

**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST ANNE**

Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 8BE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Chapelton Road, Leeds LS7 4BZ

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) – 17TH DECEMBER 2023

“The invitation to joy is characteristic of the season of Advent: the expectation of Jesus’ birth that we experience is joyful, somewhat like when we await the visit of a person we love a great deal, for example, a friend whom we have not seen for a long time, a relative... We are in joyful anticipation. And this dimension of joy emerges particularly today, the Third Sunday, which opens with Saint Paul’s exhortation: “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Entrance Antiphon; cf. Phil 4:4, 5). “Rejoice!”: Christian joy. And what is the reason for this joy? That “the Lord is at hand” (v. 5). The closer the Lord is to us, the more joy we feel; the farther away he is, the more sadness we feel. The Gospel according to John today presents us the biblical character who – excluding Our Lady and Saint Joseph – first and most fully experienced the expectation of the Messiah and *the joy of seeing him arrive*: naturally, we are speaking of John the Baptist (cf. Jn 1:6-8, 19-28). In particular, the Baptist is a model for those in the Church who are called to proclaim Christ to others: they are able to do so only by detaching from themselves and from worldliness, by not attracting people to themselves but directing them toward Jesus. This is joy: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith. Even in dark moments, that inner joy, of knowing that the Lord is with me, that the Lord is with us, that the Lord is Risen. The Lord! The Lord! The Lord! This is the centre of our life, and this is the centre of our joy.” (Pope Francis, Angelus Address, 2020)

DAY	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	TIMES OF MASS <i>HR = HOLY ROSARY</i>	INTENTIONS	EXPOSITION <u>Monday - Friday</u> 3.00pm – 5.00pm CONFESSIONS <u>NB: Tues 7am – 7pm</u> <u>Monday- Friday</u> 11.15am - 12.15pm 4.30pm - 5.00pm <u>Saturday</u> 11.00am – 11.45am 5.00pm - 5.30pm EVENING PRAYER <u>Mon - Fri 5.10pm</u> ANGELUS/ ROSARY <u>Mon – Fri 12noon</u> CONFESSIONS AT HR <u>Sun 10am-10.15am</u> DIVINE MERCY <u>Thurs 1.05pm</u> PSALTER WEEK 3
Sat 16 th	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	6.00pm	Adrian Brown Birthday	
Sun 17 th	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Mass in the Ge'ez Eritrean Rite</i> <i>Parish Carol Service</i>	9.15am 10.30am HR 11.00am 1.30pm HR 4.30pm HR 6.00pm	November Dead List <i>People of the Parish</i> Anne Morrow Anniversary <i>Private Intention</i> --- Arnel & Sonia Sevilla Wedding Anniv	
Mon 18 th	<i>Advent Feria</i>	12.30pm 5.30pm	Dscd family mems of Alwell & McGrath Veronica Ojuri Intentions	
Tue 19 th	<i>Advent Feria</i> <i>Day of Reconciliation 7am – 7pm at the Cathedral</i>	10.00am HR 12.30pm 5.30pm	<i>Maria Belamina Rodrigues RIP</i> November Dead List Joana Cancia Olivia D’Souza RIP	
Wed 20 th	<i>Advent Feria</i>	12.30pm 5.30pm	Michael & Delia Quinn Anniversary Sebastian Rajendram RIP	
Thur 21 st	<i>Advent Feria</i>	12.30pm 5.30pm	Canon Vincent O’Hara RIP November Dead List	
Fri 22 nd	<i>Advent Feria</i>	12.30pm 5.30pm	Richard Ablett & Brian Ablett RIP Private Intention	
Sat 23 rd	<i>Advent Feria</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	12noon 6.00pm	Sean Crosby RIP Djokube Aurelie Anniversary	

SANCTUARY LAMPS burn before the tabernacles and OUR LADY OF UNFAILING HELP VOTIVE LAMPS burns before the image of Our Lady of Unfailing Help in the Cathedral. If you would like to donate this lamp, which burns for a week and is then replaced, for your intentions or those of someone else, there are dedicated envelopes at the back of the churches. The intention for all three candles will be published on the bulletin.

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

9.15am: Cantor **Hymns:** Entrance: **92**; Communion: **108**
11.00am Senior Boys & Scholars Introit sung by choir,
Mass for four voices, Byrd; Rorate caeli, Guerrero;
O salutaris hostia, Tallis; Credo words **503**;
Communion Hymn: **108**
Organ: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Reger

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):* Mgr Peter McGuire, Frances Galligan, Jackie Allman, Geraldine Baker, Djokube Aurelie, Jude Leahy, Michael & Delia Quinn, Christine Harrop; *Intentions:* Stephen Sullivan, Linda Wragg, Christina Mughal & Family; Hannes Stenzel & Family. **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 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. **PARISH CAROL SERVICE: Today, Sun 17th December, at the Holy Rosary Church, 4.30pm.** All welcome to attend and prepare for Christmas with the singing of carols and the listening to readings.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL DAY OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday 19th December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition all day.

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

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/>

CATHEDRAL SUNDAY COFFEE: Each Sunday after the 11.00am Mass in Wheeler Hall. **There will be no coffee on Sunday 24th December after the 11am Mass.**

RELIGIOUS THEMED CHRISTMAS CARDS: now on sale after all Masses, and at both the Cathedral and Holy Rosary Coffee mornings. Cost is £5 for a box of 18 cards.

LEGION OF MARY: meets this **Sunday 17th December** in the Syndicate Room of Wheeler Hall, after the 11am Mass.

FIRST CONFESSION: next preparation class will be on **Tues 19th Dec** at 4.15pm – 5.15pm at HRSA Primary School.

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

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. Come along for a chat, coffee and cake with weekly activities, 10.30am – 12noon. This group is run by Catholic Care.

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! Please say hello after Mass!

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS LEAFLET: details of Advent and Christmas Services leaflet available to take away.

CATHEDRAL TIMETABLE: please note changes to the timetable from 26th – 31st December and 2nd January.

CHOIR TIMETABLE: please note the last weekday of the sung Mass for 2023 will be on **Monday 18th December.**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: It was lovely to see so many parishioners and visitors attend our Parish lunch. Thanks to all who made this important event such a success!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, Cardigan Road, reopens following extensive refurbishment on **Sunday 24th December for Mass at 8.45am and again on Christmas Day at 8.45am.**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: we would like to invite parishioners to donate a Christmas poinsettia to decorate our cribs. If you would like to do so, please leave them by St Anthony's statue at the Holy Rosary and at the Cathedral, please leave at the Memorial Chapel.

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.

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

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DEACONS:	Rev John Lythe, Rev Dr Michael Mkpadi & Rev Dr Joseph Cortis
SISTERS:	Sr Cecilia Njoku DMMM, Sr Valentia Chikwendu DMMM, Sr Helen Onyinye Nebolisa DMMM <i>Convent Holy Rosary Presbytery, 3 Cross Francis Street, Leeds LS7 4BZ Tel: (0113) 262 2466</i>
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