



2025 the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM SUZY:** Suzy fund would like to wish all Parishioners a peaceful and happy Christmas. Thank you for all your donations throughout the year. If you would like to give an extra donation over Christmas, please place in an envelope in the Suzy Collection box/ parish office with your name and we will send out New Year greetings.

**MINI CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Due to the unfortunate cancellation of our Annual Christmas Fayre, we are offering a smaller alternative next weekend after our 10am Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for all your donations making this possible. Stalls to include tombolas, cakes, toys, books, haberdashery, and various gifts. Mulled wine will also be available from the bar. Our annual Christmas raffle will be drawn at this event. All Welcome! Please invite family and friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS:** Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 19<sup>th</sup> December (Venue TBC). Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge [vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

**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.

**HEALING SERVICE:** The next Healing Service will be on 10th December 2025 at 7pm in St Mary's RC Church, Horsforth. This is a beautiful opportunity to pray for healing for yourself or others, whether physical, psychological, or spiritual. Remember Jesus is alive, and miracles can and do happen! Everyone is welcome, including non-Catholics and those of no faith - all that is needed is an openness to Jesus. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr. Michael Doody or ask Gill Atkinson.

**LIVE NATIVITY:** The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal are hosting a live nativity at Corpus Christi church, Neville Road Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm including real animals, party afterwards refreshments, activities for children, Fr Christmas coming with gifts, Carol singing. All welcome.

**POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:**

"Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 7 DECEMBER 2025

In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people. The description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees. John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11). In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

MASS TIMES			
<b>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle II; SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT</b>	<b>DEC 2025</b>		<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Rachel Bullock Anniversary
<b>SUNDAY: SECOND OF ADVENT</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Parish
Monday:	<b>8</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Mary Hilda Ellis Anniversary
Tuesday:	<b>9</b>		NO MASS
Wednesday: St Francis Xavier	<b>10</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Dead List
Thursday:	<b>11</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	FUNERAL John Robson
Friday:	<b>12</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Parish
<b>SUNDAY: THIRD OF ADVENT</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Eddie Mount Anniversary

### DEVOTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>13<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	<b>4.45 – 5.15pm</b>	<b>Confessions in the Chapel</b>
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**REST IN PEACE:** Father John Brendon Murphy and Father David Bulmer who have died recently.

MINISTRIES OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION		
Word		Extraordinary Ministers
SATURDAY 5.30 pm		
This: M-A Kaushiva, A Kaushiva, S Jameson		A Parkes, P Guile, D Guile
Next: J Dore, L Handy, A Nicholls		D Mulroy, K Snaith, S Jameson
SUNDAY 10.00 am		
This: J Tandoc, K Scott, R Atkinson		S Wilson, G O'Neill, R McCourt
Next: M Swatridge, K Scott, N Assassa		S Burland, R McCourt, A Lamb
OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 6/7 DEC	Next Week 13/14 DEC
Vigil Offertory Procession	A & R Kennedy	S Jameson & J McInerney
Children's Liturgy	Annette	Annette
Church Cleaning	Bismark	Ayodeji & Family
Brasses	David	Maria
Counters	Team C	Team D
Saturday Tea Bar	Jill & Christine	Angela & Bob
Sunday Tea Bar	O'Neill Family	Gladun Family
Saturday Welcomers	Dominic	Claire
Sunday Welcomers	Bismark	Sue

<b>ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AND REGULAR GROUPS</b>	<b>NEXT DATE</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
<b>Healing and Prayer Ministry</b> For more information and testimonials please take a flyer from the Narthex.	Back in January Or by appointment	In the Chapel after Mass (To arrange an alternative time please contact the Parish Office)
<b>Over 60s Group</b> Christmas Social Meeting – Come dressed up as Christmas and bring along some Christmas themed food to share with the group, a prize for the best Christmas outfit and a Christmas Quiz.	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm in the Parish Centre

**DIOCESE OF LEEDS YEAR BOOKS:** Now on sale in the Narthex at £5 each. Please leave money in the papers box.



**ADVENT**



**WALK WITH ME:** Advent booklets and children's calendars are also available from the Narthex. Booklets £1 each and the calendars 50p. Please leave money in the papers box.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR:** Please find a collections box in the Narthex for any non-perishable food items and toiletries by means of a reverse advent calendar. The items will be taken weekly to the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for them to make into Christmas hampers for families in need of support this Christmas. Please give generously if you can. Thank you.

## Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: 4pm

and 7:30pm

Christmas Day: 10am

Please add your name to the Readers and Extraordinary Ministers Signup Sheet in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer for these Ministries over Christmas. Thank you.