

## PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTICES

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

**Please note changes to notices over the next few weeks**

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – will be sent Wednesday morning.

**25<sup>th</sup> December** – no notices

**1<sup>st</sup> January** – no notices

**8<sup>th</sup> January** – back to normal

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

**CAROL SERVICE & SOLEMN BENEDICTION:** Scarthingwell Church of the Immaculate Conception LS24 9PH. The Rudgate Singers will lead a Traditional Carol Service concluding with Solemn Benediction at this historic church on Saturday 21 December, 3pm. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE:** St. Aidan, Mirfield Friday 3 January 2025 at 7pm.

**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](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](mailto:epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**WORKSHOP FOR PARISH MUSICIANS - PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:** Sunday 26 January, 2-4pm, Cathedral Chambers (accessed via Wheeler Hall, Leeds Cathedral). Meet musicians from across the Diocese in this free workshop exploring liturgical music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The practical workshop led by Diocesan Choral Directors and composer Teena Lyle, will introduce two new accessible choral pieces, including perusal copies of the music. Our musicians will be on hand for bespoke advice. To book please email the Music Office: [office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE:** We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk)

### **OTHER NOTICES**

**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](mailto:parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk)

### **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](mailto:Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk). Contact Katrina on 0113 388 5400.

**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](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)

**FACILITIES ASSISTANT VACANCY,** St. Mary's, Menston, Start: as soon as possible. Closing date: Monday, 6 January 2025. Further info: [Bishop Wheeler Academy Trust - Trust & Academy Vacancies \(bishopwheeleracademytrust.org\)](http://bishopwheeleracademytrust.org). To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Jo-Anne Hughes [ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org](mailto:ja.hughes@stmarysmenston.org)