

PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTICES

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

EXCAVATING HOPE – THE 2025 ROMERO LECTURE: 13 March, 7pm. 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.leedsjp.org.uk for more details.

RELICS OF ST ANDREW, ST COLUMBA & ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND: will visit the Cathedral 10th – 16 March. There will be a Votive Mass celebrated by Bishop Marcus on Saturday 15 March at 12noon. Visits to see the relics are possible during Cathedral opening hours, outside the times of Mass.

DOORWAYS OF HOPE - ONLINE EVENTS: Leeds Diocese older people's charity Growing Old Gracefully is hosting a programme of 3 hour-long online events on the theme of hope, to be led by Paula Shanks and Mgr. Donal Lucey. Tuesday 18 March (afternoon), Wednesday May 14 (evening) and Thursday July 10 (evening).

More information/booking, email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING: Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team are very pleased 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. Session dates: Saturday 22 March and Saturday 5 April 2025 (9.45am – 4pm each day) at The Briery. For more information/application form please contact epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS WINTER PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tour, 22 March, 1.30pm: The tour last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

CONSIDER TEACHING IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Are you a Catholic teacher or headteacher working outside the Catholic sector? If so, would you consider applying for a job in one of our diocesan schools? Diocesan Director of Education Kieron Flood will be hosting an on-line briefing for all those who are interested, Tuesday 25 March, 6-7pm. To book, please email Emma: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION: Saturday 29 March. Fr Dennis Cassidy will lead a day of exploration on the Lenten theme of forgiveness and healing at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley. £42pp to include morning coffee, a 2-course lunch and afternoon tea. Booking essential - please call 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT 'GLORY TO THEE': Sunday 30 March, 4pm, Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. Admission Free with retiring collection. The debut concert of the Diocese of Leeds Community Choir will feature music by Mendelssohn, Stanford and Rutter, directed by Michael Burt.

CHRISM MASS: The annual Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday of Holy Week (16 April) at Leeds Cathedral at 11:00am. The sacred oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, used throughout the Diocese, will be blessed at the annual celebration. Our priests will also renew their priestly promises. All welcome to attend.

THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN'S NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS: past and present. Lancaster Cathedral, 12.15pm, Saturday 17 May 2025. Please contact Paul Woodhouse, paulwoodhouse@guildofststephen.org

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.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST (CAT) FOUNDATION DIRECTORS: We are recruiting additional volunteer Directors for our Diocesan CAT Boards with skills in: Catholic Life & Mission, change management, organisational growth, finance, marketing, PR, educational leadership, secondary school improvement, SEND. Requirement to attend and be involved in board meetings throughout the academic year. If you are interested, please email education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to speak with Mgr. Paul Grogan, Episcopal Vicar for Education or Kieron Flood, Director of Education.

LENT AND EASTER AT ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP, HINSLEY HALL: St Paul's Bookshop at Hinsley Hall will be carrying a wide range of Lenten and Easter reading and devotional material for adults and children, and a good selection of Easter cards to send to family and friends. Open Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm. Please get in touch if we can be of any assistance.

VACANCIES

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.

ASSISTANT TO LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY: Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: ASAP. Closing date: Monday, 17 March 2025. Further info: <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss/arrange a visit, contact Vicky Winterburn, v.winterburn@notredamecoll.ac.uk

ASSISTANT HEAD OF PTE VACANCY: Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: ASAP. Closing date: Monday, 17 March 2025. Further info: <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss/arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson, l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk

DIOCESE OF LEEDS MUSIC VACANCY: Diocese of Leeds Music is seeking a talented Assistant Director of the Schools Singing Programme. An excellent opportunity for a choral leader with a desire to nurture creativity, foster expression, and shape the voices and musical foundations of future generations. For more information/application pack, please visit dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk/vacancies. Closing Date: Monday 24 March 2025, 5.00 pm.

CARITAS LEEDS CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY: Salary: £11,250. Post: 15 hours per week. Initial fixed contract for 2 years. Working across the Diocese of Leeds. Closing date: 1 April 2025. Interview date to be arranged with candidates. To apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/>

COVER SUPERVISOR VACANCY: St John Fishers, Harrogate. Start: As soon as possible. Closing date: 19 March 2025. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/>