

1st February 2026
Fourth Sunday of
Ordinary Time
(Year A)

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

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MASSES & LITURGIES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 31 st Jan.	Fourth Sunday of O.T.	6.30pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: Margaret Connaughton – A</i>)
Sunday 1 st Feb.	Fourth Sunday of O.T.	9.00am: Mass (<i>Intention: Mark & Bryan Johnson</i>)
Monday 2 nd Feb.	The Lord's Presentation	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 3 rd Feb.	St Blaise	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 4 th Feb.	Feria	7.00pm: Mass (<i>Intention: November Dead List</i>)
Thursday 5 th Feb.	St Agatha	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday 6 th Feb.	Martyrs of Korea	9.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 7 th Feb.	Fifth Sunday of O.T.	10.00am: Mass (<i>Intention: Bridget McDonagh – A</i>)
Sunday 8 th Feb.	Fifth Sunday of O.T.	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
		6.30pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i>)
		9.00am: Mass (<i>Intention: John McNulty – A</i>)

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

OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY: Loose plate: £224.35; envelopes: £313.00; bank transfers: £150.00; **Total: £687.35.** Sincere thanks for your generosity!

BAPTISM: Prayers and congratulations to **Adriel Efosa Ugiagbe**, who was baptised this weekend, and to his proud family!

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 by **6th February** for First Reconciliation, or **by 13th March** for First Communion.



CANDLEMAS & ST BLAISE: Monday (2nd February) is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when the old man Simeon took Jesus into his arms, gave thanks to God, and declared Him to be 'a light to enlighten the gentiles'. We will begin the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's with the traditional blessing of candles, and after Mass our Bethlehem Crib will be put away for another year. Tuesday (3rd February) is the Feast of St Blaise, who famously saved a boy from choking to death and so became the patron saint of afflictions of the throat. It is the tradition to use candles that we have blessed the day before to bless our throats, and this will take place after the 7.00pm Mass at St Francis'.

A MESSAGE FROM FR PETER:

Thank you again, everyone, for your kindness and patience with me over the past month as I cared for my mum (Maria) in her final illness. She passed away peacefully and ready on Saturday 24th January, aged 94 years. I'm so grateful for the many messages, Mass & sympathy cards, assurances of prayer, and kind & loving words from people in both parishes, and it really makes such a difference. We're now preparing for her funeral – her Requiem Mass will be at St Mary's, Rothwell on Tuesday 10th February at 11.30am, followed by a private cremation service. If you wish to come to the Mass, you'll be very welcome.

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

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 31st Jan.	Fourth Sunday of O.T.	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i>)
Sunday 1st Feb.	Fourth Sunday of O.T.	10.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Anne Broderick</i>)
Monday 2nd Feb.	The Lord's Presentation	9.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Maria Kravos – LD</i>)
Wednesday 4th Feb.	Feria	9.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Jack Armitage - LD</i>)
Friday 6th Feb.	Martyrs of Korea	9.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Jack & Rosina Tait - A</i>)
Saturday 7th Feb.	Fifth Sunday of O.T.	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: Yorkshire Brethren Society</i>)
Sunday 8th Feb.	Fifth Sunday of O.T.	10.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Deceased – Amistad/ Pormento</i>)

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

OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY: Loose plate: £319.73; envelopes: £296.50; bank transfers: £368.87; **Total: £985.10.** Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Ukraine appeal:** £25.00.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the family & the repose of the soul of **Mr John (Jack) Armitage**, of our parish, who died last week. His Requiem Mass will be at St Joseph's on **Thursday 19th February at 10.30am.**

ONLINE SCRIPTURE GROUP: If you would like to join the Tuesday evening online group, please contact Helen Edwards at 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.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR: A vacancy exists for a Foundation Governor for St Mary's Menston school Academy Council. Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Bishop and form the majority of the Academy Council of a Catholic school. They have a duty to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school and to ensure that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at St Mary's please contact the BWCAT Head of Governance Mrs Jemma Johnson at j.johnson@bwcat.org

NEW MEN'S GROUP: The Oratory of St Joseph for young Catholic or other interested laymen aged between 21 & 35. Monthly meetings at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX for prayer, Benediction, talks, social time & free supper. Inaugural meeting **Thursday 26th February, 6.30-8.30pm.** For further information please contact Fr Benjamin Hilton: benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or see the poster in the church porch.

LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place **Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026.** It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. The booking process is now open. Bookings can be made by phone direct with Tangney Tours Tel. 01732 886666 or online:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/>

If you would like a booking form, you can also request one from Fr Peter.

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

VIVALDI'S GLORIA WITH GABRIELI ROAR: Hear Vivaldi's ever-popular *Gloria* in a vibrant performance by Gabrieli Roar, bringing together Gabrieli's professional singers and orchestra with young singers from choirs across the Diocese of Leeds Schools Singing Programme. The programme opens with Baroque favourites by Monteverdi and Purcell, showcasing music written nearly 350 years ago and still thrilling young singers today. **Saturday 7th February at 7.45pm** in Leeds Cathedral.

