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11th January 2026

3rd Sunday after Christmas

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.

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| The Baptism of the Lord Year A Saturday 10/Sunday 11 January | 4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass | Bingley | Halpin Family |
| | 9.15 am Mass | Cottingley | Frank Gough |
| | 11.15 am Mass | Bingley | Parish |
| Monday 12 January St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious | 10 am Mass | Cottingley | McKeown Family |
| Tuesday 13 January St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church | 10 am Mass | Cottingley | Special Intention |
| | 12 noon Requiem Mass | Cottingley | Moiria Ridewood |
| Wednesday 14 January | 10 am Mass | Cottingley | Dead list |
| Thursday 15 January | 12.30 Requiem Mass | Cottingley | Vincenzo Greco |
| | 6.20 – 6.40pm Confessions 7 pm Mass | Cottingley | Fiona Mills |
| Friday 16 January | 10 am Mass | Bingley | Dead List |
| 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Saturday 17/Sunday 18 January | 4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass | Bingley | Vincenzo Greco |
| | 9.15 am Mass | Cottingley | Parish |
| | 11.15 am Mass | Bingley | Dead List |



At his baptism Jesus is seen as the pilgrim God from heaven who joins in our pilgrim way to heaven. Jesus joins fully his sinful people. Jesus does not expect a perfect people. He is letting us know he is really one of us. He loved – his heart reached out to people in need. His love was always love in action.

Our baptism means something like that – we take on a way of life by it. At some stage we want to be partners with Jesus, as he was partner with us.

The basics of the church are we are a community of prayer, love and care, committed to the reign of justice. The human in us joins the human in him; the divine in him joins the human in us. The Spirit which descends upon Jesus is not just about Jesus, just as our baptism is not just about our personal relationship with God. We are baptised into a community. We are called to transmit the faith, which affirms the dignity of every human person.

The Spirit which Isaiah proclaimed is a Spirit that will “bring justice to the nations” Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that the Spirit which we receive is not just an interior gift or feeling, but a gift that strives to bring healing between diverse peoples – nations, races, ethnic groups, etc. etc. The Spirit of Baptism is a spirit that transforms the community and calls us to go out to the world. Isaiah makes it clear that the light of this spirit is “for all the nations.” The challenge of the scriptures is to make real today the promises of Isaiah and the commitment of Jesus. We are called to a deep commitment to certain values and ways of living.

Parish Notices

Blessing of Homes: Today we bless the water that will be used to bless our homes. Go home and sprinkle it in every room beginning at the back door and finish at the front, pray: May Christ bless (+) our home (+) and remain (+) with us throughout the new year. Amen.

All return to the front door to pray together. *All:* Our Father, who art in heaven... ..deliver us from evil. Amen. All those present are sprinkled with holy water. Lord our God, we ask you to bless our family watch over and protect us through all the days to come. We praise you and thank you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

First Sacrament Part 2: Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 16 May in Cottingley at 11:00 am for those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year. Children who are on the program should check in with me after Mass each Sunday.

First Sacraments Part 1: applications are now open for those in year 3 or above who wish to enrol to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this year and the Eucharist next year. Candidates should be attending Mass here regularly. Forms can be obtained from Fr. Polland after Mass and should be returned to him by the 1 February. Classes will be held in Cottingley on Saturday mornings 10:30-12:00 and at least one parent should attend with their child.

**The Holy Father's Intention for January:
For Prayer With The Word Of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 10/01 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak
Reader Barbara Hladowski

Sunday 11/01 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Christine Kay
Readers R Ann Mc Kerchar, P Mark Brennan

Sunday 11/01 11:15 Eucharistic minister Peter Harrison
Reader Jeremy Charnock

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 17/01 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin
Reader Anne McArthur

Sunday 18/01 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Teresa Mills
Readers R John McElroy, P Helena Harrington

Sunday 18/01 11:15 Eucharistic minister Deirdre Naylor
Reader Julie Martin

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

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

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

Sanctuary Candles are lit each week in memory of your loved ones. Please keep the following in your prayers:

Mary Windle Nancy Mills

There are a few copies of the **2026 Diocese of Leeds Directory** available at both churches. £5 each.

