

15th February 2026
Sixth 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 14 th Feb.	Sixth Sunday of O.T.	6.30pm: Vigil Mass (Intention: Philip Kevin Brooke - OM)
Sunday 15 th Feb.	Sixth Sunday of O.T.	9.00am: Mass (Intention: Fergus O'Leary - LD)
Monday 16 th Feb.	Feria	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 17 th Feb.	Feria	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 18 th Feb.	Ash Wednesday	7.00pm: Mass (Intention: Estefana Escobar)
Thursday 19 th Feb.	Lenten Feria	7.00pm: Mass (Intention: November Dead List)
Friday 20 th Feb.	Lenten Feria	9.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 21 st Feb.	First Sunday of Lent	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd Feb.	First Sunday of Lent	10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
		6.30pm: Vigil Mass (Intention: Frances Crumpton - A)
		9.00am: Mass (Intention: Doreen & Melvin Dunn - A)

CONFESIONS: Tuesday 6.30pm-6.50pm (during Adoration).

OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY: Loose plate: £316.05; envelopes: £167.00; bank transfers: £155.00; **Total: £638.05.** Sincere thanks for your generosity!

ASH WEDNESDAY – START OF LENT: is this week (**Wednesday 18th February**), and it's a Day of Fasting & Abstinence (no meat) for all who are in good health. The blessing with the ashes will take place at Mass in St Francis' at 7.00pm. There will be no Mass in the morning as this will be at St Joseph's in Pudsey at 9.30am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be prayed at 7.00pm on the Fridays in Lent, beginning on Friday 20th February.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the families and the repose of the souls of:

Mr David Tobin, whose Requiem Mass will be at St Francis' on **Wednesday 25th February at 12 noon**;
Mr Ronald Peart, whose funeral service will be at St Francis' on **Wednesday 11th March at 12.15pm**.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: (formerly 'Women's World Day of Prayer') is on **Friday 6th March**, and in Morley the joint service is in our own church of St Francis at **10.00am**. This year's service has been lovingly prepared by women from Nigeria and one of our new parishioners has recently arrived from Nigeria and she has bravely offered to take a part in the service! It would be wonderful if some of our parish community are able to support her and at the same time be part of this day when a wave of prayer travels across the entire world as a sign of our Christian unity. Welcome!

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: There will be a collection after this weekend's Masses for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) in their annual "White Flower Appeal." In the space of one week in June 2025, MPs voted to allow women to abort their baby up to birth for any reason, and to legalise assisted suicide. Please help to support SPUC's campaigns about uncomfortable but important issues like these. For more info see: www.spuc.org.uk

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 of us will speak out for peace.

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

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MASSES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 14 th Feb.	Sixth Sunday of O.T.	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i>)
Sunday 15 th Feb.	Sixth Sunday of O.T.	10.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: John Whitworth - B</i>)
Wednesday 18 th Feb.	Ash Wednesday	9.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Liana Hoyland - A</i>)
Thursday 19 th Feb.	Lenten Feria	10.30am: Requiem Mass – Jack Armitage
Friday 20 th Feb.	Lenten Feria	9.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Thomas & Agnes McHugh</i>)
Saturday 21 st Feb.	First Sunday of Lent	5.00pm: Vigil Mass (<i>Intention: The People of the Parishes</i>)
Sunday 22 nd Feb.	First Sunday of Lent	10.30am: Mass (<i>Intention: Monica Murray</i>)

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

OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY: Loose plate: £311.20; envelopes: £286.95; bank transfers: £555.00; **Total: £1153.15.** Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Ukraine appeal:** £35.00.

BAPTISM: Prayers and congratulations to **Theo Curran-Foxley**, who is baptised today (Sunday), and to his proud family!

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the families & the repose of the souls of:

Mr John (Jack) Armitage, whose Requiem Mass will be at St Joseph's on **Thursday 19th February at 10.30am**;
Miss Sheila Tobin, whose Requiem mass will be at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 4th March at 11.45am**;
Mrs Pat French, whose Requiem mass will be at St Joseph's on **Thursday 5th March at 12.15pm**.

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

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LENTEN HOLY HOUR & STATIONS OF THE CROSS: on Sundays during Lent from 3.00pm to 4.00pm, concluding with simple Stations at 3.45pm and Benediction, starting next Sunday (22nd February).

LOTTERY GRANT: We were delighted to receive the news this week that the National Lottery has awarded our parish £20,000 to make substantial improvements to our parish hall, improving the front entrance and fire exits. Thank you to Janice and to the Leeds Diocesan property & finance departments for their help & support in submitting the bid. The work should start fairly soon, and we should all benefit greatly.

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: Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026. Booking forms are available from Fr Peter or by phone direct with Tangney Tours Tel. 01732 886666 or online:

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

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: There are attempts now to lobby MPs to try to use the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords and force the suicide bill into law. Please take 30 seconds of your time to contact your MP about this: <https://righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026>

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

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETING: Friday 20th February 6:30pm at The Newman Centre at St Theresa's, Crossgates LS15 9JY. If you are planning on attending for the first time, and haven't done so already, please contact Fr Simon Lodge to register your interest on vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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 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

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

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MASS FOR HEALING: Chapel at the Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York on **Tuesday 24th February at 11.45am** with Fr Dominique Minskip, Canon Michael Loughlin and Fr Jo Michael. For assistance or if you are unable to attend but would like your name or the name of someone you know placed on the altar during the mass, please contact Fiona Hill 01904 464900 fiona@stbedes.org.uk

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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

WALK IN FATHER BROWN'S FOOTSTEPS: Saturday 28th March. Third Annual Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage for Priestly Vocations. From St Anne's, Keighley to Sacred Heart, Ilkley and Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary. Follows the Ilkley Moor route walked by GK Chesterton and Fr John O'Connor, the Diocese of Leeds priest who inspired 'Father Brown'. Sign up: pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/walking-pilgrimage-for-vocations-in-father-browns-footsteps/>

DAY FOR CATECHISTS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Saturday 11th April, 10am-3pm at Hinsley Hall, Leeds LS6 2BX. The Vicariate for Education ran a very fruitful and well-attended day workshop for Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists in January. For anyone who was unable to make it, there will be a repeat of the day on the 11th April. This will include similar input, times of sharing and prayer. Lunch included. Please register your free place no later than 3rd April by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE: The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply here: https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026 Applications close on 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

FLAME 2027: The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join 10,000 young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday 6th March 2027. Aimed at young people in Y9+, including university students and young adults. Passes are currently at the super early bird rate of £75 per person, which includes return coach travel to/from the Diocese, until 31st July 2026. Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours!

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

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

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

TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACANCY: St. Mary's, Menston, Start: Monday 27 April 2026. Closing date: Monday, 23 February 2026. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Jo-Anne Hughes, ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org Further details attached.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield. Start: September 2026 or earlier. Closing date: Monday 23rd February 2026. For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Rob Barraclough, Acting CEO, The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust on 01924 802285, rbarraclough@bkcat.uk Visit <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/> for more details and to apply.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Paulinus Catholic Primary School, Dewsbury. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Sunday 1st March 2026. Visit <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148485/EDV-2026-SPCPA-18824> for more details and to apply.



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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.



THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH

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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