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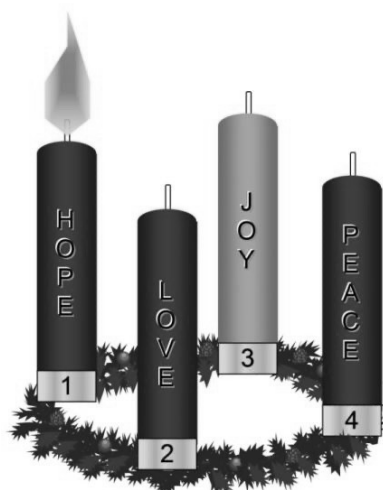
1st Sunday of Advent

Diocese of Leeds Charity Number 249404

*O Lord, may your words be on our lips, and in our hearts.
May they give us courage and hope – and draw us nearer to you.*

Mass Schedule for the week beginning Saturday 30th November 2025

1st Sunday of Advent Year A Saturday 29/Sunday 30 November	4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Trevor Atkinson
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Eileen Cahill
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	People of the Parish
Monday 1 December	No Mass		
Tuesday 2 December	No Mass		
Wednesday 3 December St Francis Xavier, Priest	No Mass		
Thursday 4 December	No Mass		
Friday 5 December	No Mass		
2nd Sunday of Advent Year A Saturday 6/Sunday 7 December	4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Private Intention
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Parish
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Priest's Intention



Advent is a time of waiting—not passive waiting, but active preparation. The readings often speak about vigilance and readiness because the coming of the Lord is not just about Christmas; it's about His presence in our lives today and His promise of ultimate fulfilment. Advent reminds us that God's promises are trustworthy. Even in uncertainty, we are called to live with hope. Jesus urges us to "stay awake" because we do not know the hour. This is not about fear but about living intentionally choosing love, justice, and mercy every day. Advent invites us to examine our hearts. What needs to change so that Christ can truly dwell within us?

Consider one concrete act of kindness or reconciliation this week.

Lord Jesus, You are the light that shines in our darkness. As we begin this season of waiting and hope, open our hearts to Your presence. Help us to stay awake and ready, living each day with faith, love, and joy. Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our lives. Amen.

Parish Notices

The Holy Father's Intention for November: For The Prevention Of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

October collections

Envelopes:	£788.50
Loose Plate Cottingley:	£607.43
Loose Plate Bingley:	£692.92
Standing Order Gift Aid:	£2233.00
Standing Order:	£286.33
Home Mission:	£25
CAFOD:	£438.50
World Mission:	£178.65

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 29/11 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin
Reader Patrick Abbott
Sunday 30/11 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Christine Kay
Readers R Susan Holroyd, P Teresa Mills
Sunday 30/11 11:15 Eucharistic minister Peter Harrison
Reader Irene Stanford-Wood

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 06/12 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak
Reader Barbara Hladowski
Sunday 07/12 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Teresa Mills
Readers R Anne Monaghan, P Kevin King
Sunday 07/12 11:15 Eucharistic minister Deirdre Naylor
Reader Viv Drake

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick and those who care for them, especially:

Anita Austick	Liam Kay	Margaret N
Angela Barnes	Jacob Kinsey	David Ohr
Marisa Bell	Ria Koetsier	Tony Shipman
Maria Binns	Melissa Le Coultre	Steven Shaw
Michael Bradley	Patricia Long	Neil Smith
Ellerie Carroll	Richard Longden	Maureen Thompson
Sylvie Cantopher	Brian Marie	Jeff Trotter
Frieda Clapham	Andrew Markham	Mary Walker
Anna Dany	Christine Matthews	Sandra Walton
Barbara Furniss	Paul McMenamin	Lisa White
Paul Gallagher	Harry McKenna	Ann Wilkinson
Vincenzo Greco	Philomena McKenna	Madeleine Wilkins
Ian Harrison	Joan Meggitt	
Elizabeth Hartley	John Moran	

Please contact Colin 01274 566332 with any changes to this list.

Carol-a-Cow!

Friday 5th December, between 1pm & 4pm, at Maple Court, Ash Terrace, Bingley. Pop in to join us for some, or all of the time, have a mince pie, make a donation if you can - if not, come anyway!

All monies raised will go towards buying cows, goats etc from Cafod World Gifts. Thank you.

Any enquiries: jomulley@hotmail.co.uk

CHORDIALITY Christmas Concert on Sunday 21st December 2025 at 3 pm at First Martyrs Church, Heaton. Tickets are £10 for adults, including seasonal refreshments after the concert. Children under 12 are free. Tickets available from Anne Copley (07980 006213) and from any member of Chordiality.

In the Parish room at Sacred Heart there are **free prayer cards and spiritual resources** donated by a parishioner. Please help yourself. There is also a wonderful Memory Book about Christ the King Church at Crossflatts which has been gifted to us. Please take a look.

Singers for Parish Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (6pm with Carols beforehand) Wed 24th Dec at St Mary & St Monica's; As usual, we're organising a Singing Group to help lead the singing at this year's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. For those able to attend, there will be **practices** (finishing by 11am) **after Cottingley 9.15 Sunday Masses on 7th, 14th and 21st December.** If interested, contact paul.wildgeese@btinternet.com, or just turn up at a practice – and please tell anyone else you think might like to be involved. Many Thanks

Please email **items for the parish bulletin** to me (Colin) at bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk before Wednesday and I'll try to fit your item in.

Children's Liturgy We'll be taking a break during the Christmas holidays and there'll be no Children's Liturgy after Sunday 13th December. We look forward to seeing the children again on Sunday 11th January.

Knights of St Columba Inter-Parish Quiz

The next KSC Inter-Parish Quiz will be held at the Avondale Club (formerly Shipley Catholic Club) on Monday 1st December at 8.00 pm. The format will be the same as usual with NO embarrassing individual questions. There will be a FREE Pie & Pea Supper, FREE engraved trophy for the winners, FREE answer sheets, a Raffle and good company!

The Parish Memorial Book

The book has these memories for this coming week:

November	
29 Kathleen Biggins	4 Colin Whitton
30 Mary Q. Plowden	4 Frances Bergin
30 Kay Nichols	5 Mary Sansbury
30 Maria Fischer	5 Daniel Bryan Johnson
	5 John Deeks
December	
2 Peter Holgate	6 Albert Gough
3 Walter Dany	6 Donald Williams
	6 Mary Williams

To have your loved ones included in the Parish Memorial Book, please send their name and date of death to

bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk

CAFOD: Laudato Si' tells us that 'the earth cries out to us because of the harm that humans have inflicted on her' and that 'a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach: it must integrate questions of justice in debates about the environment'. As COP 30 takes place in Brazil we ask for your help on CAFOD's Global Day for Climate Action. Please write to the Energy Minister Ed Milliband to call for climate justice: action.cafod.org.uk/page/178976/action/1 and please pray for the care of the earth, our shared home: *O God you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation. Pour upon us the power of your love that we may protect life and beauty. Give us hope in our struggle for justice, love and peace for people and for the earth. Amen.*

The Christmas Party for our Senior Parishioners will be on Sunday 7th December at 2pm. The afternoon starts with a Carol Service and is followed by Afternoon tea, a raffle and entertainment from Sophie Holdsworth. It is free to attend. SVP members will be contacting people who we visit regularly to gather numbers for catering. If you would like to join in you would be most welcome. Please ring Anne McArthur on [01274 551091](tel:01274551091) to book a place.

Laudato Si' Advent Eco-Fair, Hinsley Hall, LS6 2BX, Saturday 13 December 10am to 3pm. FREE entry! Stalls, activities, advice, refreshments! PLUS Adoration in the Chapel & (weather dependent) short Rosary Walk. If YOUR parish, business, or charity would like a stall, contact communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Christingle Service We'll be holding our Christingle Service on Sunday 14th December during the 9:15am Mass at Cottingley. Children are welcome to join us in the rear room at the start of Mass when we'll prepare our Christingles before rejoining their families at the Offertory. At the end of Mass the children will join us at the front of Church to share what the Christingle is all about. Everyone welcome.

CAFOD have a guide to Pope Leo's new exhortation Dilexi Te'. This is about the Church and poverty. The guide can be found at cafod.org.uk/pray/dilexi-te-explained

Winter Shelter: Fr Nigel has said yes! **So we now need a leader** to co-ordinate this event which should take place late winter/early spring. Anyone interested should contact Paddy Spiller (01274 566332).