

## PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTICES

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

**JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS:** Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.

**GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY CARERS PROJECT CARERS MASS:** All carers and the person they are caring for are invited to join us for a special Mass to celebrate the wonderful and important work of unpaid carers across the Diocese. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 12pm, Leeds Cathedral, Great George Street, Leeds, LS2 8BE. A sandwich lunch will be served in Cathedral Hall after Mass. To book a place please email Michelle at [carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk](mailto:carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk). All welcome.

**FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS:** Mass for the Feast of St Benedict, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 12noon. All welcome. More details at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/events>

**CARERS PROJECT ONLINE EVENT:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2pm. As part of our Carers Project we are hosting an online event - "You are precious in my eyes". We will explore how carers may feel ignored or invisible but how they can feel reassured that God sees them and they are precious to him. The session will include practical information, time to share experiences and time for prayer and reflection. To book please email Michelle [carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk](mailto:carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk).

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME:** A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 18 July and 8 August, when the tours start at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**CATHOLIC CARE GARDEN PARTY:** Join us on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our summer fundraiser! Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse the clothes and book sale, try henna and relax with friends and family. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

**SUMMER FAYRE AT THE BRIERY, ILKLEY:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm All are welcome to come and enjoy our delicious scones, browse our large selection of craft and book stalls, relax in the house and gardens, and of course try your luck at the raffle and tombola! Entry by donation. The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Ave, Ilkley LS29 9BW.

**WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE:** 24-27<sup>th</sup> July 2026, an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Tickets and more information available now at: [www.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.com)

**PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE:** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Pilgrim Mass 12:00noon. Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Life and Benediction, Rosary and a silent walk as an Act of Reparation. The pilgrimage will be concluded by a Prayer for England and the Salve Regina. For further details, please visit [prolifepilgrimage.org](http://prolifepilgrimage.org).

**INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT:** 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August (6-day option to 11<sup>th</sup>). There are still a few places for IGR at The Briery. For more information and to book contact The Briery on 01943 607287 [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**ONE & THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE IN SUPPORT OF ST PATRICK'S MISSION:** Saturday, August 8, St Patrick's Mission will be hiking the Yorkshire Three Peaks to support the ongoing ministry in Bradford city centre.

We are grateful for anyone who would like to hike with us, or who would like to volunteer to help on the day or simply donate to the cause! To sign up, <https://www.stpatricksmision.co.uk/event/one-and-three-peak-challenge> or to donate, <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spm-peaks26>

**MAKING WISER CHOICES:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10am-4pm. A day of reflection led by popular writer Margaret Silf. Requested offering £50pp to include lunch and all refreshments. For further information and to book, please contact 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA;** There are places available on the St Mary's Parish, Halifax pilgrimage to Malta this September, In the Footsteps of St Paul. 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September flying from Manchester Airport. We will visit St. Paul's Grotto, St John's Co-Cathedral, the Ta' Pinu Basilica and the church of St Paul's shipwreck. For more information please email [office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or call Tangney Tours and ask to speak to Rae on: 01732886666

**ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026: SAVE THE DATES:** 10 - 11<sup>th</sup> October. This year, after major Eucharistic events in Liverpool and Birmingham, the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival turns to London over two days. The event will include Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral. More details to follow.

## OTHER NOTICES

**AFGHAN WELCOME PROJECT:** Dioceses across the North-West are partnering with Catholic Care (Leeds) to help Afghan families resettle in the UK with support from local communities. We are seeking volunteers, community groups, landlords and property owners to get involved. Join our free webinar (dates listed on link) to learn more: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/afghan-welcome-webinar](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/afghan-welcome-webinar) Or for further information, email: [resettlement@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:resettlement@caritassalford.org.uk)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027:** The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service are excited to be offering this once in a lifetime opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership! For more information and to apply, please email: [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**LEEDS INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL:** Join us at Leeds Cathedral for the Leeds International Organ Festival, featuring a series of recitals by outstanding organists from across the UK and around the world. Mondays up to 13th July, 1.15pm, Leeds Cathedral – free entry. For more information visit <https://www.leedsiof.org/home>

**ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS:** Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing. These are on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The 'doors' open at 7.15 for a chat and introductions. All are welcome. Register for the link by email [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

## **VACANCIES**

**DIOCESE OF LEEDS JOB VACANCY:** The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds is looking to recruit a Diocese Finance Coordinator. Strong Excel skills and an openness to working with volunteers is essential. Please visit [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/) for details.

**CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT:** Support Workers required- Full and Part time hours available for our services in Leeds, Bradford and Life Skill Mentors required in Dewsbury Please see our website for details [www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/jobs)

**CONFERENCE AND EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR:** Hinsley Hall are seeking to recruit a Conference and Events Coordinator to manage and respond to incoming enquiries for conferences, events, and group bookings. Convert enquiries into confirmed contracted business. Coordinate all confirmed bookings and hand them over to the operations team. Provide occasional reception cover during busy periods. Part-time 20hrs per week involving some evenings/weekends. Further details at [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or register your interest at [recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Closing date Friday 10 July.