29th November 2026
First Sunday of Advent
(Year B)

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MASSES & LITURGIES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 28th Nov.	**First Sunday of Advent**	**6.30pm: Vigil Mass** *(Intention: Nora Dilcock - A)*
Sunday 29th Nov.	**First Sunday of Advent**	**9.00am: Mass** *(Intention: The People of the Parishes)*
Tuesday 1st Dec.	**Advent Feria**	**6.00pm: Franciscan *Little Flowers* Prayer Group**
		6.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		7.00pm: Mass *(Intention: Michael Leonard - LD)*
Wednesday 2nd Dec.	**Advent Feria**	**1.00pm: Requiem Mass – Betty Katora**
Thursday 3rd Dec.	**St Francis Xavier**	**9.30am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
		10.00am: Mass *(Intention: Maureen Corbin - LD)*
		7.00pm: Confirmation Liturgy
Saturday 5th Dec.	**Second Sunday of Advent**	**6.30pm: Vigil Mass** *(Intention: John Greene - LD)*
Sunday 6th Dec.	**Second Sunday of Advent**	**9.00am: Mass** *(Intention: The People of the Parishes)*

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

OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY: Loose plate: £301.22; envelopes: £138.00; bank transfers: £250.00; Dona card device: £72.00; **Total: £761.22**. Sincere thanks for your generosity!

CONFIRMATIONS: Please remember in your prayers the 24 young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday (3rd December) at 7.00pm**. Thank you to all our catechists and the families for helping them to prepare.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the family and the repose of the soul of **Betty Katora**, who died last week. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Francis' on Wednesday (2nd December) at 1.00pm.

BAPTISM: Prayers and congratulations to **Elena Louise Brown-Nuttall**, who is baptised this weekend, and to her proud family!

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: As the parish "Sick List" has not been updated for some time, a new list will be prepared and included in *Pause for Thought*. Please provide Lois with the names of those you wish to be included.

MONTHLY CHILDREN'S LITURGY EVENING: The next session will be on **Thursday 10th December 3.45pm to 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

CHRISTMAS MASSES at St Francis' church: Thursday 24th December at 4.30pm (carols from 4pm) & 8.00pm; Friday 25th December at 9.00am.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Please make sure any envelopes are returned this weekend. The completed list of names will be finalised and published in the coming week.

LEEDS DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2027: are now on sale in both church porches, priced £6. Please put cash payments into the boxes containing the directories, or you can pay with the Dona machine under the category "Diocesan Directories".

LOURDES HOSPITALITY: For those interested in travelling on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes next year (July) as a nurse or volunteer with the hospitality team, there is an information evening being held at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX on **Monday 7th December 6:30pm**. For info, please contact Phil Marshall on 07766 148375.

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

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

MASSES & LITURGIES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 28th Nov.	**First Sunday of Advent**	**5.00pm: Vigil Mass** *(Intention: Jozef & Jolanta Rudzki)*
Sunday 29th Nov.	**First Sunday of Advent**	**10.30am: Mass** *(Intention: Giovanni Rossato - A)*
Wednesday 2nd Dec.	**Advent Feria**	**9.30am: Mass** *(Intention: Jack & Rosina Tait - A)*
Friday 4th Dec.	**Advent Feria**	**9.30am: Mass** *(Intention: Stella Winterburn)*
Saturday 5th Dec.	**Second Sunday of Advent**	**5.00pm: Vigil Mass** *(Intention: Fergal Hughes - LD)*
Sunday 6th Dec.	**Second Sunday of Advent**	**10.30am: Mass** *(Intention: Monica Murray - intentions)*

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4.30pm-4.50pm.

OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY: Loose plate: £286.90; envelopes: £178.00; bank transfers: £326.00; Dona card device: £69.00; **Total: £859.90.** CAFOD Ukraine Appeal: £40.00. Sincere thanks for your generosity!

