

Our Lady & St. Joseph, Aire Valley

SS Mary & Monica, Cottingley and Sacred Heart, Bingley



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Mass Schedule

week beginning Saturday 23rd December 2023

4th Sunday of Advent Year B Saturday 23/Sunday 24 December	4.15-4.45pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Parish Dead List
	9.15am Mass	Cottingley	Parish Dead List
	11.15am Mass	Bingley	Fr. Dominic McKenna
Christmas Vigil December 24	6pm First Mass of Christmas	Cottingley	Children & families of the Parish
Christmas Day Monday 25 December	9.15am Mass	Cottingley	Josie Glackin
	11.15am Mass	Bingley	Parish Dead List
Tuesday 26 December St Stephen, the first Martyr	No Mass		
Wednesday 27 December St John, Apostle, Evangelist	No Mass		
Thursday 28 December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	NB – 12 Noon Mass	Cottingley	Michael Baxter
Friday 29 December	NB – 12 Noon Mass	Bingley	Geoff Collins
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Saturday 30/Sunday 31 December	4.15-4.45pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Canon Peter Maguire
	9.15am Mass	Cottingley	Michael and Susan McGannon
	11.15am Mass	Bingley	Brenda Thompson
Monday 1 January New Year's Day	12 Noon Mass	Cottingley	Margaret and Arthur Jennings

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](tel:03033033030) 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.

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 23/12 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin
Reader Anne McArthur

Sunday 24/12 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Helena Harrington

Readers R Mark Brennan, P Susan Holroyd

Sunday 24/12 11:15 Eucharistic minister Jean Denman
Reader Jeremy Charnock

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 30/12 17:00 Eucharistic minister John Shaw
Reader Barbara Hladowski

Sunday 31/12 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Sue Wilkinson

Readers R John McElroy, P Angela Asquith

Sunday 31/12 11:15 Eucharistic minister Peter Harrison

Reader Irene Stanford-Wood

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 any changes to this list.

Christmas Singing Group: A big Thank You to everyone who volunteered to sing and play at this year's Christmas Vigil Mass. Your time, friendliness and sharing of your singing and playing gift is much appreciated. **Early notice** – for those interested, we hope to organise another Singing Group for our Easter 2024 services. Info nearer the time. **Also**, anyone interested in joining the regular Cottingley Sunday 9.15 Mass musicians e.g. violinists, woodwind players, please contact paul.wildgeese@btinternet.com. Thank You.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Bingley Food Bank over the past year. Your donations are always much appreciated.

Bishop Marcus has asked that any Crib offerings in our Churches are directed to **The Friends of the Holy Land** for the support of the Christians of Gaza and the Palestinian Territories.

VACANCY: Secondment Opportunity for Deputy Headteacher, St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School, Bradford. Required March 2024 – July 2024. Closing date: Friday 12th January 2024. To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Ben Lavin, ben.lavin@bcwcat.co.uk.

The Parish Memorial Book

The book has these memories for this week:

23 Frances Days	27 Edgar Brearley
23 Jonathan Willis	28 Christine Martin
23 Mary McGrory	28 Mary Addy
24 Kevin Stewart	29 Edmond Joseph McKenzie
25 E.F.J. Plowden	29 Maureen Holmes
25 John Rawnsley	29 Paddy Cahill
25 Mary Hanney	31 Bernard Paul Palmer
26 Edwin Michael Watson	31 Hilary Bottomley
26 Mary Monaghan	31 Kenneth George Holdcroft
26 Patrick Joseph Campbell	
26 Thomas Toothill	

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: John Rawnsley

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](tel:07443452231) or Wendy on [07848 912285](tel:07848912285). 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: Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this. Copies should be available to collect at both churches from this weekend. The amount raised (over £600 – exact amount to follow) will be sent to the Bradford Baby Bank and Bingley Food Bank.

Children's Liturgy is having a break over the holidays and will start again on Sunday 7th January. Liz will be 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.

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.