



Welcome to
St Joseph's Catholic Church
 Bilton, Harrogate



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“Christmas is the feast of love incarnate and born for us in Jesus Christ. He is the light of mankind shining in the darkness, giving meaning to human existence and to the whole of history.” Pope Francis.

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 19th December 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C



4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
 5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Geoffrey Stackhouse [RIP])
 8.00am Mass (PARISH)
 11.00am Mass (Ann Smith [Sp Int])
 5.30pm Carol Service with Children's Nativity

Tuesday 21st December Advent Week 4

7.00pm Mass (Andy Maslavekas [RIP])

Wednesday 22nd December Advent Week 4

9.30am Mass (Susannah McDaid [Birthday Anniversary])

Thursday 23rd December Advent Week 4

9.30am Mass (Helen Ford [Christmas Bouquet])

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

9.30am Mass (Thanksgiving [GD])
 5.30pm Childrens' Vigil Mass of Christmas (...)
 7.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (...)
 11.30pm Carols leading into Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th December 2021 Christmas Day - Year C

12.00am Midnight Midnight Mass (Parish & People)
 8.00am Mass of the Christmas Day (Hestor Waind [RIP])
 11.00am Mass of Christmas Day (...)

Sunday 26th December 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year C

NB

No Saturday Evening Vigil Mass this weekend
 8.00am Mass (...)
 11.00am Mass (...)



 Please remember to turn-off mobile phones before Mass begins...Thank you!

REGULAR EVENTS & CONTACTS

APF Red Mission Boxes

Contact: Liz Walker 01423 881061

Brownies

Wednesday evenings in term-time 6.00pm - 7.15pm
Contact: 3rdbiltonbrownies@gmail.com

Catenians

Second Tuesday, 7.30pm at Ascot House Hotel
Contact: John Tolan 01423 884690

Childrens' Liturgy Group

Contact: Grace Foster 07515 686662

Choir (11.00am Mass)

Contact: Gill Crowther 01423 817885

Church Cleaning Team (More Volunteers Needed!)

Contact: Elaine Flanagan 07791 500359

Church Flowers Team

Contact: Helen Fletcher 01423 525216

Church Tea & Coffee Team (11.00am Mass)

Contacts: Anne Roberts 07867788552
Annemarie Perry 07722091465

Friendship Group

Tuesday Afternoons in the Hall - 1.30pm - 2.45pm
Contact: Rachel 07739 975021

Gift Aid Organiser

Contact: John Tweddle 01423 523332

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Tuesdays as announced. (November - Easter)
Contact: Fr Stephen 01423 504124

Knights of St Columba

Contact: Jason Aldiss 07976 428198
jason.aldiss@eandj.co.uk

Parish Hall Bookings

Contact: Elaine Flanagan 07791 500359
elaineflanagan184@btinternet.com

Rotas (Eucharistic Ministry)

Contact: Bradley Gotting 07985 515307
b.gotting@sky.com

Rotas (Readers)

Contact: Paul Fletcher 01423 525216

Safeguarding Representatives (Parish)

Contact: Tony Cullen 07785 252253
psr.tcullen@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Meeting Times TBC
Contact: Teresa Carmody 01423 565068

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs R Rouse 01423 562650

St John Fisher Catholic High School

Headteacher: Mr S Mort 01423 887254

St Joseph's Pre-School (Term-time Mornings)

Contact Julie Kane 07792657808
nyey.580630@outlook.com

Readers & (Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass: This Weekend:

Vigil: T Thompson; Val Vlemerson (Martin Flanagan)
8.00am John Walker; Alex Leckanby (Michelle Hardaker)
11.00am Anne Grafton; Helen Fletcher (Greg Warren)

Next Weekend:

Vigil: No Vigil Mass
8.00am Amy Keith; Daniele Bovo (Val Burdon)
11.00am Mark Grafton; Malgorzata Smith (Bradley Gotting)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Constance Stackhouse (RIP); Susannah McDaid (B'day A); James M (RIP).

Updated Covid Guidance from the Government and the Bishops' Conference:

Since the Prime Minister has made his most recent announcements regarding the transmission of the new Omicron Covid variant, the following directives have been received from the Church authorities, with immediate effect.

Face Coverings: HM Government has made the wearing of face covering mandatory in Places of Worship from Friday 10th December 2021. However, there will be exemptions for those leading worship, public proclamation of scriptural readings or prayers, and those who are unable to wear face coverings and are exempt.

Singing: HM Government guidance states that "There is a reasonable excuse for someone to remove a face covering when it is reasonably necessary for them to sing, for example, if they are singing as part of a choir, or during a service, rehearsal or for a performance."

The current Church guidance states that congregational singing should take place with face coverings in place and choirs and soloists may sing without such coverings. As the Church moves towards Christmas celebrations which often involves carol services and other singing events, it is strongly recommended that congregational singing within church buildings continues with the applied face coverings.

