

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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26 January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses and Services this week

Sat 25 January

6.45pm – Vigil Mass of Third Sunday - Marjorie

Sun 26 January

9.00am (St Patrick's) Third Sunday – John King

10.30am (St Joseph's) Third Sunday – November Holy Souls

Tues 28 January

No Mass or Service

Wed 29 January

10am – Service of Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 30 January

No Mass or Service

Fri 31 January

No Mass or Service

Sat 1 February

6.45pm - Vigil Mass for The Presentation – People of the Parish

Sun 2 February

9.00am (St Patrick's) The Presentation - Refugees

10.30am - (St Joseph's) The Presentation – Bob & Marie Fletcher for a wonderful marriage.

Masses Received: Refuges, Arthur Burrows, Mancini Family

The Requiem for Marie Keating will take place 14 February 11am at St Joseph's.

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. At St Joseph's, I am designating the altar of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour as a focal point for the Jubilee Year. And at St Patrick's, the statue of Our Lady.

Fr Phillip Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Prayer Intentions: from Feb 8 –12, I will be going to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please put your petitions in the box at the front of the church and I will offer them in the grotto of Our Lady.

Further to...

After my note last week about 'grumblings' I have taken the decision to step back from parish ministry for the time being as I am still ill and more so now. The grumblings took me over the edge as they really upset one of our parishioners who was upset to hear the comments herself. I was particularly upset for this parishioner.

Further, I have been struggling to come terms with the aftermath of the emergency surgery, on-going treatment and my health in general these last 12 months.

Further, in 2016-2017 I was a curate in a parish in Leeds. The parish priest, Patrick Smythe, is now in prison for paedophilia for offences against children. He has been convicted twice, more recently last autumn. I had a torrid year with him on a personal and professional level and asked to be moved from the parish. This was before any allegations had been made officially. I have really struggled emotionally and mentally with this for some years. And it has now been brought to a head with his most recent conviction.

His clerical status has been removed, and the diocese is waiting for the Holy See to ratify this through a canonical process. However, it is taking far too long and is having a detrimental effect on my mental health.

Further, since I have been ill with the Vasculitis and the subsequent emergency life-saving surgery I had in the summer, I have found that the clergy in this diocese have not offered me much, if any, support, apart from a small group of priests. I have been very upset by the general lack of compassion and care I would have expected from disciples of Jesus. I have felt very isolated and let down by the clergy. This may shock you to read this. You may have expected that I would have had more support. I did not.

Bishop Marcus and Mgr Fisher – who have both been marvellous by the way, are very aware of my situation at present. I am currently being looked after by NHS Mental Health Services through Dr Davey my GP. So, now they are looking after my bowels, eyes, blood and now brain!

For this week the service schedule is very scant. Please see above. Fr Kevan Driver is stepping in this weekend and in a couple weeks' time. A more long-term cover is being arranged through the bishop's office.

I am not leaving the parish. I am still your parish priest. But I am stepping back so that I can start to get well again and work through all the issues.

I do not want to be in isolation. Please do call in for a cuppa or invite me out somewhere. Don't feel that you are disturbing me...I am disturbed enough!

Please do pray for victims of paedophilia particularly those who have been physically, emotionally and spiritually abused by a priest.

With Love, Fr Phillip

Offertory Collection 19 January £570.15 Standings Orders monthly £670. Would you please consider increasing your standing order for the church. The offertory collection in this parish is very low. All work that must be done to maintain the churches mainly comes through parish giving. If the parish does not contribute properly then works that are essential to the churches cannot be done.

200 Club 19 January: Week 42: 109, 121, 51; Week 43: 9, 36, 25; Week 44: 60, 64, 69.

Baptisms and Weddings: Please approach the priest after Mass. Please note that at least one year's notice must be given for a wedding. Couples must be coming to church regularly as is the obligation for all Catholics. Please note, there are very few baptisms take place in this parish. If you do not bring your children to baptism, then the churches will be closed in the future.

Sacrament of First Confession this year: I have received only four forms back saying they want their children to take part in the life of the sacraments. A lot of time is spent in preparing for the teaching and the service itself. Four is a very low number and the parish expects more. The deadline was before Christmas. Children who are to be prepared for the sacraments of the Church must be attending Mass. No compromise.

Ministry of Readers:

St Joseph's: 25/26 January 6.45pm J. Southern; 10.30am Les Wood & Radek Lis; 1 & 2 February 6.45pm Phillip Harrison; 10.30am Anne Wood & Radek Lis

St Patrick's: 26 January TBC; 2 February TBC

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 26 January D. Boyd; 2 February Paul Gauntlett

Special Prayers: Emma Cook - Jennie Hendley – 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 note the dates for the next bake sale: St Joseph's 26 January. Please bring your baking to the parish center before Mass. All proceeds are for the Centenary Fund.

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.

SVP News: Thank you to those who have left gifts you will not use by the Food Bank Box. The SVP will make good use of them either when holding raffles at their events or by using them to cheer someone up. Please do continue to place these items by The Food Bank Bin.

The next SVP meeting is on **Wednesday 5th February at 10.30** in the Parish Centre.

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: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds>

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 15 February, Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, LS18 5HD. Tickets from <https://www.youth2000.org/events>.

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.