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23 November 2025

Christ the King Sunday

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 22nd November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C Saturday 22/Sunday 23 November	4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	People of the Parish
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Mary Windle
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Amy Callaghan
Monday 24 November Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions, Martyrs	No Mass		
Tuesday 25 November	No Mass		
Wednesday 26 November	No Mass		
Thursday 27 November	No Mass		
Friday 28 November	No Mass		
1st Sunday of Advent Year C 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



The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and reminds us that Jesus is not a king like earthly rulers. His kingdom is founded on love, truth, and peace, not power or domination. In Luke, Jesus on the cross is mocked as "King of the Jews," yet reveals his kingship through mercy and self-giving love. He forgives his executioners and promises paradise to the repentant thief. This paradox shows that true power is service and

sacrificial love. To reign with Christ means to serve others, especially the poor and suffering.

The good thief's plea—"Jesus, remember me"—and Christ's response—"Today you will be with me in paradise"—show that his kingdom is open to all who turn to him in faith. This is a kingdom of grace, not merit. To let Christ reign in our lives means surrendering pride, ambition, and self-obsession. It means loving God first and neighbour as ourselves, building a kingdom of justice and peace here and now. In what ways can I serve others as a sign of belonging to God's kingdom? Do I trust in Christ's mercy, even in moments of weakness or failure?

Lord, teach me to serve as you served, to forgive as you forgave, to trust as the good thief trusted. Let your love guide my steps, your truth shape my choices, and your peace fill my soul.

Parish Notices

There will be a **Retiring Collection over the weekend of 22/23 November** (the Feast of Christ the King) for the Youth Service. The money raised helps to meet the cost of running youth activities and supporting Youth Workers in each Diocese.

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 22/11 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak
Reader Peter Taylor
Sunday 23/11 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Helena Harrington
Readers R Mark Brennan, P John McElroy
Sunday 23/11 11:15 Eucharistic minister Jean Denman
Reader Julia Radcliffe

Ministers at Masses next 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

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 Danys	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.

Thank you to all those who knitted/crocheted poppies for Remembrance Day at Sacred Heart church. They enhanced our display and we are grateful for all your support., Jean.

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.

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.

The Parish Memorial Book

The book has these memories for this week:

23 Francis Halton	27 Theresa Stapylton
23 Rosa Crolla	27 Anne Plowden
24 Muriel Burns	28 Cathrine Dunne
25 Eileen Cahill	28 Simon Mee
25 Rev. Fr. Jack Kennedy	28 William McManus
25 Stephen Ingham	29 Kathleen Biggins
26 Clarence F. Cantopher	30 Mary Q. Plowden
26 Mary Windle	30 Kay Nichols
26 Maria Clarkson	30 Maria Fischer

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 date of the **Christmas Party for our Senior Parishioners is 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.

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

St Joseph's school has a new Baby & Toddler stay and play group. It will be on every other Tuesday in school, 9-10:30am, in school. All in the parish welcome! £1 per family. Come and join us on Tuesdays: 25 November, 9 December. NO NEED TO BOOK, just come on the day!
And also: We will shortly be having our 'Stay & Plays' and 'Open Day' **for our new Reception children.** If you know of any children ready to start school in September 2026, please do share our leaflets and information with them. We would love to welcome as many new and existing families as we can!
Stay & Plays all 9:30-10:30am: Wednesday 26th November

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).