A coffee morning/social gathering will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is welcome. The next will be on 13th January from 10.00 to 11.30

There will be a **Retiring Collection for the Poor Mission Fund this weekend (10 & 11 January)**. This collection helps those parishes in our diocese which are poor and unable to support a priest by their own efforts and resources.

Relics Of St Gerard Majella: On **Thursday 29th January, Leeds Cathedral** will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass at the Cathedral at 5.30pm, and receive a blessing with his relics. Also, on **Tuesday 27th January, St Joseph's, Bradford** will have the privilege of hosting these relics. Come along to pray in front of them, participate in Mass at St Joseph's at 6.30pm, and receive a blessing with his relics.

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 will be back as usual this Sunday 11th January.

Throughout January **the SVP will be very happy to receive items for future raffles**, tombolas or bric a brac, including unwanted Christmas gifts. There will be a box available for donations in both churches. Thanks, Anne

The Parish Memorial Book (Book of Remembrance)

The book has these memories for this coming week:

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| 10 Daniel Rafferty | 15 Edna Nancy Mills |
| 10 Klara Golab | 16 Norman Copley |
| 10 Michaela & Sam Butterfield | 16 Ambrose Lewyk |
| 10 William Finnigan | 17 Annie Hunt |
| 11 Eileen Broadfoot | 17 Richard Clarkson |
| 12 Joseph Finnigan | 18 Andrew Hunt |
| 14 Anthony Keighley | |

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

bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk

Dead List Masses: there are forty five Masses which will be said throughout the year. In a change to previous years the Dead List is displayed in each church and the actual lists are behind the display. Do take time to check the list and let me know if there are any mistakes. Thank you. Fr Polland

CAFOD: Walking in faith

At the start of a new year we often ask, 'what is my new year's resolution?'. Often that's understood in terms of goals or pushing ourselves, but perhaps the most important thing we can do is to keep our love for creation and its Creator alive. Life can be busy, and it can be hard to take a breath, slow down and reconnect with God and God's creation.

Giving yourself time to go for a walk can be a wonderful way to take a moment to reflect. It can be a time to talk to God, and to notice the little creatures whom God created and whom he loves (Matt. 10: 29 – 31). You can also pray as you walk....

*God of love, show us our place in this world
as the channels of your love
for all creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
(A prayer from Laudato Si')*

Have you any Bradford Council issues?

If you live in Cottingley, Cullingworth, Harden or Wilsden I am here to help. Please visit my Councillor Surgery in Harden Memorial Hall on Saturday 17 January, from 10 - 11.00am OR email paul.sullivan@bradford.gov.uk
Regards, Paul Sullivan, Ward Councillor

St Joseph's Catholic primary school Parent and Friend Association has arranged a **fundraising evening for the school with Shama restaurant in Bingley**. On Monday 19th January, Shama will open at 7pm exclusively for friends and family of the school and parish, charging £20 per head for a set meal [Poppadoms and pickle tray to share, any starter, any main, any sundry but BYO alcohol], with £10 per meal purchased donated directly back to the PFA. There will be a "winter warmer" themed raffle on the evening, all donations of prizes for the raffle gratefully received by Monday 12th January.

Book your tickets at the school office

November Collections:

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| Envelopes: | £1226 |
| SO Gift Aid: | £2244 |
| SO Non-Gift Aid: | £261.33 |
| Loose Plate Cottingley: | £260.09 |
| Loose Plate Bingley: | £1014.64 |
| World Mission: | £5 |
| Youth Service: | £280.57 |

Winter Shelter 2026: Thank you to Ruth Core who has agreed to co-ordinate this which will take place from Monday evening, 2nd to Monday morning, 9th February 2026. **Now we need volunteers!** Please call Ruth on 07737 179948 if you can help.