



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PUDSEY

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2ND FEBRUARY 2025: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (YEAR C)

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 1 st February (Presentation – Vigil Mass)	6.30pm (<i>Intention: Angela McConnell – sick</i>)
Sunday 2 nd February (The Presentation of the Lord)	9.30am (<i>Intention: The People of the Parish</i>) 11.00am (<i>Intention: Paddy Chauke – LD</i>)
Tuesday 4 th February (Feria)	7.00pm (<i>Intention: Eileen Rock – A</i>)
Wednesday 5 th February (St Agatha)	9.30am (<i>Intention: Deceased – Allott family</i>)
Thursday 6 th February (Martyrs of Japan)	9.30am (<i>Intention: Jean Spencer – LD</i>)
Friday 7 th February (Feria)	9.30am (<i>Intention: Private Intention – CME</i>)
Saturday 8 th February (5 th Sunday – Vigil Mass)	6.30pm (<i>Intention: November Dead List</i>)
Sunday 9 th February (5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time)	9.30am (<i>Intention: The People of the Parish</i>) 11.00am (<i>Intention: Margaret Johnson – LD</i>)

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

ONLINE SCRIPTURE GROUP: meets on Tuesday evenings. For info: pudseystjoseph@gmail.com

OFFERTORY RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY: Envelopes: £280.50; loose plate: £287.32; bank transfers: £450.00; **Total: £1017.82.** Sincere thanks for your generosity! **LEPRA** (St Joseph's Leprosy Centre, Khargone, India): **£456.04.** **Ukraine appeal:** £15.00. You can continue to give to CAFOD's humanitarian aid for Ukraine by putting your offering in an envelope marked 'Ukraine'.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to **Freddie Jeffrey Lee**, who was baptised yesterday (Saturday), and to his proud family!

CANDLEMAS & ST BLAISE: Today (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 Masses with the traditional blessing of candles, and after Mass our Bethlehem Crib will be put away for another year. Monday 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 as we don't have Mass on Monday, this will take place **after the 7.00pm Mass this Tuesday.**

MOPS WALK: Due to the bad weather in January, the *Men of the Parish* MOPs group had to postpone the previous walk. We are rearranging this for **Saturday 15th February** - it will be 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 info contact Stephen Massie 07809743584.

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. 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.

*** SAVE THE DATE! EASTER GALA: MONDAY 21 APRIL 12noon IN THE PARISH CENTRE***

MEDICAL AID FOR PALESTINIANS - UPDATE: After a month of riding, Tim Devereux says, "It is 3431 miles from Pudsey to Gaza, and I've covered 306 miles of the challenge so far, just riding around 10 miles a day locally. I've crashed once – icy path – and had one broken chain, and two punctures! Fundraising is going well: £1115.18 with Gift Aid. Donations are coming from friends and strangers. Parishioners have been especially generous. Many thanks!" **To donate see:** <https://www.justgiving.com/page/tim-devereux-map-2025>

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

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING: We are very pleased to be able to offer another presentation of this two-day course for those wishing to learn the basics of grief and how to accompany those who are grieving. The next training will be on **Saturday 22nd March** and **Saturday 5th April** (9.45am – 4pm each day) at The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.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.



We now have all the details of the hotels and the flights – for info: www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/assisi/

CATHOLIC CARE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCY: Salary £80,000 to £90,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision and skills for leadership and a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing and delivering strategies. For further details and how to apply please visit www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies or speak to Katrina on 0113 388 5400 or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk Closing date 9th February 2025.

PERMANENT DIACONATE: Are you inquisitive about the Ministry of a Deacon? Then you are invited to attend an open Information session at Hinsley Hall on **Saturday 8th February 10.30am–12pm**. For more information and to register please contact david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

YOUTH 2000 LEEDS RETREAT: offers young adults (aged 16-35) from across Leeds and beyond the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in relationship with God. Offering the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. **Saturday 15th February**, Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, LS18 5HD. Tickets from www.youth2000.org/events

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR FUNDRAISING EVENT: On **Friday 28 February** at the Irish Centre Tara Suite, 7.30pm. Tickets £25.00. Meal of soda bread, Irish stew and dessert, also Irish band dancing, sing-along, auction and raffle. Please come along and support the Little Sisters and have a great night of entertainment. All proceeds to go towards rebuilding of Mount St Joseph's home. For tickets: funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. **Friday 7th February 7.00pm–8.30pm** Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds LS9 0HD.

LEEDS DIOCESAN LAY TRUSTEES: Applications are welcomed for the role of Trustee from Catholic lay faithful to enrich the diversity of the Board's membership. Additionally, the Diocese are seeking to expand the committee structure of the Trustees and would welcome applications for membership of those committees as well. For info: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/diocese-of-leeds-recruitment-of-lay-trustees/