

21st December 2025
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
(Year A)

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

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Masses & Liturgies This Week:

Saturday 20th Dec. Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 21st Dec. Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday 22nd Dec. Advent Feria

Tuesday 23rd Dec. Advent Feria

Wednesday 24th Dec. Christmas Eve

Thursday 25th Dec. Christmas Day

Friday 26th Dec. St Stephen (Boxing Day)

Saturday 27th Dec. Holy Family

Sunday 28th Dec. Holy Family

6.30pm: Vigil Mass (*Intention: The People of the Parishes*)

9.00am: Mass (*Intention: Dellie Doyle – LD*)

10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm: Mass (*Intention: Joan Wiseman - LD*)

4.00pm: Children's Christmas Service

4.30pm: Mass (*Intention: Private Intention*)

8.00pm: Mass (*Intention: November Dead List*)

9.00am: Mass (*Intention: Yorkshire Brethren Society*)

No Mass or Liturgy today

6.30pm: Vigil Mass (*Intention: The People of the Parishes*)

9.00am: Mass (*Intention: Gerry Sykes*)

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: £117.11; envelopes: £291.56; bank transfers: £212.00; **Total: £620.67.**
Sincere thanks for your generosity!

Thank you: to Fr Lawrie Hume, who will celebrate the Christmas Eve 8.00pm Mass. His help is very much appreciated!

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 Fair: A massive **THANK YOU** to all who supported the parish fayre which raised a grand total of £1,780.35! Many parishioners, the school and other friends contributed to the event whether donating items for the stalls, helping on the day, setting up or cleaning up and especially by coming to supporting the fayre and enjoying the camaraderie and fun. A special thanks is due to Kath McCreavie who masterminded the event and her team of Margaret, Rita, Helena and Kath. Here are all the **takings from the stalls:** Books £28.50; Bottles £255.00; Cakes/Chutney £242.15; Cake Raffle £32.00; Tea/coffee/pies £39.20; Crafts £306.00; Hong Kong Food £113.00; Jewellery £46.00; Pick-a-picture £73.00; Raffle £93.00; Sewing £130.00; Toiletries £126.45; Tombola £163.05; Name-a-toy £23.00; Donations £110.00. **Raffle Prizes:** 1. Goody basket 201; 2. Toiletries 110C; 3. Dairy Box 53C; 4. Mug set 329C; 5. Blue bag 205; 6. Ferrero Rocher 336; 7. Umbrella set 118C; 8. Bailey's 320C; 9. Skittles 222; 10. Heroes 367C; 11. Giraffe Mugs 295C; 12. Watch 192; 13. Tea selection 279C; 14. Artist box 99C.

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.*

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Each year, the collection taken at the Masses on Christmas Eve/Day is the offering which forms an important part of the annual taxable income of Parish Priests. The offering itself can be gift-aided, with the gift-aid being retained by the parish. If you would prefer to make the offering by direct bank transfer, please reference the donation as 'Christmas Offering'. **THANK YOU!** And thanks from Fr Peter for the many cards and messages received!

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5.00pm: Vigil Mass (*Intention: Lawrence Fahy – B*)
10.30am: Mass (*Intention: Sean, Dan, Stephen, Brian Walsh*)
6.30pm: Carols
7.00pm: Mass (*Intention: The People of the Parishes*)
8.30pm: Carols
9.00pm: Mass (*Intention: Edith Barron*)
10.30am: Mass (*Intention: Sarah & Rachel Clark*)
10.00am: Mass (*Intention: Peter Parker & Dennis Lawrence*)
5.00pm: Vigil Mass (*Intention: Emily, Kevin & John Galvin*)
10.30am: Mass (*Intention: Deceased – Chappell Family*)

Confessions: Saturdays 4.30pm–4.50pm.

Offertory received last Sunday: Loose plate: £360.29; envelopes: £245.00; bank transfers: £768.50; **Total: £1373.79.** Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Ukraine appeal:** £20.00. 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>

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.

Living Faith: The new editions (January–March) of these popular daily devotional booklets are now available in the church porch. If you can leave a donation of £2 each, we would be grateful.

Pantomime: St. Joseph's Theatre Company present their pantomime *Dick Whittington and his Cat* on **Friday 16th January 7.30pm and Saturday 17th January 2.00pm and 7.30pm**. Adults £7.00; concessions (under 16 and over 65) £3.50. Tickets are now available: <https://buytickets.at/stjosephstheatrecompany/1992567> or scan the QR code →. You can also obtain tickets after Sunday 10.30am Mass. Please book early so you don't miss out on a wonderful family pantomime.



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

BEREAVEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING: Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two day training course in bereavement accompaniment on **Saturdays 17th and 24th January** 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** 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**, 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

CATHOLIC DIOCESAN SUPPLY SERVICE: We are looking for Teachers, Teaching Assistants and SEN Support Staff to work with schools across the Diocese. Please Call us on 0113 331 4121 or 01422 384 100.

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.

CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING: Children's Residential Home, Keighley: Senior Residential Childcare Support Workers – Salary includes 8 sleep-ins per month: £34,163 – £35,668, (Bank positions also available.) Please contact recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk Roles also attract a welcome bonus payment of £500. (£250 on starting & £250 on successful completion of probation period). The welcome bonus applies to experienced residential workers (over 1 years previous experience required to qualify). Driver is essential

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION – BECOME A DIRECTOR: The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust is seeking a Director with a strong strategic educational background to join our Trust Board and help steer long-term direction. This voluntary role is ideal for individuals who understand curriculum development, school improvement, and governance at scale. You will influence key decisions, champion innovation, and ensure high standards across our schools. If you would like further information about this role, please contact Mrs Jemma Johnson, BWCAT Head of Governance at j.johnson@bwcat.org <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/>

ASSISTANT HEAD OF PHILOSOPHY, THEOLOGY AND ETHICS VACANCY: Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: January 2026 or as soon after. Closing date: 22 January 2026 Further info: please visit <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk

GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY VACANCY: Growing Old Grace-fully is looking for a freelancer to support work across the diocese, with a focus on unpaid Carers. The project has funding for 12 hours per week (or monthly equivalent) at £20 per hour plus travel expenses. We have funding initially for a one-year contract. Closing date: 16th January 2026. Interviews: Thursday 28th January 2026. For an application pack please e mail carol.burns@yahoo.co.uk To find out more go to www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk

HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACANCY: Holy Family Catholic High School, Keighley. Start: Easter 2026. Closing date: Friday 16th January at 9am. Contract packs are available from the school office: office@holyfamilyschool.uk or 01535 210212. For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Michelle Clare, mclare@holyfamilyschool.uk