TUESDAY ONLINE SCRIPTURE GROUP: If you would like to join email: pudseystjoseph@gmail.com

FIRST SACRAMENTS ENROLMENT: We would like to invite parents / guardians of baptised children in school Year 3 and above to enrol on to our Parish Reconciliation and First Communion Programme. For further information and to enrol see here: **www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/firstrec** or click on the QR code →. **Closing date: TODAY (Sunday 29th November).**

TRAVELLING CRIB: Could you offer Mary and Joseph a room for the night? It is a lovely, unique way to help families prepare for Christmas. We use a soft play crib that is suitable for children. Families who volunteer get given a date for the crib to come to their home. The crib will get blessed in church TODAY (First Sunday of Advent) and a family takes it home for that day. They open it up and set it up, light a candle, read the story and say a prayer. They then pack it up and pass it on to the next family (details will be given) the next day. We also include some optional activities to do together as a family to enhance the experience.

To enrol: **www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/crib** or click on the QR code →
or email catechist.stjoseph.pudsey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk with your name, address, phone number and any dates you are unavailable in Advent.

YOUTH SVP TOY COLLECTION: As usual, we are collecting toys to be distributed to needy families in Leeds this Christmas. Any donations can be left in the church porch. The deadline is **TODAY** (Sunday 29th Nov).

COFFEE CAKE & CAROLS: for *Pudsey Churches Together* at Pudsey House in Market Place on **Saturday 19th December 9.30am till 12 noon**. All welcome! More volunteers would be welcome, please - contact office@pudseyparish.org.uk if you can help.

SVP CHRISTMAS PARTY: at St Joseph's Parish Hall on **Sunday 13th December 1pm-3pm**. Please sign up on the sheet on the church porch noticeboard if you'd like to come, or email Chris Hirst: chris.j.hirst@outlook.com

CHRISTMAS MASSES at St Joseph's church: Thursday 24th December at 7.00pm & 9.00pm (carols 30 minutes before both Masses); Friday 25th December at 10.30am.

PASTORAL LETTER:

You can read Bishop Marcus' Pastoral Letter about Vocations to the Priesthood on our websites:
www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/pastoral-letter **www.stwilliamofyork.org.uk/pastoral-letter**

The meeting Bishop Marcus refers to is open to unmarried men who are under the age of 55 years on **Thursday 17th December 6.30pm-7.30pm** (tea & coffee from 6pm) at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds LS6 2BX. If you'd like to attend, contact Fr Simon Lodge – vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or tel. 01274 872984.

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

Further Events & Notices from across the Diocese

HEALING SERVICE - Tuesday 1st December at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Horsforth LS18 5AB. This is a beautiful opportunity to pray for healing for yourself or others, whether physical, psychological, or spiritual. Remember Jesus is alive, and miracles can and do happen! Everyone is welcome, including non-Catholics and those of no faith - all that is needed is an openness to Jesus.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS: Online talk *"What Are We Here For? Gardening and the Human Vocation"* with theologian Dr Carmody Grey **Tuesday 1st December at 7pm**. It's the first meeting of the *Catholic Jubilee Garden Project*, an invitation to use physical spaces, especially at our churches to heal, transform and renew. Register for the free link and more details at https://jubileegarden.org/events/

***FRATRES* MEN'S PRAYER GROUP WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL:** consisting of Eucharistic Adoration and Lectio Divina. We will meet monthly at 7:30 pm on the following Thursday evenings: **3rd December**; 7th January; 4th February; 4th March; 8th April; 6th May; 3rd June. At St Pio Friary in Bradford (1A Sedgfield Terrace, BD1 2RU).

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026-2027: Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is *"May the Lord Give You Peace"*. On the following **Saturdays 11.45am - 4:30 pm: 5th December**; 9th January; 6th February; 6th March; 3rd April; 1st May. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration. Lunch will be provided.

FAMILY RETREAT DAY: On **Sunday 6th December** there will be a Family Retreat Day at St. Stephen's Church, Skipton BD23 1NT. There will be lunch and refreshments provided, an activity for the children, input for parents, a family activity and a time of prayer. The day starts with lunch at 12noon and will conclude at 3:30pm. All families are very welcome! Please email office.ststephen.skipton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to let us know that you are coming.

***GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY* CARERS PROJECT IN-PERSON EVENT:** *Waiting with Hope: Caring Hearts in the Spirit of Advent.* **Saturday 12th December 10.30am-2.00pm** at St Patrick's Church, Birstall WF17 9HD *(Mass at 10.00am).* Led by Rev Dr Joe Cortis, the event will examine how God is with carers in the every day of caring and how Advent can bring hope. The day will end with a shared lunch. Further information, or to book, please email carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

CATHOLIC CARE CHRISTMAS PARTIES: St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Cooper Lane, Bradford BD6 3NS on **Tuesday 15th December 12.30pm** or St Winefrides's Church Hall, Bradford BD6 1ST on **Wednesday 16th December 1.00pm**. Three course meal with musical entertainment, not forgetting the Christmas Raffle too. Tickets £6. Booking essential. For further information please contact Gemma Bavill on 07599 653210.

ADVENT ZOOM LITURGY: HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE: Join the Justice & Peace Commission for an online liturgy on the themes of Advent. **Tuesday 15th December at 7pm.** Simply go to www.leedjp.org.uk and follow the link to register and receive the Zoom link.

BEREAVEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING: Saturday 9th January and Saturday 23rd January 10am-4pm at St Vincent's Centre, Allenby House, Bradford BD3 0DZ. Total cost £20 (including refreshments and lunch). A two-day course helping participants to deepen their knowledge and understanding of bereavement, practice and improve listening skills and consider ways to support those who grieve, as part of the Leeds Diocesan Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care. To book: epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.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. Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service are excited to be offering this once in a lifetime opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 (August 2027) as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership! For more information and to apply, please email: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH: Catholic Men's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month at Hinsley Hall at 6.30pm. Next meeting: **TBC**. For more information: oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

OTHER NOTICES

ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS: Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing on **Thursdays from 7.30pm to 8.15pm**. The 'doors' open at 7.15pm for a chat and introductions. All welcome. Register by email admin@briery.org.uk

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION EVENTS: Many Catholic adults wish to discover more about their faith. The Vicariate for Education is offering a wide range of faith development events during 2026/27, both at Hinsley Hall in Leeds and elsewhere throughout the Diocese. These are aimed at, among others, those who enjoy listening to a stimulating lecture, those who want to engage in some accompanied study and catechists wishing to develop their skills. To find out more, scroll down to "Faith Formation": https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/training-development-courses-2026-27/

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT: online support group for unpaid carers on the **first Wednesday of every month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm**. If you care for a friend, neighbour or family member you are invited to join us for the opportunity to make new friends, chat and have space and time to pray. Contact Michelle for more information or to register carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 797 338 0443

'ALMA MATER FUND' AND ABORTION RECOVERY AND CARE HELPLINE: (administered by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) provides financial/practical support to university students facing crisis pregnancy, enabling them to continue their education while embracing motherhood. The 'Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline' (ARCH), started by women who experienced abortion and struggled in the aftermath, provides free, confidential, compassionate and non-judgmental support for those who may be carrying similar emotional and psychological effects.
https://spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/ & www.archtrust.org.uk/

