



Our Lady & St. Joseph, Aire Valley

SS Mary & Monica, Cottingley and Sacred Heart, Bingley

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Mass Schedule

week beginning Saturday 16th December 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent Year B	4.15-4.45pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	People of the Parish
Saturday 16/Sunday 17 December	9.15am Mass	Cottingley	Parish Dead List
	11.15am Mass	Bingley	Private Intention
Monday 18 December	No Mass		
Tuesday 19 December	6.15-6.45pm Confessions 7 pm Mass	Cottingley	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday 20 December	10am Mass	Cottingley	James Farquharson
Thursday 21 December	10am Mass	Cottingley	Maisie and Bill Cochrane
Friday 22 December	10am Mass	Bingley	Helen Blackie
4th Sunday of Advent	4.15-4.45pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Parish Dead List
Saturday 23/Sunday 24 December	9.15am Mass	Cottingley	Parish Dead List
	11.15am Mass	Bingley	Fr. Dominic McKenna
Christmas	6pm First Mass of Christmas	Cottingley	Children & families
	9.15am Mass	Cottingley	Josie Glackin
Sunday 24/Monday 25 Dec	11.15am Mass	Bingley	Parish Dead List

Parish Notices

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Parishioners are welcome to join **St Joseph's school Advent Liturgy** at 2:30pm on Wednesday 20th December.

Pope Francis' Intention for December For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation

Both churches have a **Hearing Aid Loop** available for the benefit of those hard of hearing.

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

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 16/12 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak

Reader Patrick Abbott

Sunday 17/12 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Christine Acomb

Readers R Ann McKerchar, P Anne Monaghan

Sunday 17/12 11:15 Eucharistic minister Deirdre Naylor

Reader Julie Martin

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Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time especially

Chris Baines Jacob Kinsey Paul McMenamin

Geoffrey Barnes Ria Koetsier Joan Meggitt

Marisa Bell Patricia Long John Moran

Maria Binns Richard Longden David Ohr

Michael Bradley Brian Marie Tony Shipman

Frieda Clapham Andrew Markham Steven Shaw

Camilla Devanney Christine Canon Joe Smith

Barbara Furniss Matthews Mary Walker

Vincenzo Greco Bridget McKenna Lisa White

Ian Harrison Harry McKenna Ann Wilkinson

Elizabeth Hartley Philomena

Liam Kay McKenna

Contact Colin on [01274 566332](tel:01274566332) with changes to this list.

Singing Group for Christmas Eve Mass We're again organising a Singing Group to lead the carols and singing at this year's Parish Christmas Eve Vigil Mass celebrations on **Sunday 24 Dec at St Mary & St Monica's; Mass 6pm with Carols from 5.40pm**. There will be **practices** (finishing by 11am) for those able to join us **after Sun 9.15 Masses on 17 Dec**. If interested, please contact paul.wildgeese@btinternet.com for further info or just turn up at a practice – and please tell anyone else you think might like to be involved. Many Thanks.

Christmas Cleaning At SS Mary & Monica

If you have an hour to spare on THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER, at 10.30am we would welcome some help in getting the church ready for Christmas. No need to bring cleaning materials, just bring yourself. Contact Susan Holroyd, [01274 568500](tel:01274568500).

Christmas Cleaning At Sacred Heart

If you have an hour to spare on FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER after 10:00 am Mass, we would welcome some help in getting the church ready for Christmas. Contact Vivien Drake [07708 082601](tel:07708082601). Or just turn up!

Chordiality at Christmas – a celebration of carols and readings at First Martyrs Church, Heaton, on Sunday 17 December at 3pm. Tickets £8 (under 12s free), including festive refreshments, available from Anne Copley ([07980 006213](tel:07980006213)) or Susan Holroyd ([07526 784303](tel:07526784303)).

Leeds Cathedral Advent Day of Reconciliation is on Tuesday 19th December, from 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

The Parish Memorial Book

The book has these memories for this week:

19 Wilhelmina McManus 23 Jonathan Willis

20 Alice Arnold 23 Mary McGrory

22 Catherine Cowan 24 Kevin Stewart

23 Frances Days

To have your loved ones included in the Parish Memorial Book, please send their name and date of death to bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk

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

Eileen Cahill

Calling all 9.15 am Sunday Mass attendees - is there anyone who could offer a lift for a lady who lives in Sutton Court please? Ring or message Anne McArthur on [07970 632 230](tel:07970632230) for the contact details.

Our parish **Union of Catholic Mothers** (UCM) is taking a break over the Christmas season and will meet again on 18th January at the new time of 10.45 (or after 10am mass) at Cottingley. We meet every first and third Thursday of the month for about an hour and a half in faith, friendship and fun over a cuppa. Please just turn up and try without obligation, or have a word with one of them, or ring Moira on 07443 452231 or Wendy on 07848 912285. You don't have to be a 'mum', lifts can be provided.

There are **boxes in both churches for the collection of used stamps** which to be used to raise money for **Martin House Hospice**.

Parish Christmas Card: If you or your family would like to be included in this year's card, please clearly write on an envelope the name(s) you wish to be printed on the card; if you are able to make a donation please put the money into the envelope. Envelopes will be collected by Jackie Kirton at Cottingley and Colin Spiller at Bingley by Sunday 17 December. Proceeds will be shared between Bradford Baby Bank and Bingley Food Bank.

Many thanks to those who joined last week's **Christingle** service - it was lovely to have everyone's support. **Children's Liturgy** will meet as usual on Sunday 17th December then will have a break over the holidays and will start again on Sunday 7th January. Unfortunately Liz will be away on Sunday 14th so no session but back again from January 21st. Please feel free to borrow **children's books and toys** from the baskets at both churches to use during mass and return afterwards.

We have received a "Thank you" from **Manorlands** to everyone who supported the **Coffee Morning** earlier this month – We raised £635 for them. Well done everyone!

The parish will be hosting the **Inn Churches' Winter Shelter** again this winter, from Monday 4th March to the following Monday. Details of a planning meeting to follow soon.