St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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29 December 2024 – The Holy Family Masses and Services this week

Sat 28 Dec 6.45pm – Vigil Mass of The Holy Family - Thanksgiving

Sun 29 Dec - 9.00am - The Holy Family - St Patrick's -Margaret DeVitto 10.30am -The Holy Family St Joseph's - SVP Deceased

Members

Tues 31 Dec 12pm – Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave – Peter Cichocki

Wed 1 Jan - 11.30am - Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God – Janet Nixon

Thurs 2 Jan – 10am Ss Basil and Gregory – Arthur Burrows

Fri 3 Jan - 10am - The Most Holy Name of Jesus - Refugees

Sat 4 Jan - 9.15am Sacrament of Confession 10am – Weekday of Christmastide - YBS 6.45pm - Vigil Mass for The Epiphany- Jack Greenhalgh

Sun 5 Jan - 9.00am - St Patrick's - The Epiphany – People of the Parish

10.30am - St Joseph's - The Epiphany – Colin Graham (A)

Masses Received: Marie Fee, Arthur Burrows, Thanksgiving to St Patrick.

Requiem Masses: For Bob Fletcher: Will take place at St Joseph's, Wednesday 8 January 2025, 11am. For Marie Fee, 9th January 11.15am.

The Octave of Christmas: Octave = an Eighth. From 26 December to 1 January, we rest in the heart of the Holy Season of Christmas. Our churches become places of peace and joy, particular graces of the newborn King. The Gospel on the Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family, is about the childhood of Jesus and the other readings are on the theme of the virtues of family life.

2025: The Jubilee Year. Every 25 years we have a jubilee year. This jubilee, the theme is the Pilgrimage of Hope In our deanery, the parish of St Joseph, Keighley has been chosen to be our area church for the jubilee. This means, that throughout the year, there will be events and services on the theme. In our own churches, there will be services and gatherings planned.

Saints we celebrate this week: St Basil the Great was born in 330 AD.He was a learned man and virtuous. He was appointed bishop of Caesarea. He combated the Arian heresy which denied the dual nature of Christ as both divine and human. He wrote a monastic rule which is followed by the Eastern Church today.

St Gregory was a friend of St Basil. He was appointed as bishop of Constantinople (Istanbul).

Happy Christmas and a happy new year: May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and new year away from work and a chance to rest and celebrate. May the Lord give to you his choicest gifts. Pray for those who will be homeless this Christmas or without a family. If you are travelling to family and friends, please do travel safely and see you in the new year. Fr P.

WELCOLME: To visitors who are celebrating Christmas with us this year.

Living Faith booklet: The New Year copy is available £3 each.

Offertory Collection: Many thanks for your Christmas offerings to me. You are most generous. Also, thank you for the gifts and cards. It is very much appreciated!

Christmas thanks: A massive thanks to everyone who helped prepare the church for Christmas and all those who have helped the liturgies over Christmas. It takes a great deal of planning.

Christmas Crib Collection: Once again, we will be supporting the Catholic organisation, *Friends of the Holy Land*. They provide financial and pastoral support to the Christian communities in the Holy Land who suffer a great deal of poverty and hardship. Once again, there will be no Christmas in Bethlehem this year because of the war in that region.

Christmas Collection: Many thanks for your generosity last week. Also, many thanks for the cards and gifts I received.

200 Club Christmas Winners: 25, 14, 20, 6, 120, 55.

Parish Retreat Day: You are invited to attend a deanery day of retreat to celebrate the Jubilee year on the theme of 'Pilgrimage of Hope'. It will take place at The Briery, Victoria Road, Ilkley. £35 incl two course lunch. Saturday 1 Feb, 10am – 3.30pm. To book T: 01943 607287 E: admin@briery.org.uk

Ministry of Readers: St Joseph's: 28/29 Dec 6.45 p.m. Phillip Harrison; 10.30 a.m. Bernard Swarbrick & Radek Lis. 4/5 January 6.45pm Alison Adams & Kirsty Breed; 10.30am Joe Whalley & Radek Lis.

St Patrick's: 29 December Michael & Luke; 5 January David & Pina.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

29 December TBD 5 January Paul Gauntlett.

Special Prayers: Emma Cook - Jennie Hendley – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Phyllis Kirrage – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton – Pat Maloney - Mandy McLaughlan – Vincent Reeves – Alfred Atherton – Gladys Maloney – Paul McLaughlan – Kay Hudson – Frederick & Annie Shaw – Marjorie Higgins – Jo Walton – Jose Kelly – Margaret Rundle – Gus Nixon – Maureen Murgatroyd – Rex Perraton – Mary Fenwick – Jean O'Hara – David Clark – Valerie Ashworth – Kim Fawcett – Jose Jones – Fr. Phillip – Maureen Howarth – Fr Kevin Firth. Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Monthly cake sale at our churches: After a very successful first round, please not the dates for the next bake sale: St Patrick's 19 January; St Joseph's 26 January.

Radiators at St Patrick's: All of the radiators have been replaced, I have discovered this week, not just four. The other three radiators have been given and fitted free of charge by Phil the Boilerman of Earby. Many thanks to Phil for this wonderful donation which has saved us about £3k.

Ministry of Readers: Please use the lectionary on the altar for reading the scriptures. It is set out to be reader-friendly with large font size and well-spaced out to make it easier for the eye to read.

'Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary: A Refresher for Readers to form a simple and concise guide and provide some useful "DOs and DON'Ts" for lay men and women who exercise the ministry of reading at Mass. All three videos (the first two for laity, the third for clergy) are easily accessible via our YouTube channel, www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk.

Congregation New Translation Missals: Can be obtained through Catholic Truth Society (CTS) for around £20.

Your Parish Giving: Standing Orders for your parish giving: Quite a few parishioners now take advantage of paying their weekly collection by standing order. If you would like to pay by standing order, please collect a form and complete it for your banking or, if you are online banking, please see the bulletin below for our bank details.

Gift Aid: please complete a gift aid form and return to us if you would like our parish to benefit from an HMRC tax break. If you are eligible to pay tax, then we can benefit from your giving directly. For every £1, we gain 25p. The form to complete and return to us is the same form as the standing order - just complete the gift aid section only and return to us. For internet Banking or setting up a Standing Order: Name: Diocese of Leeds St Joseph's Church Barnoldswick. Sort Code: 40-27-15 Account No: 61016709 Many thanks for your generosity. Cheques payable to 'Diocese of Leeds St Joseph's Church Barnoldswick'. The parish has benefitted directly in the past from generous parishioners who have bequeathed to the parish in their wills. Of your charity, would you please consider leaving something of your estate for the benefit of our parish. Please indicate by adding for the sole and exclusive use of St Joseph's or St Patrick's church.

The Diocese of Leeds Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Places are now available to book for 4 – 10 July 2025, 6 nights from £947 including flights. BOOK EARLY as places go quickly. Booking forms are available in church or: <u>https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-</u> pilgrimages/diocese-leeds

Buckfast Abbey Retreats: Buckfast Abbey are delighted to announce their Group Guided Retreats for 2025, details can be found on the Buckfast Abbey website: https://www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats/.

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 (19 January, 2 & 9

February, 2 & 23 March all at 2-3.30pm), working towards a concert performance, including music by Mendelssohn, Fauré, and Rutter, on Laetare Sunday, 30 March 2025 (4pm) at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To book your place please email office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

Airedale Hospital Chaplain: Please contact the Chaplaincy 01535 294 088 or Mr Vince Curran 01535 661897. Fr McLaughlin is currently off sick.

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital it is essential that they be recorded as a Catholic on their medical records.