

4<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Second Sunday  
after the Nativity  
(Year A)

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

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

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> )
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Epiphany of the Lord	7.00pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Epiphany of the Lord	10.00am: Mass (with the school) ( <i>Int: Yorkshire Brethren</i> )
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Baptism of the Lord	6.30pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Baptism of the Lord	9.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )

**CONFESSIONS:** No confessions this week due to Fr Peter's absence. Thanks for your understanding.

**OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY:** Loose plate: £281.71; envelopes: £151.50; bank transfers: £876.00; **Total: £61309.21.** Christmas offering (to the Parish Priest): £1642.30. 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/>

**LIGHT FOR THE BLIND:** charity is celebrating its 25th Anniversary Year. In 2000, Fr Thomas Rathappillil, a Leeds Diocesan Priest, re-located to his home country of India due to poor health. But he wanted to help those in need. So, he and Myrtle Watkins founded a charity in SE India to test the eyes of the poor where cataracts were prevalent, hence the charity's name. In 2002, the Indian government made cataract operations free for the poor. A new cause was quickly found, helping the destitute and dying. There are now 5 Hospices, all dedicated to St Joseph, with 550 patients. Thankfully, some patients recover but those who do not are cared for and given a dignified funeral. Our parish was one of the first to support this charity as Fr Thomas was a Curate in Morley for a time. Gillian Galek was one of the first Trustees and asked parishioners to contribute pennies to a large whisky bottle kept in the church porch. Our support grew, and for the last few years, more than £1000/year has been sent to Fr Thomas. This sum is raised by the kind donations given at the Sunday Mass coffee service and other donations. Those serving provide all refreshments so all monies can be contributed to the charity. Thank you to all parishioners for supporting this work. A Light for the Blind Christmas newsletter is posted in the narthex.

**A MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:** Unfortunately, last Monday my mum (Maria) had a heart attack and since then has been in hospital in a critical state. Despite quick responses and excellent care, her kidneys have been affected and so I am at her bedside as much as I can be. Many thanks to **Fr Lawrie Hulme** and **Fr Kevin Firth**, who have stepped in to say the Masses at St Francis' and St Joseph's respectively. The weeks ahead will be obviously uncertain for me, so you may not see me for a little while, but any 'last minute' additions to the Mass schedule can be found on the home page of both parish websites. Thank you for your prayers and care.

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## **MASSES THIS WEEK:**

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> )
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Epiphany of the Lord	11.30am: Mass (with school) ( <i>Int: Rhodes/Hennelly families</i> )
		7.00pm: Mass ( <i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i> )
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Baptism of the Lord	5.00pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )
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**BAPTISM:** Prayers and congratulations to Joel Allan Firth, who is baptised today (Sunday) and to his family!

**OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY:** Loose plate: £374.12; envelopes: £216.50; bank transfers: £1054.81; **Total: £1645.43.** Christmas offering (to the Parish Priest): £1848.44. Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Ukraine appeal:** £20.00.

**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:** can now be emptied by bringing it to the sacristy (not the church porch please) with your name attached, and then picked up 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 BLESSING OF HOMES AT EPIPHANY**

*This is a tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages, done on (or near) the Feast of Epiphany.*

*Using chalk (usually blessed on the Epiphany), mark your main door (or its lintel) with:*

**20 \* C + M + B \* 26**

*The following prayer may be said when making the marks:*

**The Three Wise Men (C) CASPAR, (M) MELCHIOR, and (B) BALTHASAR followed the star of God's Son, who became human (20) two thousand and (26) twenty-six years ago. (\*) May Christ bless (+) our home (+) and remain (+) with us throughout the new year (\*). Amen.**

*Chalk reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made.*

*The initials CMB stand for the legendary names of the Magi, as well as*

**CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT** (*May Christ bless this house*)

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

**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!



**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)