Book here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gabrieli/baroque-masters-with-gabrieli-roar/e-xpbxzv>

See also the poster at the end of notices for other venues and dates in our diocese.

THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR: welcomes all parish musicians and parishioners, all choir parents and friends, and all school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals work towards singing Mass in Leeds Cathedral. Rehearsals will take place from **2.30pm-4.00pm on 8th and 22nd February, 8th, 15th and 22nd March** at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown.

To sign up please email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

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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.

PAX CHRISTI ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYERS: For the second year running, the Leeds *Pax Christi* group is organising prayers of repentance on **Ash Wednesday 18th February at 12.30pm** in Dortmund Square, Leeds. We pray for all those involved in nuclear war preparations to repent and have a change of heart. We will also pray that all us will speak out for peace.

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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

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC TEACHER OR LEADER WORKING OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC SECTOR? Would you consider applying for a job in one of our diocesan schools? Diocesan Director of Education Kieron Flood will be hosting an on-line briefing for all those who are interested on **Thursday 19th March, 6-7pm**. To book your place, please email Emma: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

OTHER NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST DIRECTORS: Do you have skills in finance, change management, organisational growth or school improvement to support the governance of our Diocesan schools and Trusts. Further information from Kieron Flood, Director of Education: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

VOLUNTEER MEMBERS TO THE EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE: The Diocese of Leeds, Vicariate for Education are seeking additional volunteer members to the Education sub-committee. The committee oversees the work of the Vicariate for Education in Education, Youth and Adult Faith Formation. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of Adult Faith Formation and/or Youth Work. Further information from Kieron Flood, Director of Education: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

VACANCIES

PRISON CHAPLAIN VACANCY: (Open to Roman Catholic Ordained Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers, Sisters, Lay Person). HMP & YOI New Hall is a closed female prison in Flockton, Wakefield serving a community of around 350 prisoners. Many of our prisoners have complex needs and have lived chaotic lifestyles, therefore this role is both challenging and rewarding in equal measure.

Further details at: <https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/13870?entityId=13870>

Closing date: 4th February 2026. For further information/informal chat please contact: Rev. Lesley Greenwood-Haigh Lesley.GreenwoodHaigh@justice.gov.uk

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Monday, 23rd February 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, hr@bcwcat.co.uk

MARRIAGE CARE VACANCY: Marriage Care is delighted to share that we are currently looking for a Practice and Safeguarding Coordinator to play a vital role in supporting and strengthening our relationship counselling services. For more details and how to apply, please visit <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/currentvacancies/practice-and-safeguarding-coordinator-administrator/>

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Leeds. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Tuesday 24th February 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, hr@sgtgc.org.uk

ASSISTANT HEAD OF CORE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACANCY: at Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. START: January 2026 or as soon after. Closing date: 23rd February 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



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Pax Christi in the Leeds Diocese: Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

Wednesday 18 February

2026@12:30



**All are welcome to join Pax Christi members in
Dortmund Square just off the Headrow, Leeds**

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of a time of repentance in the Church calendar and we will be praying for all those involved in nuclear war preparations to repent and have a change of heart. We also recognise that we can all do more to speak out about nuclear war preparations and to pray to have the courage to carry on with our opposition.



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**CATHOLIC MEN'S
GROUP FOR AGES
21-35**

Thursday 26th February
Fr Pius Collins o.praem.



Chastity and Masculinity

Fr Pius, a Canon of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham, was born in Nottingham. He studied Theology at Oxford, joined the Norbertine Order in 2011, and was ordained in 2016. He holds a licence in Canon Law from KU Leuven and serves as an ecclesiastical judge and advisor, currently pursuing a doctorate in Canon Law.

Thursday 26th March
Prof. Maurice Whitehead MBE



Talents, Manners, and Virtues: young English and Welsh Catholic lay men building up the Church in London and Rome, c. 1580 - c.1620

Professor Maurice Whitehead, MBE is Professor Emeritus of History at Swansea University, as well as the former Director of Heritage Collections and Research Fellow at the Venerable English College in Rome. In 2025 he was awarded an MBE for Services to the Development of British Heritage in Rome.

Thursday 30th April
Fr John Church O.P.



Facing your Fears: how to grow in courage

Fr John Bernard is a Dominican priest currently assigned to Holy Cross Priory, Leicester. He is the Promoter of Dominican Young Adults. He studied Classics at Oxford before joining the Order in 2018. He was ordained a priest in 2025.

Thursday 28th May
Fr Royston Price CSSR



Hail Holy Queen: reflections on the Dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and Assumption

Fr Royston Price is a Welsh priest of the Redemptorist Order. He is primarily involved in preaching parish missions, and his interests include history, cooking, and beekeeping. He is based in the Redemptorist Monastery in Clapham, South London, but has preached all around the UK, as well as in Ireland and America.

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6:30PM - 8:30PM
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