



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PUDSEY

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YEAR C)

### MASSES THIS WEEK:

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| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany – Vigil Mass)            | 6.30pm ( <i>Intention: Mary Ellen Fahy - B</i> )  |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January (The Epiphany of the Lord)           | 9.30am ( <i>Intention: The People of the Parish</i> )<br>11.00am ( <i>Intention: Private Intention – T</i> )      |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January (Christmas Feria)                   | 2.00pm ( <i>School Mass in church</i> )<br>7.00pm ( <i>Intention: Yorkshire Brethren Society</i> )                |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January (Christmas Feria)                 | 9.30am ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January (Christmas Feria)                  | 9.30am ( <i>Intention: Fr Daniel O'Neil - YB</i> )  |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January (Christmas Feria)                   | 9.30am ( <i>Intention: November Dead List</i> )   |
| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> January (Baptism of the Lord– Vigil Mass) | 6.30pm ( <i>Intention: Emily Galvin – LD</i> )  |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January (The Baptism of the Lord)           | 9.30am ( <i>Intention: The People of the Parish</i> )<br>11.00am ( <i>Intention: Deceased – Chappell Family</i> ) |

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 6.00pm-6.20pm; Tuesday 6.30pm-6.50pm.

**ONLINE SCRIPTURE GROUP:** meets on Tuesday evenings. For info: [pudseystjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:pudseystjoseph@gmail.com)

**OFFERTORY RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY:** Envelopes: £206.00; loose plate: £332.08; bank transfers: £821.00; **Total: £1359.08.** Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Ukraine appeal:** £20.00. You can continue to give to CAFOD's humanitarian aid for Ukraine by putting your offering in an envelope marked 'Ukraine'.

**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.

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY:** Wednesday 8th January 9.30-10.30am. This is an opportunity for those who have a child due to start reception in September 2025 to come into the school for a tour, a chance to meet our staff and ask any questions that they may have. Please email [office@stjosephspudsey.org](mailto:office@stjosephspudsey.org) with your name and the name of the child that you would be applying a place for to book your place for the Open Day.

**RECYCLING:** As part of our parish effort in the CAFOD *Live Simply* Award Scheme, we have started a project to collect and forward items that are not currently accepted in the Leeds Council green bins. We have signed up with Terracycle, and at the moment we are collecting plastic lunchboxes, water bottles, and cheese packaging. Full details of what can be collected (and what can't) is on our parish website: [www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/recycle](http://www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/recycle). We'll try to expand the scheme to include more things over the coming year. The bin is located by Presbytery garage in the church car park. Many thanks to Amy Miller for organising this.

**MEDICAL AID FOR PALESTINIANS:** Tim Devereux is fundraising for *Medical Aid for Palestinians* and intends to ride 3431 miles on his bike - the distance from Leeds to Gaza. It's an average of 10 miles/day in 2025. Donations very gratefully received at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/tim-devereux-map-2025>

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** The 2025 Leeds Diocesan Directories are now available in the church porch, priced £5.00. Please put the money into the grey collection box in the porch.

**PUDSEY COMMUNITY PROJECT** are appealing for food and toiletries for people in need in our area. We can collect donations here at St Joseph's – so please leave any in the church porch and we will transfer them each week. For more info: [www.pudseycommunity.org.uk](http://www.pudseycommunity.org.uk)

**MOPS WALK:** The *Men of the Parish* group MOPs will be doing a walk on **Saturday 11th January** from Guiseley to Ilkley. We will be meeting at New Pudsey train station and catching the 9:39 train. This is open to all members of the Parish so if you enjoy walking and getting to know new people please join us. For more information, please contact Stephen Massie 07809743584.

**ONLINE RESOURCE FOR READERS AT MASS:** Three short videos on *Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary: a Refresher for Readers* have been produced by the Diocese to form a simple and concise guide and provide some useful “DOs and DON”Ts” for those who exercise the important ministry of reading at Mass. Access videos via our YouTube channel: [www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk](http://www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk)

**DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR:** This new venture welcomes all parish musicians, parishioners, choir parents, friends, and school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons (**19th January, 2nd & 9th February, 2nd & 23rd March, all at 2pm-3.30pm**) at Immaculate Heart of Mary church, Moortown, LS17 6LE, working towards a concert performance, including music by Mendelssohn, Fauré, and Rutter, on Laetare Sunday, **30th March 2025 4pm**. To book your place please email [office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk)

**WORKSHOP FOR PARISH MUSICIANS - PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:** **Sunday 26th January, 2-4pm**, Cathedral Chambers (accessed via Wheeler Hall, Leeds Cathedral). Meet musicians from across the Diocese in this free workshop exploring liturgical music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The practical workshop led by Diocesan Choral Directors and composer Teena Lyle, will introduce two new accessible choral pieces, including perusal copies of the music. Our musicians will be on hand for bespoke advice. To book please email the Music Office: [office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk)

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & PADUA:** As this Jubilee Year has as its theme “*Pilgrims of Hope*” we are planning to make two parish pilgrimages next year. One will be a local day pilgrimage in the late Spring, which will be family-friendly (more details later), and the other will be to **Assisi and Padua from Saturday 25th October to Saturday 1st November 2025** (half-term). Flights to/from Manchester airport. Price £1075 sharing, £1295 single room. Half-board, guide, and all transport in Italy included. Mass each day in the various churches and shrines associated with St Francis, St Clare and St Anthony, plus a day visit to either Verona or Venice. This will be a joint pilgrimage with the parish of St Mary Magdalen & St Teresa in Penwortham, Preston – their Parish Priest is an old friend of Fr Peter. **BOOKING FORMS** are now available from Fr Peter. For more info: [www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/assisi/](http://www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/assisi/)



## THE BLESSING OF HOMES AT EPIPHANY

*This is a tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages, done on (or near) the Feast of Epiphany. Using chalk blessed on the Epiphany, mark your main door (or its lintel) with:*

**20 \* C + M + B \* 25**

*The following prayer may be said when making the marks:*

The Three Wise Men (C) CASPAR, (M) MELCHIOR, and (B) BALTHASAR followed the star of God’s Son, who became human (20) two thousand and (25) twenty-five years ago. (\*) May Christ bless (+) our home (+) and remain (+) with us throughout the new year (\*). Amen.

*Chalk reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made.  
The initials CMB stand for the legendary names of the Magi, as well as  
**CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT**  
(May Christ bless this house)*