



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

NB

No Saturday Evening Vigil Mass this weekend

8.00am

Mass (PARISH)

11.00am

Mass (Special Intention - Fr S [Significant Birthday])

Tuesday 28th December

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7.00pm

Mass (James M [RIP])

Wednesday 29th December

St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

9.30am

Mass (Fr Simon Bradbury [Sp Int])

Thursday 30th December

Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas

9.30am

Mass (Fr Elliott Wright [Sp Int])

Friday 31st December

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

9.30am

Mass (Constance Stackhouse [RIP])

Sunday 2nd January 2022

Second Sunday after the Nativity - Year C

NB

No Saturday Evening Vigil Mass this weekend

8.00am

Mass (Fr Chris Willis [Sp Int])

11.00am

Mass (PARISH)

We Pray For...

Inspired by the faith and devotion of the Holy Family, let us bring our prayers to God our Father.

We pray for Pope Francis and the Bishops as they seek to respond to the situations faced by families in a changing world: may they be guided by the Holy Spirit. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

We pray for all those people around the world living in places of conflict and violence: may the leaders of all nations have the wisdom and strength to move forward on the path of justice. As we approach 2022 may the Christmas message of peace become reality everywhere and especially in our families and local communities. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

We pray for those who travel far from their homelands in search of safety and work: remembering that the Holy Family lived as refugees in Egypt, may we always welcome them and value the gifts they contribute to our society. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

We pray for all families especially those struggling to cope with the demands and difficulties of domestic life: may they be strengthened by the example and prayers of the Holy Family and know our concern for them. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

Loving Father, as we celebrate the example of the Holy Family, who lived and prayed together, we ask you to hear all these prayers and grant what we ask in faith through your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen



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

Next Weekend:

Vigil: No Vigil Mass
8.00am Alex Leckanby; John Walker (John Tweddle)
11.00am Paul Fletcher; Catherine Antram (Pam Evans)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Bernard Frost (A); Gracious (LD); Fr Elliott Wright (Sp Int); Fr Simon Bradbury (Sp Int); Fr Chris Willis (Sp Int); Special Intention Fr S (Significant Birthday).

Thank you all!

Thank you to all those who in any way worked to prepare our church for Christmas, and of course all those who performed particular duties and ministries, thank you ...and bless you! Fr Stephen.

More Thanks!

Sincere thanks to all who have been so generous towards me this Christmas with gifts and cards...Pablo is very excited by the numerous squeaky toys he has been gifted (Fr Stephen, less so!) but the presbytery is certainly alive with the sound of squeaking. Thank you too for your generous Christmas Offerings which are, of course, gratefully received. May God bless each one, and in the coming New Year. Fr Stephen.

Friends of the Holy Land:

As a Parish we will once again support the work of Friends of the Holy Land with our particular Crib Offerings - from Christmas Eve, and throughout the Octave there will be a box available to place in your offerings for Friends of the Holy Land close to the crib. If you place any offerings into the main collection box, specifically for FHL then please place them in an envelope and clearly mark it FHL. Thank you for your support.

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.

St John Fisher School Admissions:

'In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021, the trustees of Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust, are proposing to reduce the admission number at St John Fisher Catholic High School, for admission to Year 7 in 2023 from 210 to 200. Please see the school website for more details on the consultation which closes on 28 January 2022'.

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 still here, and available at £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.

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!

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 resume on the 11th January 2022, assuming that there are no more restrictions. 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

The Feast of the Holy Family:

The feast of The Holy Family is a day in which we focus on Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The feast calls us to contemplate the family through prayer and reflection of

the Scriptures. We keep in our prayer the vocation to marriage and family life, couples who are discerning marriage, those who have recently married, those celebrating special anniversaries and all the joys of family life.

Soon after the birth of Christ, The Holy Family left Bethlehem and fled to Egypt for safety, this is not too dissimilar 2000 or so years later, as we see families displaced from their homes and towns, fleeing to protect their families from danger. Pope Francis in his Christmas Eve Homily in 2017 reflected on this as he said:

"So many other footsteps are hidden in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary. We see the tracks of entire families forced to set out in our own day. We see the tracks of millions of persons who do not choose to go away, but driven from their land, leave behind their dear ones. In many cases this departure is filled with hope, hope for the future; yet for many others this departure can only have one name: survival. Surviving the Herods of today, who, to impose their power and increase their wealth, see no problem in shedding innocent blood."

The faith we proclaim tonight makes us see that God is present in all those situations where we think he is absent. He is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognizable, who walks through our cities and our neighbourhoods, who travels on our buses and knocks on our doors."

Below are two prayers which can be said, to both give thanks for our own family and also pray for those, who like the Holy Family are today displaced from their homelands.

A prayer before a meal together:

Dear Lord,

You gave us the example of The Holy Family, so that we can be guided by their virtues.

As we come together as a family to eat, may our time and conversations be of love, joy, peace, patience, humility, kindness and forgiveness. We give thanks for every member of our family who you have created.

As a family, let us respond to Your call and Your will.

We give thanks for the food we are about to receive and pray for those who struggle at this time for the main necessities of life.

We make this prayer through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Your Holy Family. Amen

A prayer for those who flee their homelands to find a place of safety:

Dear Lord,

who gave us the example of The Holy Family, we ask you to bless and guard all families at this time.

We pray for refugees and their families who are leaving their homes to find peace and security, just like The Holy Family fleeing to Egypt for safety.

May people find a place where they are welcomed and their basic needs met.

We pray through the intercession of The Holy Family to protect all people and families,

who are displaced from their home and fleeing danger. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen