

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PUDSEY

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23RD FEBRUARY 2025: 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Saturday 22nd February (7th Sunday – Vigil Mass) Sunday 23rd February (7th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Tuesday 25th February (Feria) Wednesday 26th February (Feria) Thursday 27th February (Feria) Friday 28th February (Feria)

Saturday 1st March (8th Sunday – Vigil Mass) Sunday 2nd March (8th Sunday of Ordinary Time) **6.30pm** (Intention: The People of the Parish)

9.30am (Intention: Denise Robson)

11.00am (Intention: Julie Shakespeare - LD)

7.00pm (Intention: November Dead List)

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CONFESSIONS: Saturday 6.00pm-6.20pm; Tuesday 6.30pm-6.50pm.

ONLINE SCRIPTURE GROUP: meets on Tuesday evenings. For info: pudseystjoseph@gmail.com

OFFERTORY RECEIVED LAST SUNDAY: Envelopes: £326.00; loose plate: £299.14; bank transfers: £411.00; Total: £1036.14. Sincere thanks for your generosity! Ukraine appeal: £25.00. You can continue to give to CAFOD's humanitarian aid for Ukraine by putting your offering in an envelope marked 'Ukraine'.

<u>YOUTH SVP</u>: The Youth SVP are going to be "sleeping rough" in the hall on Saturday 8th March to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless in our area. Instead of sponsorship they are organising a collection of warm clothing to donate to St George's Crypt. Any donations of socks, hats, scarves, gloves and coats can be left in the church porch. Thank you! There will also be a **Table-top Sale in the hall on Saturday 29thn March between 10am and 12noon**. Tables are £10 but all proceeds are yours to keep. Any interest in taking a table please contact Justine Massie on 07876 026965.

BRING BACK YOUR PALMS! You can bring back the palms you may still have at home from previous years' Palm Sundays and leave them in the basket in the church porch. They will be burnt, and the ash used for the blessing for the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday (5th March), as is the tradition.

<u>PUDSEY COMMUNITY PROJECT</u> are appealing for food and toiletries for people in need in our area. There is a need at the moment in particular for **coffee** and **tins of chopped** tomatoes. We can collect donations here at St Joseph's – so please leave any in the church porch and we will transfer them. <u>www.pudseycommunity.org.uk</u>

<u>EASTER GALA</u>: Bank Holiday Monday 21st April from 12noon in the parish hall. Fun for all the family – Easter Bonnet competition, Easter trail, face-painting, Treasure Hunt, Chocolate Hamper, stalls & games. Food & drink stalls: crepes, pizza, afternoon teas, BBQ & beer tent, soft drinks. All proceeds will go to creating the garden by the parish hall, so treat yourself to a day out and come to our first ever Easter Gala!

RECYCLING: As part of our parish effort in the CAFOD *Live Simply* Award Scheme, we have started a project to collect and forward items that are not currently accepted in the Leeds Council green bins. For now we are collecting plastic lunchboxes, water bottles, and cheese packaging. Full details of what can be collected (and what can't) is on our parish website: www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/recycle. We'll try to expand the scheme to include more things over the coming year. The bin is located by Presbytery garage in the church car park.

<u>FIGHT THE LEADBEATER BILL</u>: The Terminally ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is now receiving close scrutiny in Parliament in preparation for its Third Reading, probably in April. So many of the so-called safeguards presented to MPs in November are under threat, so it's important we continue to lobby our MPs. For more information how to act: https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk

<u>"EXCAVATING HOPE"</u>: THE 2025 ROMERO LECTURE: Thursday 13th March 7pm at Leeds Trinity University City Centre campus (1 Trevelyan Square LS1 6AE). Fr Luis Orlando Jimenez, a Mexican Jesuit, will link his work on human trafficking and the disappeared in Mexico & South America with the life of St Oscar Romero. All welcome. See www.leedsip.org.uk to register and for more details.

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING: We are very pleased to be able to offer another presentation of this two-day course for those wishing to learn the basics of grief and how to accompany those who are grieving. The next training will be on **Saturday 22nd March** and **Saturday 5th April** (9.45am – 4pm each day) at The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & PADUA: Saturday 25th October to Saturday 1st November 2025 (half-term). Flights to/from Manchester airport. Price £1075 sharing, £1295 single room. Half-board, guide, and all transport in Italy included. BOOKING FORMS are now available from Fr Peter – for info: www.stjosephpudsey.org.uk/assisi/



<u>DEMENTIA FRIENDS ONLINE TRAINING</u>: Our diocesan "Growing Old Gracefully" group, along with Age Friendly Leeds, are organising two "Dementia Friends" online training sessions to give people a better understanding of dementia, as part of making parishes and communities more dementia friendly. The dates for the sessions are: Monday 10th March 2.30-3.30pm & Tuesday 29th April 7.00-8.00pm. Each of the training sessions is the same. To book: growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or see: www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR FUNDRAISING EVENT: On Friday 28 February at the Irish Centre Tara Suite, 7.30pm. Tickets £25.00. Meal of soda bread, Irish stew and dessert, also Irish band dancing, sing-along, auction and raffle. Please come along and support the Little Sisters and have a great night of entertainment. All proceeds to go towards rebuilding of Mount St Joseph's home. For tickets: funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

<u>DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES</u>: Friday 4th - Thursday 10th July 2025. Bookings are now open. The theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope', to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Jubilee is a major celebration in which pilgrims are invited to immerse themselves in God's infinite mercy. Early booking strongly recommended. In anticipation of higher than usual numbers, transfers will be offered to and from Stansted Airport once the Leeds flight is full. Please book via the Tangney website or by phone directly with Tangney Tours: www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/

For further info see the flyer in the church porch or www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/

LEEDS PAX CHRISTI PRAYER SERVICE: Leeds Pax Christi is organising an **Ash Wednesday** Prayer Service outside Holy Trinity Church on Boar Lane on **5th March at 12.30pm**. We urge repentance for those involved in nuclear war preparations and pray that we all have the courage to say yes to peace no to war. All are welcome. For more information contact Carol 07707061115.

OUR LADY OF KIRKSTALL PARISH LENTEN MISSION: Monday 10th to Wed 12th March led by Sr Briege McKenna & Fr Pablo Escriva de Romani. This 3-day Mission is an opportunity to renew our faith and draw closer to Jesus. For more information please visit www.ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk The session will be free of charge, but booking is essential: https://OLKParishMission2025.eventbrite.com



BEER FESTIVAL: Tickets are now on sale for the annual St Joseph's Beer Festival. There are two sessions on **Saturday 3rd May: 2-6pm and 7.30-11.30pm.** Tickets are £15 for the evening session, £10 for the afternoon session or £20 for a combo ticket. Kids are free for the afternoon session only. Tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment at https://buytickets.at/stjosephsmops/1594583 or use QR code