

Our Lady & St. Joseph, Aire Valley

SS Mary & Monica, Cottingley and Sacred Heart, Bingley



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Mass Schedule

week beginning Saturday 14th December 2024

3rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Year C Saturday 14/Sunday 15 December	4.15-4.45pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Allan Austick
	9.15am Mass	Cottingley	Eileen Ingham (SVP)
	11.15am Mass	Bingley	People of the Parish
Monday 16 December	No Mass		
Tuesday 17 December	No Evening Mass or Confessions		
Wednesday 18 December	10am Mass	Cottingley	Trevor Atkinson and Robert Green
Thursday 19 December	10am Mass	Cottingley	Parish Dead List
Friday 20 December	10am Mass	Bingley	Parish Dead List
4th Sunday in Advent Saturday 21/Sunday 22 December	4.15-4.45pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	James and Maria Farquharson
	9.15am Mass	Cottingley	Helen Blackie
	11.15am Mass	Bingley	Fr Peter Keeling

Parish Notices

Donate to CAFOD 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 worked 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. **CAFOD also has other appeals for emergencies elsewhere too!** Thank you for your prayers and support.

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.

Pope Francis' Intention for December For Pilgrims Of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Diocese of Leeds Community Choir: This new venture welcomes all parish musicians, parishioners, choir parents, friends, and school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons (19 January, 2 & 9 February, 2 & 23 March all at 2-3.30pm), working towards a concert performance, including music by Mendelssohn, Fauré, and Rutter, on Laetare Sunday, 30 March 2025 (4pm) at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To book your place please email office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 14/12 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin
Reader Anne McArthur

Sunday 15/12 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Teresa Mills
Readers R Susan Holroyd, P Kevin King

Sunday 15/12 11:15 Eucharistic minister Deirdre Naylor
Reader Viv Drake

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 21/12 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak
Reader Barbara Hladowski

Sunday 22/12 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Danuta Petrie
Readers R John McElroy, P Teresa Mills

Sunday 22/12 11:15 Eucharistic minister Jean Denman
Reader Jeremy Charnock

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

Marisa Bell	Jacob Kinsey	John Moran
Maria Binns	Ria Koetsier	David Ohr
Michael Bradley	Melissa Le Coultre	Tony Shipman
Ellerie Carroll	Geoff Lister	Steven Shaw
Sylvie Cantopher	Patricia Long	Neil Smith
Frieda Clapham	Richard Longden	Maureen Thompson
Camilla Devanney	Brian Marie	Jeff Trotter
Barbara Furniss	Andrew Markham	Mary Walker
Paul Gallagher	Christine Matthews	Lisa White
Vincenzo Greco	Paul McMenamin	Ann Wilkinson
Jo Hampson	Harry McKenna	Madeleine Wilkins
Ian Harrison	Philomena McKenna	Olma Wright
Elizabeth Hartley	Joan Meggitt	
Liam Kay	Sheila Monaghan	

Contact Colin on 01274 566332 with any changes to this list.

Fr. Richard Carter will be celebrating his Ruby Jubilee [40 years ordained], God willing, on Sunday 9th February in Sacred Heart, Bingley, at the 11.15am Mass. Fr. Simon Lodge will be preaching and everyone is invited to stay behind afterwards for refreshments and a free drink of wine! He will also celebrate the 9.15am Mass at St. Monica's, Cottingley, for those who would be unable to attend at Bingley, but no free drink [sorry]. If you are intending to be at the main celebration in Bingley would you please sign up on the sheets on the noticeboard so that we can assess numbers attending.

There will be a **Children's Christingle** on Sunday 15th December during the 9:15 mass at Cottingley. Children are invited to join us during the Children's Liturgy to make a Christingle. We'll have a short Christingle service after mass in Church and everyone is welcome to join us for coffee after mass in the hall.

Chordiality at Christmas: a celebration of Carols and Readings at First Martyrs Church, Heaton on Sunday 22nd December at 3 pm. Tickets £10 (under 12s free) from Susan Holroyd (07526 784303), Anne Copley (07980 006213) or any member of Chordiality.

