

PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTICES

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

OPEN INFORMATION SESSION ON THE DIACONATE: Are you inquisitive about the Ministry of a Deacon? Then you are invited to attend an open information session at Hinsley Hall on Saturday 8 February, 10.30am – 12pm. For more information and to register please contact david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER VIGIL: St Mary's, Batley will be hosting a Prayer Vigil entitled; "Cruce[m], Hostia et Virginem" (the Cross, the Host and the Virgin Mary) on the 1st Friday of each month in 2025. There will be an opportunity for Confession, Adoration, Mass and receiving the Jubilee Indulgence. Friday 7 February at 6pm.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE: St. Aidan's, Fenton Street, Mirfield Friday 7 February 2025 at 7pm

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 7 February 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

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

SHORT RETREAT 'TIME TO MEET THE GOD OF SURPRISES': led by Fr Chris Thomas 11 - 13 February at The Briery, Ilkley. Fr Chris Thomas leads the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, a retreat centre and the Archdiocese of Liverpool's Centre for Spirituality and Outreach. His retreats promise to be thoughtful, inspiring and perhaps a little challenging! Residential or non-residential places available. Contact the Administrator admin@briery.org.uk 01943 607287 for more information or to book.

REJOICE IN HOPE: Friday 14 February, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Halifax, HX1 5HD. Mission Halifax invite you to 'Rejoice in Hope' – a monthly prayer group. Adoration, praise & worship, prayer, and opportunity for social time following. All welcome. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram - @missionhalifax

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS WINTER PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours take place on the following Saturdays at 1.30pm: 15th February and 22nd March. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

YOUTH 2000 LEEDS RETREAT: offers young adults (aged 16-35) from across Leeds and beyond the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in relationship with God. Offering the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. Saturday 15 February, Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, LS18 5HD. Tickets from <https://www.youth2000.org/events>.

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

WORD ON FIRE – UK BIBLE CONFERENCE 2025: From Friday 21 to Saturday 22 February 2025, the *Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible* conference will be taking place at the Excel Centre, East London. The conference theme is to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. Speakers include Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more. To register, please visit: <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>

LITTLE SISTERS FUNDRAISING EVENT: On Friday 28 February 2025 at Irish Centre Tara Suite, 7.30pm. Tickets £25.00. Meal of soda bread, Irish stew and dessert, also Irish band dancing, sing-a-long, 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. Contact details Sr.Christina Email funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

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 22 March and Saturday 5 April 2025 (9.45am – 4pm each day) at The Briery. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Fri 4 - Thurs 10 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. Further information is available on the Diocesan website.

OTHER NOTICES

RECRUITMENT OF LAY TRUSTEES: Applications are welcomed for the role of Trustee from Catholic lay faithful to enrich the diversity of the Board's membership. Additionally, the Diocese are seeking to expand the committee structure of the Trustees and would welcome applications for membership of those committees as well. Please see the Diocesan website for more details and how to apply.

CARITAS LEEDS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER: will be published to flag up the different ways in which parishes, schools and groups are putting into practice Catholic Social Teaching so that we can learn from each other's good practice. If you know of an initiative which is, for example, fostering human dignity, promoting solidarity, enabling subsidiarity or encouraging people to participate in the life of the community, please drop a note by the end of January to comms@catholic-care.org.uk

RCIA LENTEN RESOURCE: Intended primarily for use with the Elect in their preparation for the Easter Vigil, this series of weekly meetings, with guidance materials for catechists, offers time to reflect on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. They can be freely adapted for wider parish use.

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/sacraments-of-initiation-for-adults/rcia/rcia-lenten-purification-and-enlightenment/>

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCY: Salary £80,000 to £90,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision and skills for leadership and a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing and delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>, email or speak to Katrina on 0113 388 5400 or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk . Closing date 9 February 2025.

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Horsforth, Start: April 2025. Closing date: Friday 07 February 2025. Further info: [Bishop Wheeler Academy Trust - Trust & Academy Vacancies \(bishopwheeleracademytrust.org\)](http://www.bishopwheeleracademytrust.org)

To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Helen Tye, h.tye@stmaryshorsforth.org

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER VACANCY: Salary: Currently £30,559 - £35,235, pro rata dependent on qualifications and experience. Post: Permanent Part time or 1 X Fixed term 15 hours to cover Maternity Leave. Location: West and North Yorkshire. Social Work Qualification required. Closing Date: Open until the vacancy has been filled.