

18<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Second Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
(Year A)

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

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#### **MASSSES & LITURGIES THIS WEEK:**

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Second Sunday of O.T.	6.30pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Second Sunday of O.T.	9.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Pat &amp; Norah Hosty – A</i> )
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	St Agnes	7.00pm: Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
		9.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	Feria	10.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Third Sunday of O.T.	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Third Sunday of O.T.	6.30pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )
		9.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Michael Goodwin</i> )

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

**OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY:** Loose plate: £259.48; envelopes: £154.60; bank transfers: £165.00; **Total: £579.08.** Sincere thanks for your generosity!

**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/>

**PARISH COFFEE MORNING:** The next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 29th January at 10.30am, following Adoration (9.30) and Mass (10.00).

**FIRST SACRAMENTS – RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** The formal preparation for First Reconciliation (for children in Year 3 or above) marks the next steps in a child's Sacramental journey after they have made their Baptism. If any parent/guardian wishes to enrol their child in this sacramental preparation programme, please contact Mrs Gibbons via St Francis School office on 0113 323 0554 or email: [office@stfrancismorley.org.uk](mailto:office@stfrancismorley.org.uk) **by 6th February** for First Reconciliation, or **by 13th March** for First Communion.

**SILVER STORIES:** The Year 5 & 6 children of St Francis Catholic Primary School are seeking a small number of older parishioners who would like to be part of our reading programme. The Silver stories programme is where children (known as Silver Readers) telephone a member of our parish (known as a Silver Listener) every week and read a short story or poem to them. If this is something of interest to you or your relative, please contact the school office on: 0113 323 0554. Leaving your name and contact number and Mrs Gibbons will return your call with further information.

#### **A MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:**

Thank you for all your ongoing prayers, care and kindness over these past three weeks for me and my mum (Maria). She deteriorated this week, unfortunately, and at the moment we're still just waiting for the next steps. Thank you to Fr Kevin Firth and Fr Lawrie Hulme, who will celebrate the Saturday Vigil Masses this weekend. Please check both parish websites in case of any last-minute changes to the Mass schedule this week, and please excuse my absences and preoccupation. Sincere thanks to everyone who has stepped in to help in so many ways, especially with the Confirmations last week in St Joseph's, and God bless you!

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

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Tel. 0113 257 0803 **Parish Office:** Mondays & Fridays 9am–1pm. Janice: [office.stjoseph.pudsey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.stjoseph.pudsey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

## **MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Second Sunday of O.T.	5.00pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i> )
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Second Sunday of O.T.	10.30am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Yorkshire Brethren Society</i> )
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Feria	10.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Private Intention</i> )
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	St Agnes	10.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Robert Phizackerley</i> )
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	Feria	10.00am: Mass ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Third Sunday of O.T.	5.00pm: Vigil Mass ( <i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i> )
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Third Sunday of O.T.	10.30am: Mass ( <i>Intention: Monica Murray</i> )

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

**OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY:** Loose plate: £264.53; envelopes: £297.35; bank transfers: £276.00; **Total: £837.88.** Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Ukraine appeal:** £40.00.

**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.

**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.

**SCHOOL MISSION DAY:** On Monday (19<sup>th</sup> January) there is a Mission Day in St Joseph's school, looking at our school mission and how we can live this at home, the parish and the school. There is an open morning for parents and parishioners to join with the classes to discuss this from 9.00am to 10.00am. For more information, please contact the school office: [office@stjosephpudsey.org](mailto:office@stjosephpudsey.org)

**WORLD PEACE DAY:** is TODAY (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/>

**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.

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

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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**'PEACE BE WITH YOU!' – A RETREAT DAY:** **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January** at The Briery, Ilkley. All are invited to join Wharfedale parishioners for a day of prayer and reflection at the start of the year. 10.00-3.30 £35pp including a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact Beth 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**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

**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)

**DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Normanton. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Monday, 2 February 2026. Further info: [https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li\\_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WVID=797592QEnN&VACANCY\\_ID=992803rP0v](https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WVID=797592QEnN&VACANCY_ID=992803rP0v)

To discuss or arrange a visit, contact [sbm@sjb.bkcat.uk](mailto:sbm@sjb.bkcat.uk) or call 01924 891685

**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)

**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>

**HEAD OF FINANCE VACANCY:** “Ten:Ten Resources”, a provider of online Catholic teaching content is recruiting. Please visit <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/recruitment/head-of-finance/> for more details.



# 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)  
[david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

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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[WWW.REDEMPTORISTS.CO.UK](http://WWW.REDEMPTORISTS.CO.UK)

**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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