

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CENTURY CLUB WINNERS FOR OUR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER DRAWS.

CENTURY CLUB MONTHLY DRAW – NOVEMBER 2025

1st No. 48 S Brindley 2nd No. 37 K & C Flood 3rd No. 69 A Ralston

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1st No. 19 A Wright 2nd No. 64 A Dore 3rd No. 118 A Moverley

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.

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.

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 25 January, 8 and 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

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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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25 JANUARY 2026**

Today's Gospel describes beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested. The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah. When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave. The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

MASS TIMES			
Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle II; 3 RD Week in Ordinary Time	JAN/FEB 2026		THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY VIGIL	24	5.00pm	Parish
SUNDAY: SECOND IN ORDINARY TIME	25	10.00am	Angela and Bob Kennedy Lately Dead
Monday: Ss Timothy and Titus	26	12.00	Theresa McCann Lately Dead
Tuesday:	27		NO MASS
Wednesday: St Thomas Aquinas	28	12.00	Kate Robinson Lately Dead
Thursday:	29		NO MASS
Friday:	30	12.00	Private Intention
SATURDAY VIGIL	31	5.00pm	Angela and Bob Kennedy Lately Dead
SUNDAY: FOURTH IN ORDINARY TIME	1	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
This: A-M Kaushiva, M Nicholas, M Selway		D Williams, A Parkes, S Jameson
Next: L Handy, N Fallon, J Walsh		C Szczepanski, K Snaith, D Guile
SUNDAY 10.00 am		
This: P Pascoe, R McCourt, K Flood		S Irving, S Burland, K Scott
Next: L Maher, A Lumb, M Swatridge		S Wilson, S Irving, R McCourt
OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 24/25 JAN	Next Week 31 JAN/1 FEB
Vigil Offertory Procession	S & P Mahon	P & D Guile
Children’s Liturgy	Annette	Annette
Church Cleaning	Nicola & Ann	Anthony
Brasses	Sue	Maria
Counters	Team E	Team A
Saturday Tea Bar	Bola & Nnenna	Jill & Christine
Sunday Tea Bar	Gladun Family	Maggie & Liz
Saturday Welcomers	Andrea	Dominic
Sunday Welcomers	Maggie	Annette

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

Second Collection Next 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.

The Requiem Mass for Angela and Bob Kennedy will take place on Monday 9th 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 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. 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.