

28<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Feast of the  
Holy Family  
(Year A)

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

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#### **MASSES & LITURGIES THIS WEEK:**

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Holy Family	6.30pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i> )
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Holy Family	9.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Gerry Sykes</i> )
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	St Thomas Becket	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Octave	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Christmas Octave	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	Mary, Mother of God	10.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: William Dobson – OM</i> )
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	Ss Basil & Gregory	No Mass or Liturgy today
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	6.30pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i> )
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	9.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm & Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am (with school).

**CONFESSIONS:** No Tuesday confessions this week.

**OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY:** Loose plate: £331.42; envelopes: £182.50; bank transfers: £135.00; **Total: £648.92.** Sincere thanks for your generosity!

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for the family & the repose of the soul of **Michael Goodwin**, who died last week. His Requiem Mass will be at St Francis' on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 12.15pm.**

**WEAR & SHARE 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. <https://wearandshareleeds.org.uk/projects/leeds-winter-coat-appeal/>

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all who contributed to the solemnity and beauty of our Christmas celebrations - to Kath and her team for preparing the church and the seasonal decorations, to Beverley for the flower arrangements, for those who built the stable and brought the Nativity scene to life, to those providing music to enhance our prayers. A special thank you to Beth and Mark for organising the children, the choir and the musicians for telling the story of the birth of Jesus with such joy and love. Thank you to all who came and prayed, sang, exchanged greetings of happiness and peace. We continue to pray to God for His blessings, now and in the New Year, and to St Francis of Assisi, our patron and creator of the first Nativity scene.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:** provide care for Christians living with extreme suffering and injustice in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. They provide immediate relief and long-term practical support, so that they can remain in the land of their birthright and have hope to survive and thrive. And they help to maintain the places so important to Christians. There is a basket in the Nativity Stable in church for contributions.

#### ***A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!***

*A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Masses, and who made our churches look so beautiful. And thank you also to everyone for their cards, gifts, kind messages and for your Christmas offerings to me personally. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do in both the parishes under my care. It is wonderful that so many of you give your time and talents to serve our communities, often in very quiet and unseen ways. It is greatly appreciated. As we approach the New Year, we thank God for the blessings that he has bestowed on us over the past year, and we ask His blessing that we may seek to serve him faithfully in all we do. I wish you all every prayer & blessing for a happy and healthy New Year! Fr Peter*

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## **MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Holy Family	5.00pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: Emily, Kevin &amp; John Galvin</i> )
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Holy Family	10.30am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Deceased – Chappell Family</i> )
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	Mary, Mother of God	12noon: Mass ( <i>Intention: Pat Ford – LD</i> )
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	Ss Basil & Gregory	9.30am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Holy Souls</i> )
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	5.00pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: Rachel Clark</i> )
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	10.30am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Amistad &amp; Pormento families</i> )

**MASSES FOR EPIPHANY:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am (with our school) & 7.00pm.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 4.30pm-4.50pm.

**OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY:** Loose plate: £340.57; envelopes: £225.00; bank transfers: £221.75; **Total: £787.32.** 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'.

**ONLINE SCRIPTURE GROUP:** If you would like to join the Tuesday evening online group, please contact Helen Edwards at [pudseystjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:pudseystjoseph@gmail.com)

**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.

**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 via the QR code → or at <https://buytickets.at/stjosephstheatrecompany/1992567>. You can also obtain tickets after Sunday 10.30am Mass. Please book early so you don't miss out on a wonderful family pantomime.



**TIM DEVEREUX writes:** From 1st January to 4th October 2025, I rode my bikes (nearly!) everyday around the locality to complete 3,431 miles, the distance from Pudsey to Gaza to raise funds for Medical Aid for Palestinians. With much help from St Joseph's parishioners, the total, with Gift Aid, is now £7,318.22. Many, many thanks! And you can still donate, at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/tim-devereux-map-2025>

**SVP QUIZ NIGHT:** on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 6.30pm** in the Parish Hall, to support the SVP Camino de Santiago Challenge 2026. Tickets available after Sunday Mass: £10 (children free), includes food & first drink.

**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!



To read Bishop Marcus' Pastoral Letter for this weekend see here:

[www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/pastoral-letter/](http://www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/pastoral-letter/) [www.stwilliamofyork.org.uk/pastoral-letter/](http://www.stwilliamofyork.org.uk/pastoral-letter/)

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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or contact The Briery on 01943 607287.

**A DAY FOR CATECHISTS** "for such as these": **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) to book your place.

**ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE:** **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:philmarshall49@outlook.com).

**IRISH NIGHT FUNDRAISER:** in aid of the Little sisters of the Poor rebuild fund **February 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Interviews: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026. For an application pack please e mail [carol.burns@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carol.burns@yahoo.co.uk) To find out more go to [www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk](http://www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk)

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