St Joseph's Church Website:

Please do and check out our new look website! There a still a few tweaks to be made, but we hope that you will enjoy using it to find out more about what is going on in the parish and beyond! Huge thanks to Karsten for all his work in setting up this new experience! Go to www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk

News from Our School:

During Advent, the children have participated in lots of different festivities waiting for the coming of the Lord. All the children all made their advent promises decorating our tree in the school hall. We have held several fundraising events to raise money for CAFOD's Climate Change appeal with wonderful donations from our families for the Christmas hamper raffle. Each class also had a reverse Advent calendar whereby they donated an item each day rather than take from the calendar. This was organised by our Mini Vinnies. All the Advent calendar donations are going to the Parish Friendship group. From all the staff and pupils at school, we wish you all a very merry and holy Christmas and very best wishes for 2022!

CAFOD Appeal:

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/ **Afghanistan Appeal** and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

Life Transfigured:

A series of talks and workshops on the interaction between Catholic Faith and the Arts. Dates for the ten special events planned for 2022 are now available. The programme includes speakers from a variety of backgrounds including the visual arts, dance, theatre and theology. The first two talks in 2022 are as follows:

Scripture --- Why we need the beautiful: how our faith is nourished by art Fleur Dorrell, Bishops' Conference & Bible Society Tue 18 Jan 2022, 7pm Hinsley Hall

Architecture --- Faith in the built form: the glory of our Catholic churches Sophie Andreae CBE, architectural historian Tue 22 Feb 2022, 7pm Wheeler Hall

Diocesan Year Book 2022:

The New Diocesan Yearbook is here, and available at the sum of £4.00 per copy. Please place money in the red box along with the piety stall monies - Thankyou!

APF (Mill Hill) Red Boxes:

Thank you to all those who have a box, the sum of £295.77 was deposited with the Mill Hill Missionaries in the last week. If you would like more details of the work of the Mill Hill Missionaries, or would consider having a Red Box at home, please speak to Liz Walker.

Christmas Flowers:

Our wonderful Flower Arranging Team would be very grateful to receive donations of Pointsettias and Cyclamen to use in church over Christmas - If you are able to donate one (or more!), then please bring them to Church by Tuesday 21st December. Thank you!

Tea & Coffee Rota:

It is great that we are now able to offer refreshments after the 11.00am Mass on a Sunday - but to continue, then we need more volunteers to help! Please contact Annemarie or Anne at the 11.00am Mass. Thank you!

Leeds Cathedral Day of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 21st December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout.

Dies Domini: The Importance of Sunday:

At the request of the Bishops of England and Wales, the Mission Directorate has produced a series of podcasts on why the Day of the Lord is so important. Inspiration for this series has been drawn from Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini* from 1988.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/day-of-the-lord/>

Annual Lourdes Dinner Dance:

Friday 18th February at the Met hotel in the centre of Leeds. Begins at 7:30pm. Tickets: £35 include a reception drink, 3 course meal, Live music and entertainment. Tickets are available from: philmarshall49@hotmail.com or tel: 07766 148375. All profits go to the Lourdes fund.

Catholic Care HR Manager Vacancy:

Salary: SP25 £30,095 to SP30 £34,373. Post: permanent - Full Time (37 Hours) Location: Head Office, Headingley, Leeds. Closing Date: Until appointed. Interview to be arranged with candidate. For more information please call 0113 388 5400 or visit www.catholic-care.org.uk

Friendship Group Over the Christmas Period:

We are meeting on the 14th and 21st December and will then break for two weeks resuming on the 11th January

2022, assuming that there are no more restrictions. After the Prime Minister's announcements this week we will be asking all group members to wear their face coverings for the majority of the time except when eating or drinking and will obviously be keeping the windows open and air flowing through the hall. The 21st December will be our Christmas 'party', although the only real difference will be the Christmas jumpers and music!! All are welcome, contact Rachel for more details: on 07739 975021

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers:

As we continue to find the 'new normal' I very much hope to use the gifts and talents of our present, (and some new) Eucharistic Ministers to help with taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. If you would be willing to help with this please speak with me or email me as soon as possible. Fr Stephen.

Children's Liturgy:

Can you help with Children's Liturgy? If so, and for more details of how to help speak with Fr Stephen or Grace Foster - Telephone 0751 568 6662.

Horizons of Hope:

Saturday, 22nd January 2022. Inspired by the Wisdom of Fr Daniel O'Leary's book, the day will be facilitated by the Begin with the Heart Team. For info and bookings please call the Administrators on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

St Joseph's Parish Christmas Card 2021:

Our Parish Christmas Cards are now ready to be taken and distributed to friends and neighbours - please do take some with you, and invite people back to Mass this Christmas! Note well the different Mass Times throughout the Christmas period!!

Christmas at St Joseph's 2021

Advent IV (Sunday 19th December 2021)

5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass
8.00am Parish Mass
11.00am Parish Mass

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Parishioners are advised that if they have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 they should not travel to Church, but rather stay at home, and that they may consider taking a Lateral Flow Test before attending.

Most Christmas Masses will be livestreamed, and there will be Masses celebrated throughout the Octave of Christmas too.