



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PUDSEY

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9TH MARCH 2025: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 8 th March (1st Sunday of Lent – Vigil Mass)	6.30pm (<i>Intention: Kathleen Mary Fahy – B</i>)
Sunday 9 th March (First Sunday of Lent)	9.30am (<i>Intention: The People of the Parish</i>) 11.00am (<i>Intention: November Dead List</i>)
Tuesday 11 th March (Lenten Feria)	7.00pm (<i>Intention: November Dead List</i>)
Wednesday 12 th March (Lenten Feria)	9.30am (<i>Intention: Pope Francis</i>)
Thursday 13 th March (Lenten Feria)	9.30am (<i>Intention: Mary Walker – A</i>)
Friday 14 th March (Lenten Feria)	9.30am (<i>Intention: November Dead List</i>)
Saturday 15 th March (2nd Sunday of Lent – Vigil Mass)	6.30pm (<i>Intention: November Dead List</i>)
Sunday 16 th March (Second Sunday of Lent)	9.30am (<i>Intention: The People of the Parish</i>) 11.00am (<i>Intention: Jim Teggart – LD</i>)



ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS: on Sundays in Lent 4pm-5pm, with simple Stations of the Cross from 4.40pm & Benediction at 5pm, starting today (Sunday 9th March). Come & spend time with Our Lord and pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza and the Holy Land.

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: £213.75; loose plate: £274.98; bank transfers: £1019.00; **Total: £1507.73.** Sincere thanks for your generosity! **Ukraine appeal:** £45.00. You can continue to give to CAFOD's humanitarian aid for Ukraine by putting your offering in an envelope marked 'Ukraine'.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
FAMILY FAST DAY
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
Give mums like Lokho a safety net this Lent
This shade netting protects plants
Make your Lenten donation today using our online envelope
cafod.org.uk/envelope

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

The first Friday in Lent is CAFOD Lenten Fast Day, when we're asked to give to its efforts to relieve global poverty & social injustice. This year's appeal focuses on Lokho, who lives in the Marsabit region of Kenya. When Lokho's animals died because of drought, she had no other way to feed her family. But Lokho teamed up with a group of women and reached out to Wakera – who is one of CAFOD's local experts – to make sure that the next time disaster struck, no one would lose hope. Wakera shared his skills for growing food in harsh climates and provided them with seeds and tools to plant their own kitchen garden. Lokho now has "shade nets" that protect her crops from the scorching sun, whilst still allowing every drop of precious rain through. You can read more about Lokho and Wakera on www.cafod.org.uk/lent

This is the kind of work CAFOD does, so please support them this Lent. Please take one of the green CAFOD envelopes & bring your offering next weekend for collection at Sunday Mass.

EASTER GALA: Bank Holiday Monday 21st April from 12noon in the parish hall. Fun for all the family – Easter Bonnet competition, Easter trail, face-painting, Treasure Hunt, Chocolate Hamper, stalls & games, music by the "Celtic Cowboys"! Food & drink stalls: crepes, pizza, afternoon teas, BBQ & beer tent, soft drinks. All proceeds will go to creating the garden by the parish hall, so treat yourself to a day out and come to our first ever Easter Gala! **PLEASE DONATE CHOCOLATES, BOTTLES & TOILETRIES** – you can leave these in the church porch. Thank you!



BEER FESTIVAL: Tickets are now on sale for the annual St Joseph's Beer Festival. There are two sessions on **Saturday 3rd May: 2-6pm and 7.30-11.30pm**. Tickets are £15 for the evening session, £10 for the afternoon session or £20 for a combo ticket. Kids are free for the afternoon session only. Tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment at <https://buytickets.at/stjosephsmops/1594583> or use QR code

PUDSEY COMMUNITY PROJECT are appealing for food and toiletries for people in need in our area. There is a need at the moment in particular for **coffee** and **tins of chopped** tomatoes. We can collect donations here at St Joseph's – so please leave any in the church porch and we will transfer them. www.pudseycommunity.org.uk

DOORWAYS OF HOPE - ONLINE EVENTS: Leeds Diocese older people's charity *Growing Old Gracefully* is hosting a programme of three one-hour-long online events on the theme of hope, to be led by Paula Shanks and Mgr. Donal Lucey: **Tuesday 18th March (afternoon), Wednesday 14th May (evening) and Thursday 10th July (evening)**. More information/booking, email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

“EXCAVATING HOPE”: THE 2025 ROMERO LECTURE: **Thursday 13th March 7pm** at Leeds Trinity University City Centre campus (1 Trevelyan Square LS1 6AE). Fr Luis Orlando Jimenez, a Mexican Jesuit, will link his work on human trafficking and the disappeared in Mexico & South America with the life of St Oscar Romero. All welcome. See www.leedsjp.org.uk to register and for more details.

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING: A 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: epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & PADUA: **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. **BOOKING FORMS** are now available from Fr Peter – for info: www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/assisi/



DEMENTIA FRIENDS ONLINE TRAINING: Our diocesan “*Growing Old Gracefully*” group, along with *Age Friendly Leeds*, are organising two “Dementia Friends” online training sessions to give people a better understanding of dementia, as part of making parishes and communities more dementia friendly. The dates for the sessions are: **Monday 10th March 2.30-3.30pm & Tuesday 29th April 7.00-8.00pm**. Each of the training sessions is the same. To book: growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or see: www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: **Friday 4th to Thursday 10th July 2025**. Bookings are now open. The theme is ‘*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope*’, to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Hope. To book: www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/
For further info see the flyer in the church porch or www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/

CONSIDER TEACHING IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Are you a Catholic teacher or headteacher working outside the Catholic sector? If so, 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, **Tuesday 25th March, 6-7pm**. To book, please email Emma: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

RELICS OF ST ANDREW, ST COLUMBA & ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND: will visit Leeds Cathedral **10th – 16th March**. There will be a Votive Mass celebrated by Bishop Marcus on **Saturday 15th March at 12noon**. Visits to see the relics are possible during Cathedral opening hours, outside the times of Mass.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE: On **Saturday 17th May**, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please ask Fr Peter for an application form.