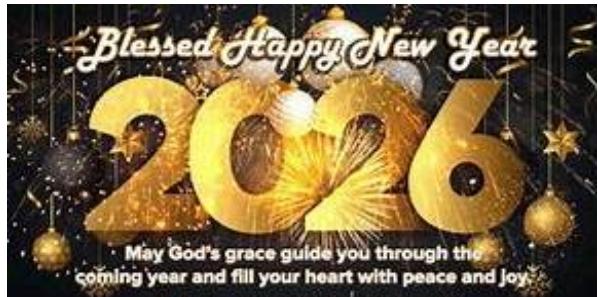


The following parishioners send their best wishes for the New Year to all their friends in the Parish:



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

DIOCESE OF LEEDS YEAR BOOKS: There are a couple left for sale in the Narthex at £5 each. Please leave money in the papers box.

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 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 philmmarshall49@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.

CATHOLIC DIOCESAN SUPPLY SERVICE: We are looking for Teachers, Teaching Assistants and SEN Support Staff to work with schools across the Diocese. Please Call us on 0113 331 4121 or 01422 384 100.

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!**

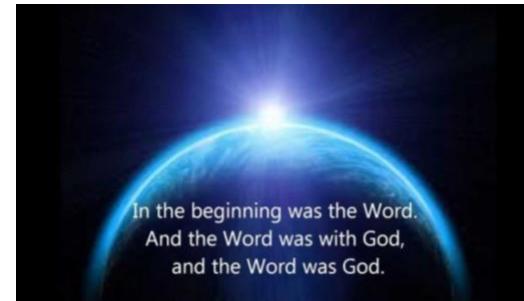
POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

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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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY 4 JANUARY 2026

John's Gospel doesn't begin in Bethlehem. It begins in eternity. Before the manger, before creation, before time itself—the Word was. In these first 18 verses, often called the Prologue, John draws back the veil to reveal the divine mystery behind everything: the Word (Greek: *Logos*) is both with God and is God. This is an invitation into awe. This is not just a new chapter in salvation history; it's the hinge of all history. And it culminates in the stunning truth: the Word became flesh. The first thing we see on opening our Gospel. But it was the last part which he wrote. It is the final summary, placed at the very beginning of the Gospel. He starts with the words, "In the beginning was the Word", therefore tying the start of the Gospel to the very start of our Bible in Genesis which says: "In the beginning God created heaven and earth" (Gen 1:1). So John pushes his account of Jesus, the Word, back to the beginning of time itself...before anything else had been created, Christ already was. 'In the beginning was the Word' tells us in simple words that Christ was before all else came to be. Today is the day where we can try to stretch our minds into the mystery of God, before the world was made.

MASS TIMES			
Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle II; Christmas Time	JAN 2026	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	
SATURDAY VIGIL	3	5.00pm	Parish
SUNDAY: SECOND AFTER THE NATIVITY	4	10.00am	Catherine Stones Anniversary
Monday: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY VIGIL	5	7.00pm	Robert Kennedy Lately Dead
Tuesday: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY	6	9.30am	Angela Pell Anniversary
Wednesday:	7		NO MASS
Thursday:	8	11.00am	Requiem Margaret Ramsden
Friday:	9	12.00	Private Intention
SATURDAY VIGIL	10	5.00pm	Parish
SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	11	10.00am	May & John Fawcett Anniversary

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 Kaushiva, J Dore, L Handy	P Guile, D Mulroy, A Parkes	
Next: A Nicholls, M-A Kaushiva, K Fallon	K Snaith, T Walsh, D Guile,	
SUNDAY 10.00 am		
This: R McCourt, M Swatridge, J Poole	A Lumb, S Burland, G Swatridge	
Next: A Lumb, J Tandoc, K Scott	S Wilson, G O'Neill, J Moran	
OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 3/4 JAN	Next Week 10/11 JAN
Vigil Offertory Procession	K Snaith & M Eyre	A Mallinson
Children's Liturgy	Annette	Annette
Church Cleaning	Catherine, Liz & Julie	Christine & Sandra
Brasses	David	Maria
Counters	Team B	Team C
Saturday Tea Bar	Jacqui & Cecil	Jill & Christine
Sunday Tea Bar	Jayne & Kate	O'Neill Family
Saturday Welcomers	Jill	Jacqui & Cecil
Sunday Welcomers	Ros	Rowena

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AND REGULAR GROUPS	NEXT DATE	WHERE
Over 60s Group Your family highlights and tales to tell – We will discuss special and fond memories of our lives from schooldays to now. Please see the new Winter/Spring Programme on the notice boards for more details.	Monday 5 th January	2pm in the Parish Centre

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: This year's Christmas Collection will be held in the Parish Bank Account for the time being. Many thanks to all who have contributed towards this. Wishing you and your families a happy and peaceful New Year and 2026. **Fr Tim**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Please note that The Epiphany of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATION: Please see Deacon Dominic for any enquiries regarding Baptisms. Children in Year 6 and above whose parents would like them to be Confirmed should email/speak to Dominic ASAP as the preparation begins in January.

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

CHAPEL LECTORIARIES: Please can those who contributed towards the small lectionaries make themselves known to Gill in the Parish office so that we can add your names inside the front covers - thank you!



To everyone who helped prepare the Church for Christmas and Advent - our church and brass cleaners, the flower arrangers, and Crib assembling; And To our Musicians, Choirs, Readers, Ministers, Welcomers, Sacristan and Altar Servers for their contributions especially during the Christmas Week.

All of your hard work and effort is very much appreciated.

REST IN PEACE: Father David Bulmer who has died recently.