

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH'S

WETHERBY, WEST YORKSHIRE *Diocese of Leeds*


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17th DEC 2023, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) (Mass Book: p 87)

St Joseph's is Live-Streamed on www.stjosephs-wetherby.org.uk/mass-online

Readings and Mass texts can usually be found at: www.universalis.com

There are, I hope, plenty of opportunities to come together in our Parish to celebrate Christmas. Last year perhaps there was still reluctance to gather. But it seems that we are now learning to live as best we can with Covid. I hope as families gather, younger people might take the chance to come along with parents and grandparents. The invitation to "come to the manger" is made to everyone, please think about accepting. You will be very welcome. *Fr Andrew*

WEEKLY DIARY IN ST JOSEPH'S PARISH (AT ST JOSEPH'S UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)			
17 TH - 24 TH DECEMBER 2023 ADVENT WEEK 3			
Sat 16	5-00pm-5-30pm Confession 6-00pm Vigil Mass	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	
Sun 17	10-00am Mass (No Childrens Liturgy) followed by Tea and Coffee in the Parish Hall 3-00pm Carol Service in Sicklinghall	Is 61: 1-2,10-11 Ps Lk 1: 46-50,53-54 1Th: 6-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28	Jeanette Hyland (ann) People of the Parish
Mon 18	9-30am Year 1 Christmas Visit to Church 6-30pm Reconciliation Service	Jer 23:5-8 Ps 71Mt 1:18-24	
Tue 19	09-30am Mass followed by the Rosary 11-00am Requiem Mass for Jen Norton 6-00pm Parish Christmas Carol Service	Judg 13:2-7,24-25 Ps70 Lk 1:5-25	Holy Souls
Wed20	09-30am Mass	Is 7:10-14 Ps 23 Lk 1:26-38	Mary Nunan
Thu 21	09-30am Mass	Zeph 3:14-18 Ps 32 Lk 1:39-45	Holy Souls
Fri 22	09-15am End of Term Mass in School	1 Sam 1:24-28 Ps 1 Sam 2: 1, 4-8 Lk 1: 46-56	Holy Souls
Sat 23	10-30am Churches Together Horsefair Carols 5-00pm-5-30pm Confessions 6-00pm Vigil Mass	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) CHRISTMAS EVE 2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14-16 Ps88 Rom 6:25-27 Lk 1:26-38	People of the Parish Tom Grafton
Sun 24	10-00am Mass  4-00pm Christmas Mass with Children 6-00pm Christmas Mass 10-00pm Christmas Mass in Sicklinghall	CHRISTMAS MASSES Is 9:1-7; Ps95; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14	Holy Souls Holy Souls David Summersgill
Mon 25	8-00am Christmas Mass 10-00am Christmas Mass	Is 62:11-12; Ps 96; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20	People of the Parish Holy Souls
Tues 26	10-00am Mass for St Stephen's Day	Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Ps 30; Matt 10:17-22	Jeff & Eileen Kilgour

Mass is celebrated each morning at Wood Hall Carmel, please check for the time.

Mass is usually celebrated at the Immaculate Conception, Sicklinghall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

The Immaculate Conception Church is available by arrangement with the Trustees, for weddings, baptisms and funerals. In the first instance please contact Fr Andrew or the Parish Office.

Please check St Joseph's School website for the latest school news: www.stjosephswetherby.com

Collection	10th December 2023	For Internet Banking or to set up a Standing Order:
Cash and Envelopes:	£ 628.29	Account Diocese of Leeds St. Josephs Parish Wetherby
Weekly Standing Orders:	£1235.73	Sort Code 40-27-15
		Number 11675141
		A DONA card payment station is available in the Narthex of St. Joseph's
		Donations may be gift aided

Many thanks for your generosity and support

May She Rest in Peace

The Funeral Mass for Jennifer Newton will be celebrated at St Joseph's at 11-00am this Tuesday 19 December 2023.

Christmas Offering

The collection taken at the Christmas Masses forms a significant part of the personal annual income of priests. As well as the collection, offerings can also be made through the Parish bank account (details above) please mark your offering "Christmas", or on the DONA machine. For those who have gift aid declarations the gift aid is collected and retained for the Parish.

