



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST ANNE
Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 8BE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
Chapelton Road, Leeds LS7 4BZ



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 24TH DECEMBER 2023

“On this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent, the Gospel proposes to us once again the account of the Annunciation. “Rejoice” says the angel to Mary, “you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus” (Lk 1:28, 31). It seems to be an announcement of pure joy, destined to make the Virgin happy. Who among the women of that time, did not dream of becoming the mother of the Messiah? But along with joy, those words foretell a great trial to Mary. Why? Because at that time she was “betrothed” (v. 27). “Let it be to me according to your word”. This is the Virgin’s last word on this last Sunday of Advent, and it is the invitation to take a genuine step towards Christmas. For if the birth of Jesus does not touch our lives – mine, yours, everyone’s – if it does not touch our lives, it slips past us in vain. In the *Angelus*, we too will say “let your word be fulfilled in me”: May Our Lady help us to say it with our lives, with our approach to these last days, to prepare ourselves well for Christmas.” (Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 2022)

| DAY | LITURGICAL CELEBRATION | TIMES OF MASS <i>HR = HOLY ROSARY</i> | INTENTIONS | OPENING TIMES AND TIMES OF THE LITURGY: |
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| Sat 23 rd | <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> | 6.00pm | Djokube Aurelie Anniversary | Please note the changes to the weekday programme this week at the Cathedral and at the Holy Rosary. |
| Sun 24 th | <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <u>Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</u> <i>Vigil Mass of Christmas</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Christmas</i> <i>Mass of Christmas</i> <i>Carols and Readings</i> <i>Solemn Midnight Mass</i> | 9.15am 10.30am HR 11.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm 8.00pm HR 11.00pm 11.30pm | J Walters RIP / L Ridge Intentions <i>Joe & Caroline Caulfield</i> People of the Parish Josephine Power & D’scd relatives Andrew Smith RIP <i>Geoffrey Kelly RIP</i> --- Bishop’s Intentions / Peter & Bridie Ints Bridget & Dudley Kane RIP St Wilfrid’s Yrs 11 & 13 Students | |
| Mon 25 th | <u>Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</u> <i>Mass at Dawn</i> <i>Mass during the Day</i> <i>Mass during the Day</i> <i>No evening Mass today</i> | 9.15am 10.30am HR 11.00am | Sean Crosby Intentions <i>Patrick Francis McGeever RIP</i> Bishop’s Intentions / People of the Parish / Private Intentions – Sr A.N. | 11.00am – 11.45am 5.00pm -5.30pm |
| Tue 26 th | <i>St Stephen, The First Martyr</i> | 12.30pm | W J Ynot / E Xatero / C Magracia RIP | CONFESIONS AT HR Sun 10am-10.15am |
| Wed 27 th | <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i> | 12.30pm | Neil Cambell RIP | |
| Thur 28 th | <i>The Holy Innocents</i> | 12.30pm | Jamie Meah RIP | ANGELUS/ROSARY Mon-Fri 12noon Sat 11.30am |
| Fri 29 th | <i>St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr</i> | 12.30pm | Fred Pancho Thanksgiving | DIVINE MERCY Thurs 1.05pm |
| Sat 30 th | <i>Christmas Octave</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> | 12noon 6.00pm | Issy Ineson RIP Gerard O’Neill Anniversary | PSALTER WEEK 1 |

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

9.15am: Cantor **Hymns:** Entrance: **112**; Communion: **880**

11.00am Quartet Introit sung; Missa VIII, Gregorian; Rorate Caeli; Credo words **503**;
Communion Hymn: **112**
Organ: Fugue on the Magnificat (BWV 733), J.S. Bach

This week the following candles are lit for these intentions:

CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY LAMP: Bishop Marcus Stock, all the priests, deacons, and church helpers of the Diocese of Leeds.

OUR LADY OF UNFAILING HELP LAMP: Praying for financial abundance and freedom. Praying to marry my perfect partner and have great children.

WITH EVERY BLESSING FOR A HOLY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS, FROM THE PARISH CLERGY, SISTERS, AND STAFF

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR DECEMBER 2023: 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. **MASSSES RECEIVED:** *Deceased (Recently or Anniversary):* Edith Stanley, Katre, Stephonas, Jonas, Danute, Antanas, Frank Holden, Ronald Ortile; *Intentions:* Kieran O’Shea, Antony, Marco, Anna, John & Carole Abyss, David Howard, Julia Cox. **MASS INTENTIONS:** envelopes are available in both churches; also, it is possible to request a Mass via the Parish website. **LIFE:** Pregnant? Need to talk? Call freephone: 0808 802 5433. **PRAYERS:** Please pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East, for those affected by the recent earthquake in China, for all who are sick, our housebound parishioners, for those in distress and bereaved; and for all who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May Our Lady, Mother of the Saviour, comfort all who suffer and are afflicted.

