

The following parishioners send their best wishes for the New Year to all their friends in the Parish:



Moirra & Joe Jennings, Ken & Olivia Rowley, Radene Price, Jan & Christine Szczepanski, Glenn & Angela Ralston, Ciara Metcalf & Family, Pat Brooks, Kath & Keith Snaith, Terry & Josie Walsh, Rowena Deshayes-McCourt, Sat & Kate Mehta.

JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS: Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.

RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA: The Diocese will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella at various venues across the Diocese in the week of 26th January. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass and receive a blessing with his relics. For times, dates and venues please see poster on the noticeboard.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: For the attention of men between 35-55 years who may be considering a calling to an ordained ministry. There is to be an informal information session on the diaconate on Saturday 24th January at Hinsley Hall between 10.30-12.30. For further details see the flyer or contact Deacon Joe on joseph.cortis@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: Friday 13th February 2026 at the Met hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To secure your tickets for this popular event, contact Phil on 07766 148375 or email philmarshall49@outlook.com. All profits at the event go to the Diocesan Lourdes fund.

LOURDES NURSES VOLUNTEER APPEAL: Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? Please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join the team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience, and many nurses return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

For Prayer With The Word Of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11 JANUARY 2026

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ." The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11). The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians. This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognise Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

MASS TIMES			
Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle II; Christmas Time	JAN 2026		THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SATURDAY VIGIL	10	5.00pm	Parish
SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	11	10.00am	May & John Fawcett Anniversary
Monday:	12		NO MASS Requiem Fr. David Bulmer 11am Leeds Cathedral
Tuesday:	13		NO MASS
Wednesday:	14	12.00	Private Intention
Thursday:	15		NO MASS
Friday:	16	12.00	Funeral Liam Gallivan
SATURDAY VIGIL	17	5.00pm	David McNicholas Anniversary
SUNDAY: SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME	18	10.00am	Parish

DEVOTIONS

Saturday	4.15 – 4.45pm	Confessions in the Chapel
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MINISTRIES OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION		
Word		Extraordinary Ministers
SATURDAY 5.00 pm		
This: A Nicholls, M-A Kaushiva, K Fallon		K Snaith, T Walsh, D Guile
Next: A Davidson, W Nicholas, D Williams		L Handy, C Szczepanski, T Walsh
SUNDAY 10.00 am		
This: A Lumb, J Tandoc, K Scott		S Wilson, G O'Neill, J Moran
Next: P Pascoe, R Price, S Irving		K Flood, G Swatridge, A Lumb
OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 10/11 JAN	Next Week 17/18 JAN
Vigil Offertory Procession	A Mallinson & S Jameson	C Brandford & V Kitson
Children's Liturgy	Annette	Sophie
Church Cleaning	Christine & Sandra	Ayodeji & Family
Brasses	Maria	David
Counters	Team C	Team D
Saturday Tea Bar	Jill & Christine	Moiria & Christine
Sunday Tea Bar	Sue & Steph	Gladun Family
Saturday Welcomers		Bola
Sunday Welcomers	Rowena	Sue

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AND REGULAR GROUPS	NEXT DATE	WHERE
Over 60s Group Room 101 - What annoyed you in 2025? Come and tell us, see if you can get banished into Room 101	Monday 19 th January	2pm in the Parish Centre

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: For Poor Missions Fund

This collection helps those parishes in our diocese which are very poor and unable to support a priest by their own efforts and resources.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Please could parents of children in Year 3 and above for Confession and Year 4 and above for First Communion, speak to Dominic Williams or contact him by email at dominic.williams@dioceseofleeds.org.uk if they're interested in their children receiving either or both (if they're in Year 4 or above) sacraments.

BAPTISMS: Please speak to Deacon Dominic for any enquiries regarding Baptisms.

STIPENDS: Please give any Stipends directly to Fr. Tim. Thank you.

JOB VACANCY: Gill Atkinson is leaving us soon to answer a call to ministry in healing and prayer beyond our parish. Therefore, we are seeking to recruit a new Parish Administrator to support the life and mission of the parish. The role involves providing administrative support to ensure the smooth day-to-day running of the parish. A job description and application form are available at [\[www.peterpaul.org.uk\]](http://www.peterpaul.org.uk) For enquiries, please contact Canon Tim Wiley Tel. 01977 702297 Email. Timothy.wiley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Closing date for applications: 23 January 2026. Jesus has called us to do what He did, and that includes healing the sick. "They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." (Mark 16:17). Gill will still be available for prayer ministry if you want to contact her directly.

UNWANTED GIFTS: If you have any unwanted gifts, our social events team are making a plea for donations by leaving a box in the Narthex where you can donate your items to be utilised at their events through the year. Alternatively, please contact Annette Allsop on 07717 756770 if you want to donate anything directly. Thank you for your support.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR – Many people have tried and failed to accomplish this great undertaking. Let Fr Mike Schmitz lead you through the great bible adventure via his Bible in a Year: Google search <https://media.ascensionpress.com> Also available on Podcast and YouTube. **THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR** is also available through the same searches. **Both are Great Ways to start your New Year!**