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10th May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

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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.

6th Sunday of Easter Year A Saturday 9/Sunday 10 May	4:15-4:40pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass	Bingley	Terry Hall
	9:15am Mass	Cottingley	Mary Mc Bride
	11:15am Mass	Bingley	Parish
Monday 11 May	10am Mass	Cottingley	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 12 May	9:30-9:55am Exposition	Cottingley	
	10am Mass	Cottingley	Joseph Costello
Wednesday 13 May Feast of Our Lady of Fatima	10am Mass	Cottingley	Dead List
Thursday 14 May The Ascension of the Lord Holyday of Obligation	10am Mass	Bingley	Dead List
	7pm Mass	Cottingley	Parish
Friday 15 May	10am Mass	Bingley	Dead List
7th Sunday of Easter Year A Saturday 16/Sunday 17 May	11am First Communion	Cottingley	
	4:15-4:40pm Confessions 5pm Vigil Mass	Bingley	Maresa Bell
	9:15am Mass	Cottingley	Mary and Bernard Palmer
	11:15am Mass	Bingley	Parish



Today's readings remind us that Christian faith is never meant to remain hidden or theoretical. Jesus tells his disciples, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). Love of God is shown not only in words, but in a life shaped by trust, obedience, and hope.

Jesus promises the gift of the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who abides with us and within us. We are not left to face life's challenges alone. The Helper symbolises God dwelling within believers, sustaining them with truth, peace, courage, and love — enabling them to live the Easter faith not just as belief, but as a way of life.

God's Spirit strengthens us, gives us wisdom, and reminds us who we truly are:

beloved children of God.

St Peter urges believers to give reason for their hope — gently, respectfully, and with a clear conscience. In a world often marked by fear or division, Christians are called to be quiet witnesses of hope, rooted in love and compassion.

As we continue our Easter journey, may we live with confidence in God's abiding presence, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our words, actions, and decisions each day.

Parish Notices

First Sacraments Parts 1 and 2:

Please check in with Fr. Polland after Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation: will be celebrated on Tuesday 2 June at 7:00pm at Cottingley

Finance Committee: for those I have asked to be on the Finance Committee, it will meet on Monday 8 June at 7:00pm in the Presbytery. If you are unable to attend, please let Fr. Polland know.

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 09/05 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin

Readers Peter Taylor, P Natalie Baines

Sunday 10/05 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Christine Acomb

Readers R Elaine Schack, P Teresa Mills

Sunday 10/05 11:15 Eucharistic minister Jean Denman

Readers Oma Nwokeji, P Julie Martin

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 16/05 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak

Readers Barbara Hladowski, P Peter Taylor

Sunday 17/05 09:15 Eucharistic minister Helena Harrington

Readers R Kevin King, P Ann McKerchar

Sunday 17/05 11:15 Eucharistic minister Peter Harrison

Readers Viv Drake, P Oma Nwokeji

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:

Anne & Leonard Timbrell Norman & Mary Harker

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 Collection (16/17 May)

The Second Vatican Council decree on the media says this on the reason for setting aside a special day for Catholic Communications "let a day be allotted every year by bishops in all dioceses of the world on which the faithful will be apprised of their duties in this matter. They will be asked to join in prayer for this cause and to make an offering. The funds raised are to be devoted to **the support and development of (social communications) organisations and initiatives** set up by the Church for the needs of the Catholic Church in general." (Inter Mirifica 18)

There will be a Parish **Coffee Morning shared with Christian Aid** on Saturday 16 May 10:00-12:00 noon at Holy Trinity church - two raffles, home baked cakes, quizzes, bring & buy, and good company. All welcome!!

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 Parish Memorial Book (Book of Remembrance)

The book has these memories for this coming week:

9 George Henry Hill	12 Mollie Reveley
10 Una McHenry	14 Mary & Jim Kennedy
10 Walter (Ginger) Biggins	16 Aileen Bristow
11 L/Cpl Alfred James Clark (killed in action 1917)	16 Thomas Edward Doyle
12 Emma Perkins	17 Daniel James Saville
	17 Dot Dean

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 May: That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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).

A **coffee morning/social gathering** is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is welcome. The next will be on 12 May from 10.00 to 11.30.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary school is holding a **May Procession in school** on Friday 22 May about 9:15 in school. All welcome!

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.'