactive and enthusiastic Site Manager to support the smooth running of our school. Permanent (37 hrs/week), Band 5 (£25,583–£25,989). Experience in premises maintenance, compliance systems and Health and Safety; driving licence desirable. **Closing date:** 4th December 2025. For more info & apply please contact Laura Long, School Business Manager: laura.long@wal.bcwcacat.co.uk / 01274 531102

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THE LAST OF OUR JUBILEE YEAR VIGILS OF PRAYER
MASS WITH BISHOP MARCUS STOCK
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER - 8.00PM



St Mary of the Angels, Batley - Jubilee Year Designated Church
(Home of the Batley Torchlight Procession)

Crucem, Hostiam et Virginem

"If we want to grow and to be filled with the love of God, it is necessary to plant our lives firmly on three great realities: the Cross, the Host and the Virgin Mary: crux, hostia, et virgo...these are three mysteries that God gave to the world in order to structure, fructify and sanctify our interior life and to lead us to Jesus."

(Cardinal Robert Sarah: "The Power of Silence")

Friday 5th December 2025

6.00pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.00pm	The Holy Rosary Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.50pm	Benediction
8.00pm	Mass - with Bishop Marcus Stock

As we come near to the end of this Jubilee Year, come and join us for the last of our Jubilee Prayer Vigils. An opportunity to experience God's forgiveness, receive the Jubilee Indulgence and rest prayerfully in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Enquiries to:

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ST PATRICK'S
MISSION



Franciscan Friars
of the Renewal

Called to Holiness

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL AFTER 60 YEARS

Discipleship Days 2025-2026

11:45 am - 4:30 pm

St Patrick's Church
Sedgfield Terrace, Bradford BD1 2RU

Sept 13

Made for God: The Universal Call to Holiness
Lumen Gentium

Oct 4

Encountering Christ in the Liturgy
Sacrosanctum Concilium

Nov 1

Scripture & Tradition: God Reveals Himself
Dei Verbum

Dec 6

The Church's Mission in the Modern World
Gaudium et Spes

Jan 10

The Lay Apostle: Vocation & Mission of the Laity
Apostolicam Actuositatem

Feb 7

**Ecumenism & the Church's Relationship
with Non-Christians**
Unitatis Redintegratio & Nostra Aetate

Mar 7

The Media: It's Opportunities and Challenges
Inter Mirifica

May 2

"Tell All the Nations": Universal Call to Evangelise
Ad Gentes

Advent Eco-fair



Saturday 13 Dec 2025, 10am-3pm
Hinsley Hall, Headingley LS6 2BX

To book a (FREE!) stall for YOUR parish, environmental initiative, charity or eco-business, 'repair cafe', allotment produce or bake-sale, fairly-traded goods for 'stocking fillers' and Secret Santa, arts and crafts demonstrations etc. please contact
communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

We're close to public transport and have plenty of **free parking!**
Morning coffee (and cake); afternoon tea (and more cake!)



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A Laudato Si' Event for the Winter Season of Creation!