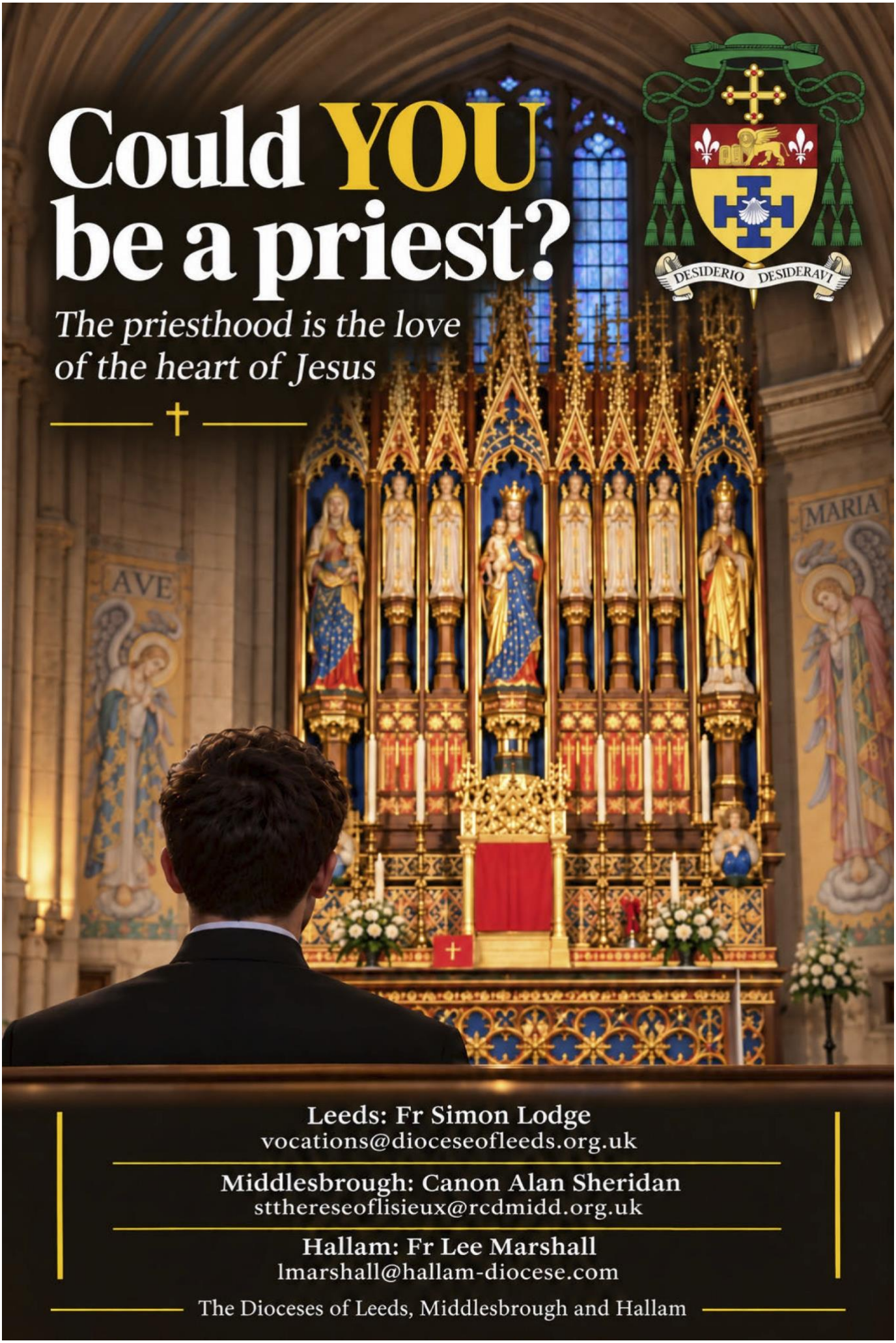
DISABILITY HELP: Connecting with parish life or our Diocese can be difficult when one is living with disability, housebound because of illness, or when one is a carer or parent of someone who lives with disability or special needs. Living with a disability could mean having a physical, learning, or sensory disability, autism, dementia, a mental health condition, or other difficulty. Every parish is our 'first home' and the place where we should feel welcomed and that we belong! Please speak to your priest or email disabilityhelp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk - we can connect you with someone in our Diocese, or in your local parish community, who may be able to help or advise you. With your permission, we can ask them to contact you directly.

VACANCIES

JOB VACANCY - HEAD OF FINANCE (FINANCIAL CONTROLLER): The Diocese of Leeds is seeking an experienced and committed Head of Finance to lead and oversee the Diocese's financial management. The successful candidate must hold a recognised professional accountancy qualification (ACA, ACCA or CIMA). For an application form and further information, please visit our website at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies Any queries to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
Closing date for applications is **Monday 23rd November 2026**.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs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