



PARISH & DIOCESAN EVENTS

PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Preparations are now underway for the second session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome this October 2024. The Synod Office in Rome has asked the local Churches to reflect on the following specific question: 'HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?' For further information on this stage of the synodal process and to submit any reflections please visit the diocesan synodal webpages: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission/>

LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Friday 5th - Thursday 11th July 2024.

Bookings will be opening in the next few weeks and can be made either online or by telephone with the tour operator. **Assisted pilgrims** needing support please complete medical forms before booking with the tour operator (please contact stephturner100@gmail.com for medical form). All pilgrims who have travelled with us previously, will receive information from the tour operator. Information can also be found on the Diocesan website. We welcome new volunteers, particularly nurses and we are in need of a GP for 2024. Please consider joining this rewarding service.

To volunteer, please contact: lourdesrecruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Any questions, please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

URGENT APPEAL FOR MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME: The Little Sisters of the Poor have had to take the heartbreaking decision to close their Leeds Care Home after RAAC concrete was found in 95% of the roof. Over the next few months all 62 residents must be re-homed and over 90 staff face redundancy. The Sisters must meet costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents have been found new homes. More details here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/> Please bring this story to the attention of anyone you think may be able to help financially.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE: On **Saturday 18th May**, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church.

HOLY HOUR RESOURCES LAUNCH: The Diocese is pleased to launch a new set of resources for schools and parishes to celebrate the upcoming Jubilee Year. These are for lay leaders, school staff and all who are interested in facilitating a Holy Hour. We pray these resources will help us grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Download from <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/youth/links-resources-youth/>

FLAME 2025: The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena, London, **Saturday 15th March 2025!** £70 per person (including return coach travel). Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours!

CATHOLIC PARISH SUMMIT 2024: If you want to see your parish come alive and bring people to Jesus, be a part of the **Catholic Parish Summit on 12-14th June 2024**, Harrogate Convention Centre. Speakers include Archbishop Mark O'Toole, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and Fr. James Mallon. See what's behind a growing movement of parishes coming to new life, and learn how your parish can do it, too. Booking at catholicparishsummit.com (earlybird discount available using code 25OFFCPS).

DISABILITY HELP: Connecting with parish life or with our Diocese can be more difficult when one is living with disability, housebound because of illness, or when one is a carer or parent of someone who lives with disability or special needs. Living with a disability could mean having a physical, learning or sensory disability, autism, dementia, a mental health condition, or other difficulty. **Every parish is our 'first home' and the place where we should feel welcomed and that we belong!** Please speak to your priest or email disabilityhelp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk - we can help you connect with someone in our Diocese, or in your local parish community, who may be able to help or advise you. With your permission, we can ask them to contact you directly.

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED PILGRIMAGE: Travel the pilgrim paths of the early church in Durham, Lindisfarne, Escomb, Ruthwell and Jarrow with Saints Cuthbert and Bede. Including reflections on the persecuted Church of today and history of the early church led by our pilgrim historian Suze Mathews who specialises in Anglo-Saxon history and by Fr Jeremy Howard. Opportunities for communal prayer of the Divine Office, daily Mass and devotions. **22nd – 27th July 2024.** More information and booking email Teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org

EARLY MORNING MASS: The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal celebrate an early morning Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Bradford at 7.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. All welcome.

EVENTS AT THE BRIERY: Join us for a short meditation on the Sunday Gospel from 7.30pm to 8.15pm on Thursdays. The Zoom opens at 7.15pm for a chat. All are welcome. Register for Zoom link by emailing: admin@briery.co.uk or call 01943 607287

HOW TO READ THE GOSPELS: This short course prepared by the Vicariate for Education is an introduction to the gospel texts, their origins, and their shared and distinctive qualities. For use by individuals or parish groups, it can be found at: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/our-faith/learning-about-our-faith/resources-2/how-to-read-the-gospels/> The full range of Resources can be found at: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/our-faith/learning-about-our-faith/resources-2/>

CATHOLIC CARE'S GIANNA BABY BANK: Stocks are low. Needs baby wipes, nappies, baby clothes especially, 0-3 months, and larger items such as baby baths, Moses baskets and prams. Nappy and clothes sizes up to 12 months, not higher please. Items don't have to be new, but in good condition. For collection or further information, contact Emma Parnham, Senior Social Worker on 07525 406071 or Michelle Vink, Community Manager on 07739 975000