



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.

**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.

**ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday 16th December, 7am – 7pm. Leeds Cathedral. There will be priests available to hear confessions, and Exposition all day.

**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.

**THE TWELVE – 2<sup>ND</sup> SURVEY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:** The Twelve, the Youth Leadership Team for the Diocese of Leeds, are doing more research into the engagement of young people within their parish and would like to hear from even more young people! The research includes roles that young people undertake, training opportunities, and general ideas for further engagement of young people in the parish. The new survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the poster on the noticeboard, or by visiting: <https://forms.gle/p4274YfvS3XZBfsB6>. Thank you!

**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.

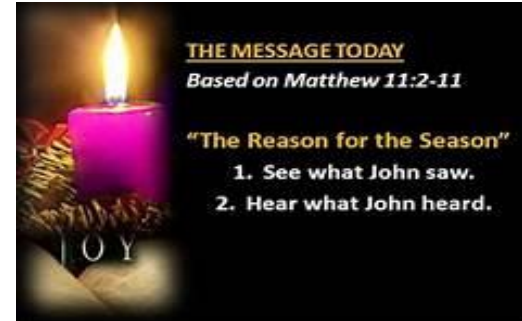
#### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:

"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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14 DECEMBER 2025

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink instead of purple candle. This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater. Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

MASS TIMES			
<b>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle II; THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT</b>	<b>DEC 2025</b>		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
<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
Monday:	<b>15</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Dead List
Tuesday:	<b>16</b>		NO MASS
Wednesday:	<b>17</b>	<b>12.00</b>	Private Intention
Thursday:	<b>18</b>		NO MASS
Friday:	<b>19</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	Requiem Mary Theresa Adams
<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Parish
<b>SUNDAY: FOURTH OF ADVENT</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Dead List

### DEVOTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.45 – 5.15pm</b>	<b>Confessions in the Chapel</b>

MINISTRIES OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION		
Word		Extraordinary Ministers
SATURDAY 5.30 pm		
This: J Dore, L Handy, A Nicholls		D Mulroy, K Snaith, S Jameson
Next: ***** M Selway, A-N Kaushiva		C Szczepanski, L Handy, T Walsh
SUNDAY 10.00 am		
This: M Swatridge, K Scott, N Assassa		S Burland, R McCourt, A Lumb
Next: S Irving, J Moran, R Price		K Flood, K Scott, D Williams
OTHER MINISTRY ROTAS	This Week 13/14 DEC	Next Week 20/21 DEC
Vigil Offertory Procession	S Jameson & J McInerney	Cade Family
Children’s Liturgy	Annette	Sophie
Church Cleaning	Ayodeji & Family	Nicola & Ann
Brasses	Maria	Sue
Counters	Team D	Team E
Saturday Tea Bar	Angela & Bob	Moir & Christine
Sunday Tea Bar	Gladun Family	Sue & Steph
Saturday Welcomers	Claire	Pamela & David
Sunday Welcomers	Sue	Maggie

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES AND REGULAR GROUPS	NEXT DATE	WHERE
<b><u>Over 60s Group</u></b>  Will be back again in the New Year	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	2pm in the Parish Centre

**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.



## ADVENT



**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.

**WELCOMERS:** In addition to Readers and Extraordinary Ministers we also need welcomers to sign up for the Christmas Masses. Please add your name to the list in the Narthex if you can volunteer. Thank you.

**REST IN PEACE:** Father John Brendon Murphy and Father David Bulmer who have died recently.