**MAY THE CELEBRATION OF THE SAVIOUR'S BIRTH THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON BRING PEACE AND JOY TO ALL!**

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES: CHRISTMAS EVE 24TH DECEMBER - Vigil Mass of Christmas 4.00pm (Cathedral opens at 3.15pm) and 6.00pm (Cathedral), Holy Rosary at 8.00pm; Carols and Readings 11.00pm (Cathedral opens at 10.30pm) and Solemn Midnight Mass 11.30pm;
CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER: 9.15am; 10.30am Holy Rosary; 11.00am. **No evening Mass on Christmas Day.**

CATHEDRAL SUNDAY COFFEE: There will be no coffee, today, Sunday 24th December, after the 11am Mass.

CATHEDRAL TIMETABLE: please note changes to the timetable from 26th December 2023 – 1st January 2024.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Thank you for the generous response to the appeal for these flowers for the Cribs.

CRIB OFFERINGS: supporting the **Friends of the Holy Land**

DAVID GREALY: We say goodbye and thank you to David, the assistant Cathedral Organist, who moves to the Diocese of East Anglia as Director of Music from Jan 2024.

LEGION OF MARY: meets next **Sunday 31st December** in the Syndicate Room of Wheeler Hall, after the 11am Mass.

YOUNG ADULTS' PRAYER GROUP: next meeting will be **5th Jan** at Wheeler Hall from 6.30-8.00pm for bible study, prayer, reflection. Info francescogalassimobile@gmail.com

INFANT & ADULT BAPTISM & MARRIAGES: Please speak to one of the Clergy at the end of one of the Sunday Masses.

Note: at least six months' notice is required for marriages.

PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP: will meet again in the new year on **Friday 5th January 2024** in Wheeler Hall.

CUPERTINO GROUP MASSES: Next Mass for Christmas: **7th January** at 3pm. St Joseph's Catholic Church, West Gate, Wetherby, LS22 6LL. Contact number: Fr Frank 07850076926 Rosie 07891951949. These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities.

DIARY DATES: Fri 5th January 2024 Leeds International Organ Festival, Organ Concert, Oliver Messiaen, La Nativité du Seigneur, 7.00pm. All welcome to attend!

LES LECTURES DE LA MESSE sont disponibles en Français.

AS LEITURAS DA MISSA estão disponíveis em Português.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA MISA están disponibles en Español.

WELCOME to all visitors and to those who have returned to Leeds for Christmas. Please say hello after Mass!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP): are looking for volunteers willing to help children put their faith into action. Could this be you? You do not have to have previous experience of working with children as all training will be given. Further information is on the notice board.

PRAYER MEETING: Each Sunday from 5.00pm until 7.00pm at the Holy Rosary Church. All are cordially invited. For more information, contact Jones Bediako on 07983 776337 or www.ccrleeds.org.uk Details of July event see notices.

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation refreshments on **Fri 5th Jan** 7.00-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

SVP: contact 07415003874 svpleeds cathedral@svp.org.uk

CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY (CSSA)

A new Diocesan safeguarding webpage has been designed and is full of information and resources. Reporting a concern about a child or adult at risk can be done through the new website, for more information please visit <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/safeguarding/>

PARISH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING TO THE PARISH: The Parish bank details are: HSBC Bank PLC, Sort Code: 40-27-15, Account no: 31165453, Account name: Diocese of Leeds Mother of Unfailing Help. It is possible to donate via the Parish website & contactless machines. With very grateful thanks for your generous donations to the parish.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Each year, the collection taken at Christmas, together with the collection taken at Easter, is the offering which forms an important part of the annual taxable income of priests. The offering itself can be gift-aided, with the gift-aid being retained by the parish. Those who would prefer to make an offering by direct bank transfer to the parish bank account, should reference the donation as 'Christmas Offering'. The Parish Bank details are noted above. With grateful thanks.

Please silence your mobile phone while in the church.

Details of other Parish & Diocesan Events and Current Vacancies are on the website and notice boards.

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