

## PARISH NEWSLETTER NOTICES

**Diocesan Events, Invitations from Parishes and other Organisations, listed chronologically.**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. To donate, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

**SPIRITUALLY ACCOMPANYING PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA:** Leeds Diocese older people's charity Growing Old Grace-fully latest online session, led by Rev. Dr. Joe Cortis, will explore how to spiritually support those living with dementia. Tuesday 22 October 7pm: To attend email [growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE LIVESIMPLY AWARD:** Bishop Marcus promoted the CAFOD LiveSimply award in his recent Season of Creation Pastoral Letter. Find out more about the scheme by joining a Zoom meeting on 28 October organised by the Northern Dioceses Environment Group. See the J&P Commission website for more detail [www.leedsjp.org.uk](http://www.leedsjp.org.uk)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** 40 Days for Life - prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside the MSI abortion facility, Leeds, currently until 3 November 7:00am - 7:00pm. To obtain further information, contact Chris Redding, Tel: 07815 681343, email: [40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife@gmail.com) or visit the website: [www.40daysforlife.com/leeds](http://www.40daysforlife.com/leeds).

*Updated information - regarding recent buffer zone legislation*

Information from Mr Chris Redding:

*"I have spoken to Safer Leeds today [19<sup>th</sup> September 2024] (joint police, council and other organisations body) and there are no changes to dates or information. Our flyers already include information regarding the campaign moving to outside the 150m zone if the legislation comes into force. If buffer zones are imposed on the 31st of October, we will just relocate for the final four days."*

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME:** Free Guided Tours on the following Saturdays at 2pm: 23 November and 14 December. The tours last about 1 hour and are free to attend. No booking is required. Please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR PERMANENT DIACONATE:** You are invited to Join Bishop Marcus and the permanent deacons of our Diocese to a Mass of Thanksgiving and Promotion of the Diaconate in our diocese at 5.30pm on Tuesday 26 November at Leeds Cathedral.

**ADVENT EVENTS AT THE BRIERY:** Day of Reflection led by Fr Dennis Cassidy, 10.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 7 December £40pp including a two-course home-cooked lunch.

Advent Preached Retreat led by Fr Chris Thomas 13-15 December, entitled 'Advent – a time to meet the God of Surprises'. £215pp fully inclusive/£100pp non-residential. For more information or to book either of these events, contact the Administrators: [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk) or 01943 607287

**NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING:** A two-day course for those wishing to learn how to accompany those who are grieving. 10am – 4pm Saturday 11 January *and* Saturday 18 January 2025 at The Briery. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at [epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

## **OTHER NOTICES**

**THE LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME:** has helped fund essential repairs and improvements of our listed churches for many years, by enabling Parishes to recover VAT. The Scheme is reviewed annually in the Government's Budget. If the scheme is not renewed, many projects will no longer be viable. Please consider writing to your MP to support this vital scheme using the tool created by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme/>

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL RESOURCES:** The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) website has been updated with a raft of resources to help to be informed regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. Resources and information available at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> and <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/catholics-oppose-assisted-suicide/>

**THE LIFE OF A PARISH PRIEST:** The National Office for Vocation has produced two videos which may be of interest to parishioners and, especially, those considering a call to priestly ministry. They can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-parish-priest/>

**PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** The second session of the Synod opened on 2 October. The Holy Father has requested the prayers of the whole Church during the Synod. During October, dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, please consider offering a decade of the Rosary each week to pray for the maternal intercession of Mary, Mother of God, for the Church and for the members of the Synod.

**LAY DOMINICANS:** are men and women, single and married, who commit themselves to lives of prayer, study, community and sharing the Gospel. If you are interested in exploring this way of life, contact Simon Hewitt at [s.hewitt@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:s.hewitt@leeds.ac.uk)

**ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP AT HINSLEY HALL:** (10.00am-4.00pm, Monday-Friday) has a full range of Advent and Christmas supplies (candles, cards, and books). We will also be stocking People's Missals with the new Lectionary translations, which will come into use on Advent Sunday.

**ZOOM GOSPEL MEDITATIONS:** The Briery host a weekly hour of meditation/reflection focusing on the following Sunday's readings, providing an opportunity for shared reflection in small groups, Thursdays - reflection begins at 7.30pm, doors open from 7.15pm for a welcome/chat. All are welcome to attend. To find out more, and to receive the link, email [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk) or call 01943 607287.

## **VACANCIES**

**ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT VACANCY:** St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pudsey, Start as soon as possible. Closing date: Tuesday, 22 October 2024. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/>

**DIOCESE OF LEEDS MUSIC VACANCY:** We wish to appoint an all-round, flexible musician with keyboard skills and a vocation for Catholic music education as a Whole-Class Ensemble Director and Instrumental Tutor in our Keyboard Studies Programme. For more information, please request an application pack from [recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk) or 0113 244 8634. Closing Date: Wednesday 23 October 2024, 12 noon.