Writing to prisoners of conscience. After the 11:15 Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday 15th December there will be an opportunity to write letters or Christmas cards to prisoners of conscience. All welcome. No experience or materials needed!

CAFOD Jubilee 2025 Resource Guide: CAFOD has produced a guide to help parishes to prepare for the Jubilee year. Available as an online download or a booklet to order from CAFOD's website. The Guide has reflections on different themes within Luke 4:16-21 and is suitable for individual or group use. Download or order at <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/jubilee-reflection-guide>.

Online Gospel Meditations: The Briery host a weekly hour of meditation/reflection focusing on the following Sunday's readings, providing an opportunity for shared reflection in small groups. Reflection begins at 7.30pm, doors open from 7.15pm for a welcome/chat. All are welcome to attend. To find out more, and to receive the link, email admin@briery.org.uk or call 01943 607287.

November collections: Envelopes £788, Standing Order (Gift Aid) £2178.50, Standing Order non GA £281.33, Cottingley Loose plate £432.07. Bingley Loose plate £771.32. CAFOD £10, World Mission Sunday £25.62, The Spiritans £552.50, Youth Service £199.15

The Parish Memorial Book

The book has these memories for this week:

14 Marion Crowther 19 Wilhelmina McManus

14 Maureen Johnston 20 Alice Arnold

15 Sheila Leftley 22 Catherine Cowan

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:
Tom & Pat Doyle John Rawnsley

Mass times at Christmas will be Christmas Eve 6pm Cottingley, Christmas Day 9.15am Cottingley and 11.15am Bingley

The traditional **Christmas Offering** will be taken at all the Christmas Masses (24/25 December).

Parish Christmas Card: If you or your family would like to be included in this year's card, please take an envelope at church and clearly write on 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 15th December. The proceeds will be shared between Bingley Food Bank and Kathryn's Mercy Home/Joan's Grace Home, Tamil Nadu, India.

Any budding thespians? Would anyone like to take part in the **Bingley Nativity Live** event in Bingley centre at **2pm on Saturday 21 December**. If so, please contact Paddy or Colin on 01274 566332

Singing Group for Christmas Eve Mass Tues 24th Dec at St Mary & St Monica's; Mass 6pm with Carols from 5.40pm. As in previous years, we're organising a Singing Group to lead the carols/singing at this year's parish Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. There will be practices (finishing by 11am) after Sunday Cottingley 9.15 Masses on 15th and 22nd December, for those able to join us. 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.

The UCM would like to thank everyone who supported their **Christmas Raffle**. The draw was made by Canon Jim after 11.15 Mass and the winning numbers were as follows -1st Prize Yellow 195, 2nd Prize Blue 709 and the 3rd Prize Yellow 94. All the winners have been informed. Together we raised a marvellous £263.50 for Bradford Baby Bank.

A big Thank you to all those who came to the **SVP Carol Service and Christmas party** last Sunday. It was a great event which everyone seemed to enjoy. A special thanks are due to the members of the UCM and other volunteers and especially to Rita for her wonderful baking!. Photos of the event will be put on the parish website soon. From Anne McArthur, SVP President.

Knights of St Columba Inter-Parish Quiz – December 9th 2024 at The Avondale Club (formerly Shipley Catholic Club.) The latest round of this enjoyable and challenging Quiz saw St Francis' Team with 'a late run on the rails' carry off the magnificent trophy, holding off the team from St Bede' & St Joseph's Catholic College's themselves holding off pressure from St Walburga's. Now you can't get closer that that!! Congratulations too, to the 12 other teams who kept them under pressure throughout. A much deserved 'Well done!' to the winners and to all concerned, especially our parish UCM and SVP teams who both did really well. 14 teams were represented.

Do YOU care about young people in Catholic Education? Bishop Marcus needs practising Catholics like YOU to be his representative on our schools' Academy Councils. To find out more, please watch the YouTube video [Could YOU be a Foundation Governor in the Diocese of Leeds?](#)

Advent Events At The Briery: Advent Preached Retreat led by Fr Chris Thomas 13-15 December, entitled 'Advent – a time to meet the God of Surprises'. £215pp fully inclusive/£100pp non-residential. For more information or to book either of these events, contact the Administrators: admin@briery.org.uk or 01943 607287