

11<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Feast of the  
Baptism of the  
Lord (Year A)

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

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### MASSES & LITURGIES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Baptism of the Lord	6.30pm: Vigil Mass (Intention: November Dead List)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Baptism of the Lord	9.00am: Mass (Intention: November Dead List)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	St Aelred of Rievaulx	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	7.00pm: Mass (Intention: November Dead List)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	12.15pm: Requiem Mass: Michael Goodwin
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Second Sunday of O.T.	10.00am: Mass (Intention: Michael Goodwin)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Second Sunday of O.T.	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
		6.30pm: Vigil Mass (Intention: November Dead List)
		9.00am: Mass (Intention: Pat & Norah Hosty - A)

**CONFESIONS:** Tuesday 6.30pm-6.50pm (during Adoration), or at request on Thursday after Mass.

**OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY:** Loose plate: £229.76; envelopes: £133.50; bank transfers: £385.00; **Total: £748.26.** Sincere thanks for your generosity!

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for the family & the repose of the soul of **Michael Goodwin**. His Requiem Mass will be at St Francis' on **Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> Jan) 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/>

**MONTHLY CHILDREN'S LITURGY EVENING:** The next session will be on **Thursday 15th January 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](mailto:aileenrees15@outlook.com)

**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. Our parish was one of the first to support this charity as Fr Thomas was a curate in Morley for a time, and for the last few years, more than £1000 a year has been sent. 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 MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:**

Thank you for all your prayers, care and kindness over these past two weeks when my mum (Maria) was in hospital. She has made a wonderful recovery and should be back at home this week. For a little while I'll be staying with her, so please again excuse my absences and preoccupation, but sincere thanks to so many who have stepped up to help in the parishes, and of course also to Fr Lawrie Hulme, Fr Kevin Firth and Fr Paul Willment who helped with the Masses last week. God bless you!

# St Joseph's church, The Lanes, Pudsey LS28 7AT

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## **MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Baptism of the Lord	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (Intention: November Dead List)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	The Baptism of the Lord	10.30am: Mass (Intention: The People of the Parishes)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	10.00am: Mass (Intention: November Dead List)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	10.00am: Mass (Intention: Edith Barron)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Second Sunday of O.T.	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (Intention: The People of the Parishes)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Second Sunday of O.T.	10.30am: Mass (Intention: Yorkshire Brethren Society)

**CONFESIONS:** Saturday 4.30pm-4.50pm, or at request after any weekday Mass.

**OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY:** Loose plate: £373.28; envelopes: £325.00; bank transfers: £696.00; **Total: £1394.28.** 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 [pudsey.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:pudsey.stjoseph@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.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Please pray for the 37 young people of parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St Joseph's on **Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> Jan) and Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> Jan) at 7.00pm.** We are grateful to Mgr Paul Fisher, the Vicar General of the Diocese, who will preside at the liturgies, to our parish catechesis team, and indeed to all the families who have helped to prepare our candidates over the past months.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Our next meeting is **today (Sunday 11th Jan) 4.00pm-5.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Drop in for a cup of tea or coffee, a chat and listening ears. For anyone walking through loss, no matter how long ago. All are welcome - no need to book. An opportunity to spend time alongside others who recognise your bereavement journey in a safe confidential space.

**WORLD PEACE DAY:** is next Sunday and there will be a retiring collection at the Masses in both parishes for the work of *Pax Christi*, the international Catholic Movement for Peace. You can read Pope Leo's message for Peace Sunday and other messages and resources on: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2026/>

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.

**INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:** For the attention of men between 35-55 years who may be considering a calling to an ordained ministry. There is to be an informal information session on the diaconate on **Saturday 24th January** at Hinsley Hall between **10.30am-12.30pm**. For further details contact Deacon Joe on [joseph.cortis@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:joseph.cortis@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) See also the poster at end of notices.

**RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA:** On **Thursday 29th January**, Leeds Cathedral will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass at the Cathedral at 5.30pm, and receive a blessing with his relics. See also the poster at the end of notices for other venues and dates in our diocese.

**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 [philmashall49@outlook.com](mailto:philmashall49@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@london.co.uk](mailto:funds.leeds@london.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.

**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!



## VACANCIES

**SENIOR GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING OFFICER VACANCY:** The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/). Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

**CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING:** Adult LD Waking Night Support Workers in Sutton-in-Craven, part-time. Salary £24,892 - £26,096 pro rata. Please email CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)

**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)

**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@holymaryschool.uk](mailto:office@holymaryschool.uk) or 01535 210212. For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Michelle Clare, [mclare@holymaryschool.uk](mailto:mclare@holymaryschool.uk)

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) RECRUITING PARISH APPEALERS:** Would you like to earn a little money while doing something powerful to support persecuted Christians and Christians in need? Join the ACN self-employed parish appeal team and share stories in parishes while you raise much needed funds and prayers. See: <https://acnuk.org/jobs>

# Open Information Session on the Diaconate



If you are a man between 30 to 60 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, involved within your parish community, and feeling drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church, **you might be called to be a Permanent Deacon.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
10.30-12.00**

Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX

For further information please email:

Deacon David Arblaster (Director of Deacons)  
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or

Deacon Joe Cortis (Assistant Director-Formation)  
[joseph.cortis@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:joseph.cortis@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**If you plan to attend, please let either Deacon David or Deacon Joe know by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

*Wives of married men are most welcome and indeed encouraged to attend this event along with their husband.*



# TOUR OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA 2026

## DIOCESE OF LEEDS



JANUARY

MONDAY 26TH: HUDDERSFIELD,  
ST PATRICK: 7PM MASS

TUESDAY 27TH: BRADFORD,  
ST JOSEPH: 6:30PM MASS

WEDNESDAY 28TH: WAKEFIELD,  
ST AUSTIN: 7PM MASS

THURSDAY 29TH: LEEDS,  
CATHEDRAL: 5:30PM MASS



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CHURCH OPEN AN HOUR BEFORE MASS  
FOR PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE THE RELICS.  
INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY BLESSINGS WITH THE RELIC AFTER MASS

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