

PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTICES

Diocesan Events, Invitations from Parishes and other Organisations, listed chronologically.

REJOICE IN HOPE - ADVENT TIME OF RECOLLECTION: You are invited to start Advent in the best possible way with the sensational Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal at Ss Peter and Paul's Wakefield. Sunday 8 December, 2pm-6pm. The event will include wonderful music, talks, discussion time, refreshments, Adoration and the opportunity for Eucharistic healing. Confessions will also be available. Don't miss this special opportunity for a beautifully peaceful, and prayerful retreat afternoon.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours on Saturday 14 December at 2pm: The tours last about 1 hour and are free to attend. No booking is required. Please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL DAY OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday 17 December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions, and Exposition all day.

CAFOD JUBILEE YEAR EVENTS: CAFOD is hosting a Jubilee resource 'taster' event online on 4 December. Register at https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/pilgrims_of_hope_webinar_dec_2024 Also offering an online Introduction to the Jubilee Year on Saturday 18 January with special guests to help us become tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout the Holy Year. Register at <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING: A two-day course for those wishing to learn how to accompany those who are grieving. 10am – 4pm Saturday 11 January *and* Saturday 18 January 2025 at The Briery. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE: We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8th February 2025, 10-3pm at Hinsley Hall. To date guest speakers include the Comboni Survivors Group, Hydrant Programme and Dementia Friendly Churches. It would be a great opportunity to be part of the discussion and sharing of information, to book your place please email safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

THE ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: will take place on Friday 28 February 2025 at the Met Hotel in Leeds, Tickets are £40 each or £375 for a table of 10, Ticket price includes a reception drink, a 3 course dinner and entertainment throughout the night. Please contact Phil Marshall for tickets or more info on 07766 148375 or at philmarshall49@hotmail.com

DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR: This new venture welcomes all parish musicians, parishioners, choir parents, friends, and school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons (19 January, 2 & 9 February, 2 & 23 March all at 2-3.30pm), working towards a concert performance, including music by Mendelssohn, Fauré, and Rutter, on Laetare Sunday, 30 March 2025 (4pm) at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To book your place please email office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

OTHER NOTICES

2025 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS: will be for sale in parishes from Saturday, 30th November at £5 each

OPERATION ELF TOY COLLECTION: PACT - the Catholic prisons charity - are urgently needing gifts for prisoners' children in the diocese this Christmas. Is there someone in the parish who would be a point of contact to help organise? To find out how you can help contact Julia Corcoran at parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

BRADFORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORT: If you live, work, study or worship anywhere in the Bradford area, please consider following the link <https://bit.ly/4fqLWKx> before 2 December to sign the e-petition opposing Bradford Council's proposal to scrap school bus services to our Catholic high school, St Bede's and St Joseph's (SBSJ).

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCY: Salary over £70,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision/skills for leadership, a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing/delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk. Contact Katrina on 0113 388 5400.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: Headteacher, School: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Barnoldswick
Start: April 2025. Closing date: Monday, 2 December 2024. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/>

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY: Mental Health Outreach Support Worker, £24,404 - £25,584 pro rata. 23 hours per week. Based in Leeds. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or email your CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk