

7th December 2025
Second Sunday
of Advent
(Year A)

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

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Masses & Liturgies This Week:

Saturday 6th Dec.	Second Sunday of Advent	6.30pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i>)
Sunday 7th Dec.	Second Sunday of Advent	9.00am: Mass (<i>Intention: Harry, May & Josephine Sturgeon</i>)
Monday 8th Dec.	Immaculate Conception	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 9th Dec.	Advent Feria	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		7.00pm: Mass (<i>Intention: November Dead List</i>)
Wednesday 10th Dec.	Advent Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Thursday 11th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.00am: Mass (<i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i>)
Friday 12th Dec.	Advent Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 13th Dec.	Third Sunday of Advent	6.30pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: Stan Lister – A</i>)
Sunday 14th Dec.	Third Sunday of Advent	9.00am: Mass (<i>Intention: Lily & Albert Haley</i>)

- **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: £340.21; envelopes: £211.00; bank transfers: £957.49; **Total: £1508.70.** Sincere thanks for your generosity!
- **Baptisms:** Prayers & congratulations to **Aria Joanne Stringer** and **Brody Robert Stringer**, who were baptised on Saturday, and to their proud family!
- **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.
- **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/>
- **Monthly Children's Liturgy Evening:** The next session will be on **Thursday 11th December 3.45-4.30pm** in the Church Hall (open to children aged 2-11 accompanied by their guardians). It provides time to review the liturgy for children. See Aileen for more details or email aileenrees15@outlook.com
- **Christmas Masses at St Francis':** 24th December at 4.30pm (carols from 4pm) & 8.00pm; 25th December at 9.00am.

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

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.*

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETING: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. **Friday 19th December 6.30pm-8.15pm** at Leeds University Chaplaincy, St Mark's Avenue LS2 9BN (please note parking is very limited). 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

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION: **Tuesday 16th December, 7am – 7pm** at Leeds Cathedral. There will be priests available to hear confessions, and Exposition all day.

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 6th Dec.	Second Sunday of Advent	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: Edward Knight – A</i>)
Sunday 7th Dec.	Second Sunday of Advent	10.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Ross Rankine – LD</i>)
		5.00pm: Jesse Tree Service for Confirmation candidates
Wednesday 10th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Doreen Edwards – LD</i>)
Friday 12th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Private Intention – PAR</i>)
Saturday 13th Dec.	Third Sunday of Advent	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: Peter Dockerty – A</i>)
Sunday 14th Dec.	Third Sunday of Advent	10.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Edmund Broderick – A</i>)

- **Confessions:** Saturdays 4.30pm-4.50pm.
- **Baptisms:** Prayers and congratulations to **Daisy Niña Mitchell** and **Indie Rose Hudyma**, who are baptised on Sunday, and to their proud families!
- **Wedding:** Prayers and congratulations to **Adelle France & Christopher Halliday**, who were married this weekend.
- **Offertory received last Sunday:** Loose plate: £291.30; envelopes: £280.00; bank transfers: £1367.57; **Total: £1938.87**. Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Ukraine appeal:** £5.00. You can continue to give to CAFOD's humanitarian aid for Ukraine by putting your offering in an envelope marked 'Ukraine'.
- **Gift Aid Receipts:** Please contact Janice (Parish Office) if you would like your GAD receipt for the tax year 2024-25.
- **Online Scripture Group:** If you would like to join the Tuesday evening online group, 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>
- **Bambisanani Bun Sale - TODAY (Sunday after Mass):** *Hello, my name is Maddie Winks and in 2027 I am going to be part of a team from St Mary's High School travelling to South Africa with the Bambisanani Partnership. During the next 18 months and beyond I hope to do lots fundraising, starting after this Sunday's 10.30am Mass with a little Christmas bun table. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!*
- **Help with catechesis:** We are always looking for help with preparing children in our parish for their First Confessions, First Communion 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.
- **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
- **First Sacraments Enrolment:** We would like to invite parents / guardians of baptised children in school Year 3 and above to enrol on to our Parish Reconciliation and First Communion Programme. For further information and to enrol [click here](#) or on the QR code →. Closing date: 19th December.
- **Red Mission Boxes:** Many of you have these red mission boxes in your homes, and you can empty yours now by bringing it to the sacristy (not the church porch please) with your name attached, and then you'll be able to pick it up emptied the following week. Many thanks to Pat Lucas for her work with this. Please ask if you want a box.
- **Christmas Masses at St Joseph's:** 24th December at 7.00pm & 9.00pm (carols 30 minutes before both Masses); 25th December at 10.30am.



THE TWELVE – 2ND SURVEY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: The Twelve, the Youth Leadership Team for the Diocese of Leeds, are doing more research into the engagement of young people within their parish and would like to hear from even more young people! The research includes roles that young people undertake, training opportunities, and general ideas for further engagement of young people in the parish. Scan the QR code → or go to: <https://forms.gle/p4274YfVS3XZBfsB6> Thank you!



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

Events & Notices from across the Diocese

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.

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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.

A DAY FOR CATECHISTS "for such as these": Saturday 24th January, 10am-3pm offered by the Diocesan Vicariate for Education - Hinsley Hall. A day aimed at those involved with Children's Liturgy of the Word and other ministry with children. We will explore different resources and ideas to best form our children and young people - with times of prayer, input, Mass and discussion. Free event with lunch provided. Please email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book your place.

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.

IRISH NIGHT FUNDRAISER: in aid of the Little sisters of the Poor rebuild fund February 27th 2026, Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds commencing at 7.30pm. Irish meal soda bread and Irish dessert, Irish music and dancing. Auction, raffle and football card, tickets on sale in Irish Centre and also contact Sister Christina email funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

OTHER NOTICES

LOURDES NURSES VOLUNTEER APPEAL: Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? Please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join the team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience, and many nurses return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

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: Support Ambassadors – Extra Care service - Skipton. Salary £26,096 pro rata. 35 hours per week plus on-call at £100 per shift. Flexibility re shift work and weekends and experience of working with older adults / vulnerable people required. 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.

**Leeds Cathedral
Advent Day of
Reconciliation**

**Tuesday 16th
December 2025**

Exposition of
the Blessed
Sacrament
&
Confessions
7am - 7pm

*May God give
you pardon
and peace!*



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salvation (Psalm 51:12)**

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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!