

## Church of St Peter & St Paul

Diocese of Leeds Charity No.249404

**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.

**ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:philmarshall49@outlook.com). All profits at the event go to the Diocesan Lourdes fund.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026:** The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. The booking process is now open. Bookings can be made online on <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or by phone direct with Tangney (01732 886666).

**THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR:** welcomes all parish musicians and parishioners, all choir parents and friends, and all school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals work towards singing Mass in Leeds Cathedral. Rehearsals will take place from 2.30pm - 4pm 22 February, 8, 15 and 22 March at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To sign up please email: [office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk)

**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!**

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS:** Free Guided Tours will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. Booking not required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**ARE YOU A CATHOLIC TEACHER OR LEADER WORKING OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC SECTOR?** 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 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March: 6-7pm. To book your place, please email Emma: [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**LUNCHTIME CONCERT:** The choir of St Austin's Church will be singing at the Wakefield Cathedral lunchtime concert at 1pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. All welcome.

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY:

For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 FEBRUARY 2026

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God. We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. "Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favoured. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

MASS TIMES			
Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle II; 4 <sup>TH</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	JAN/FEB 2026		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY VIGIL	31	5.00pm	Angela and Bob Kennedy Lately Dead
SUNDAY: FOURTH IN ORDINARY TIME	1	10.00am	Parish
Monday: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	2	12.00	Malachy Conway Lately Dead
Tuesday:	3		NO MASS
Wednesday:	4	12.00	Keith McArthur Lately Dead
Thursday: St Agatha	5		NO MASS
Friday: St Paul Miki and Companions	6	12.00	Olive McCormack Lately Dead
SATURDAY VIGIL	7	5.00pm	Parish
SUNDAY: FIFTH IN ORDINARY TIME	8	10.00am	Angela and Bob Kennedy Lately Dead

### DEVOTIONS

Saturday	4.15 – 4.45pm	Confessions in the Chapel
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MINISTRIES OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION		
Word	Extraordinary Ministers	
This: L Handy, N Fallon, J Walsh	C Szczepanski, K Snaith, D Guile	
Next: T Walsh, A Kaushiva, J Dore	A Parkes, D Mulroy, P Guile	
SUNDAY 10.00 am		
This: L Maher, A Lumb, M Swatridge	S Wilson, S Irving, R McCourt	
Next: J Moran, J Poole, J Tandoc	K Flood, K Scott, A Lumb	
OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 31 JAN/1 FEB	Next Week 7/8 FEB
Vigil Offertory Procession	P & D Guile	M & J Jennings
Children's Liturgy	Annette	Sophie
Church Cleaning	Anthony	Catherine, Liz & Julie
Brasses	Maria	David
Counters	Team A	Team B
Saturday Tea Bar	Jill & Christine	Moirra & Christine
Sunday Tea Bar	Maggie & Liz	Jayne & Kate
Saturday Welcomers	Dominic	Claire
Sunday Welcomers	Annette	Ros

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AND REGULAR GROUPS	NEXT DATE	WHERE
<u>Over 60s Group</u> Exercise and Relaxation with Judy a qualified teacher	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2pm in the Parish Centre

### Second Collection This Weekend For Racial Justice Sunday:

An opportunity for all Christian communities and Churches in Britain and Ireland to join together in reflection on racial issues, in prayer to enable a Christian response, in fundraising for the continued support of national local initiatives, and in a commitment to action.

**Second Collection Next Weekend for the Diocese Lourdes Fund:** Providing assistance for those going on pilgrimage; enabling care and support to those who need it: sick, disabled or infirm.

**The Requiem Mass for Angela and Bob Kennedy will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 11am**

**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](mailto: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.

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP BUILD UP OUR PARISH?** We're interested in hearing from anyone who would like to be a reader at Mass, a Eucharistic Minister or a catechist who would help prepare our young people for First Reconciliation (Confession), First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please speak to Deacon Dominic for further information or email him at [dominic.williams@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:dominic.williams@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Full training and support will be given for all these roles.

**LENTEN PRAYER GROUP:** Our Lenten Prayer Group will meet in the chapel at 11.00am on Wednesdays starting on 25th February and continuing for 5 weeks. Our theme is, 'Drawing closer to God' and in our first session we will consider God's great love for us. All are welcome. For more information please contact Christine (07950 794325).

**SVP:** Please note that the SVP conference has a new mobile phone number 07715 588744. If you or anyone you know needs financial help or you would like someone to visit you, including a Eucharist visit if you are unable to come to church, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. All calls are treated in the strictest confidence.

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