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26th April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

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.

4th Sunday of Easter Year A Saturday 25/Sunday 26 April	4.15-4.40 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass	Bingley	Michael Glacken
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Ernest Harrison
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Parish
Monday 27 April	10am Mass	Cottingley	Deceased Members of the Hammond Family
Tuesday 28 April	10am Mass	Cottingley	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 29 April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, patron of Europe	10am Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
Thursday 30 April	6.20 – 6.40pm Confessions 7 pm Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
Friday 1 May	10am Mass	Bingley	Dead List
5th Sunday of Easter Year A Saturday 2/Sunday 3 May	4.15-4.40 pm Confessions 5 pm Vigil Mass	Bingley	Theresa Norcross
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Parish
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Maureen And Frank Thompson



On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd, the one who knows his sheep and leads them to life. Unlike those who seek their own gain, the Good Shepherd cares deeply for his flock and is willing to lay down his life for them. These words remind us that our faith is rooted not in fear or obligation, but in trust and relationship.

Jesus tells us, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*

This promise speaks to every part of our lives. The risen Lord desires not only our salvation in the future, but our wholeness and joy here and now. When we listen to his voice and follow his way of love, we discover a freedom and peace the world cannot give.

Today is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray especially for those whom God is calling to serve as priests, deacons, and religious, that they may hear the voice of the Good Shepherd clearly and respond with generosity. We also remember that every Christian is called to reflect Christ's shepherding care through kindness, service, and faithful witness.

May we grow in attentiveness to the Lord's voice, trust his guidance, and help one another walk the path that leads to abundant life.

Parish Notices

First Sacraments Parts 1 and 2: check in with Fr. Polland after Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation: should check in with Fr. Polland after Mass each week. Classes will be held on Saturday mornings 10:30-12 on the 25th April, **2 May**, 9th May and 16th May at the church hall in Cottingley.

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 25/04 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin
Readers Barbara Hladowski, P Michael Rewilak
Sunday 26/04 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Sue Wilkinson
Readers R Helena Harrington, P Susan Holroyd
Sunday 26/04 11:15 Eucharistic minister Peter Harrison
Readers Irene Stanford-Wood, P Viv Drake

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 02/05 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak
Readers Natalie Baines, P Mark Startin
Sunday 03/05 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Anne Copley
Readers R Mark Brennan, P Susan Holroyd
Sunday 03/05 11:15 Eucharistic minister Deirdre Naylor
Readers Julie Martin, P Irene Stanford-Wood

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

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

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:
Joe & Kathleen McCausland Glenn McIntyre
Zaniewski Family

The **SVP's Summer Social Event** at 2pm on 13 May at SS Mary & Monica's is a Sing a long of popular songs with members of the All Together Now choir. Tea/Coffee and sweet treats, scones and cakes will be served in the interval provided by the UCM. All parishioners are welcome. For catering purposes please book your place by phoning Anne on 01274 551091.

Retiring Collections: On the weekend of 25/26 April for the **Priests' Training Fund**. This fund is for the support of students who are training to be priests for the Diocese of Leeds. It covers their seminary fees, their termly grant, health and insurance cover.

Canon Jim wishes everyone well and is pleased to announce that at last he has moved into his new home in Ilkley. His new address is:-
20 Chesterton Court, Railway Road. Ilkley, LS29 8UW
Tel 01943 410492

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: We'll meet again this Sunday 26th April.

The Parish Memorial Book (Book of Remembrance)

The book has these memories for this coming week:

April		30 John Wells
25 May Madden		30 Peter Brady
25 John Michael McHugh		May
26 Victor & Veronica Price	1	James Power
26 Michael Peplinski	2	Kathleen McCausland
28 George Burns	2	Chris Mullen
28 Malcolm Gill	2	Colin Wilson
29 Colin Peter Starr	2	Elizabeth Crowther

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

Pope Leo's Intention for April: For Priests In Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam:

As part of the consultation currently taking place across our three Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly. On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan



Celebration of Married Life: There will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral on Saturday 16th May, 12 noon for couples and their families celebrating 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please complete the application form, available at the back of church (return details on form).

ADVANCE NOTICE: Bradford's choir 'Chordiality' is performing a summertime concert at St Mary and St Monica's at 3pm on Sunday 5th July, with 'refreshments' to follow. Tickets, £10, will be available for purchase nearer the time. Proceeds to be used in support of the S.V.P.'s work in our Parish.'