Sicklinghall Carol Service – Sunday

At 3-00pm this Sunday, 17 December 2023 there is a Carol Service in Sicklinghall, starting in St Peter's and concluding at Immaculate Conception. All are most welcome and there are seasonal refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall.

Advent Reconciliation Service - Monday

At 6-30pm this Monday, 18 December 2023 there will be an Advent Reconciliation Service beginning with a short liturgy and then with the opportunity for individual confession. There will be four priests available to hear confessions. Please do take this opportunity to celebrate this sacrament, even if it may have been a while since your last time.

Parish Christmas Carol Service - Tuesday

6-30pm – 7-30pm Tuesday 19 December 2023. The service will include traditional Christmas Carols and will have the participation of children from the School. The Service will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall, including mulled wine, mince pies etc. All are very welcome.

End of Term School Mass – Friday

Mass this coming Friday will be at 9-15am and in the School to mark the end of term. All are very welcome to come along.

Christmas Crib Offerings this Year

On the 16 July earlier this year we welcomed the Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (Northumbrian Section) who joined us to celebrate the 10-00am Mass. At the end of Mass, the Section President, Dr David Jolliffe, explained that the work of the Order is to support the Church and Christian People across the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, which includes Cyprus, Jordan, and The Holy Land: it does this through prayer, pilgrimage and donations. With the current troubles in Palestine, the need for prayer and financial support is greater than ever. This year, we will be having a Crib Collection with the proceeds going to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Donations can also be given directly at <https://eohsj.org.uk/support/>.

Thank You

The SVP would like to thank all who supported their Jamboree event over the last two weekends. £1729 was raised to help their work with the local poor and needy. Raffle prize winners have been contacted.

SVP Christmas Hamper Appeal

This Christmas the SVP are providing hampers for local families in need and would be grateful for any items of non-perishable and seasonal food including biscuits,

chocolates. A list of items and a box for donations is in the Narthex. Thank you for any help you can offer.

Can You Help?

Volunteers needed to assist teachers in walking children between School and Church on Tuesday 19 December 2023. If you can help, please arrive at school at 1-10pm and return from church at 2-45pm. Many thanks.

THE NEW 2024 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE NOW £5-00 each

First Sacraments in 2024

Confirmation

For children in Year 6 who have made their first confession and first communion. The first session is at **4-30pm on Saturday 24 January 2024**, followed by evening Mass. The Confirmation celebration will be at **6-00pm on Tuesday 19 March 2024 – the Feast of St Joseph.**

First Reconciliation

For children in Year 3, **10-00am on Saturday, 23 March 2024.** The introductory session will take place at **6-00pm on Thursday, 1 February 2024** at St Joseph's Church.

First Holy Communion

For children in Year 4 **Saturday 8 June 2024 at 10-30am.** The introductory session will take place at **6-00pm on Tuesday 16 April 2024** at St Joseph's Church.

SVP – Discrete Help for Tough Times

When you need a friend or support with everyday living the SVP are only a phone call away 07759 044263. Please continue to support with donations into the Food Box in the Narthex of St Joseph's. There are many in need at this time.

Readers, Children's Liturgy & Refreshments

This Week 16th/17th December 2023

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Vigil 6.00pm Jo Parascandolo/Andy Minshall
10.00am Andrew Mead/Mike Forrest
Coffee Christina Geary and Family

Next Week 23rd/24th December 2023

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Vigil 6.00pm Teresa Walker
10.00am Melvyn O'Connell/Andrew Mead
NO COFFEE THIS WEEKEND

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sun 24th 4.00pm **Christmas Mass with Children**
 Noah Ronicle/Holly Ronicle
Vigil 6.00pm Leonora Tate/Cathy Overall
10.00pm **IN SICKLINGHALL** - Bill Campbell

Mon 25th 8.00am Melvyn O'Connell
10.00am Margaret Rosser

Katangi Prizes still to be claimed

Please collect your prizes

02nd July Mike Woodhead
 12th Nov Geoff Waterfield
 03rd Dec Margaret Cox
 10th Dec Helen & David Barker