



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"Baptism is the best gift we have received. Through it, we belong to God and we possess the joy of salvation." Pope Francis.

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9th January 2022	The Baptism of the Lord - Year C
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (Margaret Rose Gilroy [8th Anniversary])
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Marian Tillotson [LD])
Tuesday 11th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	7.00pm Mass (Nancy Malone [RIP])
Wednesday 12th January	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Thursday 13th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Friday 14th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Sunday 16th January 2022	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (...)
	8.00am Mass (...)
	11.00am Mass (Michael Gaughan [A])

We Pray For...

Sisters and brothers, let us bring our needs to God, whose Spirit renews the face of the earth.

For the Church throughout the world and for families looking forward to the baptism of their children (pause). Lord, hear us...

For our young people who are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation next month (pause). Lord, hear us...

For all who are baptised — that each of us may live like people of faith, hope and love (pause). Lord, hear us...

For everyone affected by COVID-19, and those suffering from any other kind of ailment, that they may receive healing and wholeness (pause). Lord, hear us...

For people suffering loneliness, isolation or loss at this time (pause). Lord, hear us...

For our friends and relatives who have gone before us in faith, among them Marian Tillotson, that she and all the faithful departed may pass, with Christ, from death to life (pause). Lord, hear us...

Loving God, your creative Spirit renews humanity and sustains us always: hear our prayers and continue to support us by your grace, through Jesus 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
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Rotas (Eucharistic Ministry)

Contact: Bradley Gotting 07985 515307
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Rotas (Readers)

Contact: Paul Fletcher 01423 525216

Safeguarding Representatives (Parish)

Contact: Tony Cullen 07785 252253
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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
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Readers & (Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass: This Weekend:

Vigil: Imelda Morrill; Peter Durbin (Elaine Durbin)
8.00am Daniele Bovo; Amy Keith (John Tweddle)
11.00am Anne Roberts; Greg Warren (Pam Evans)

Next Weekend:

Vigil: Jade Cooper; Roisin Currie (Patsy Rochester)
8.00am John Walker; Alex Leckanby (Michelle Hardacre)
11.00am Greg Warren; Alicia Player (Paul Evans)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Marian Tillotson (LD); Margaret Rose Gilroy (8th Anniversary); Michael Gaughan (A).

Poor Missions Fund:

This weekend, there will be a retiring collection after each of the Masses for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Friends of the Holy Land:

Our Crib will be dismantled after this weekend's Masses, and we shall begin the period of Ordinary Time once more as from Monday. There is still time to place your Crib Offerings in the box to support the work of the Friends of the Holy Land. Thank you for your support.

News from St Joseph's School:

Happy New Year to everyone in our parish from all the children and staff at St Joseph's school. We all had a lovely Christmas, and we hope you all did too and managed to keep safe and well.

During advent the Mini Vinnies led several fundraising events in school which raised a fantastic £667.65 for CAFOD's Climate Change appeal, for more information see <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/COP26-climate-summit>

We also hope the parish friendship group enjoyed the Christmas hampers put together from generous donations from our families.

The children returned to school last Wednesday eager to start their new learning this term and we will share more school news with you as the term progresses!

CAFOD Appeal:

To contribute to the CAFOD Afghanistan Crisis Appeal please donate directly on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal 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

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/>

Friendship Group Over the Christmas Period:

Catholic Care have decided that with the rising Covid infections, there will be no Friendship Group meeting this week - Rachel, the Catholic Care Organiser will be in touch with existing members of the group this week. The group will hopefully resume on the 18th January 2022, assuming that there are no more restrictions. All are welcome, contact Rachel for more details: on 07739 975021

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

New Year's Honours in the Diocese:

The Chair of the Leeds Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission, John Battle, was awarded a Knighthood in the 2022 New Year's Honours.

Sir John was born in Bradford in 1951 and was first elected to office in 1980 when he became a member of Leeds City Council. In 1987 he became MP for Leeds West and was re-elected on four occasions until his retirement from Parliament in 2010. He was appointed to the Privy Council in 2002 and in 2012 he received a Papal Knighthood from Pope Benedict XVI.

A full-length article about Sir John's award, including an interview with him, is available on The Tablet website by following this link <https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/14856/newly-knighted-sir-john-battle-pays-tribute-to-community>

Also receiving an award from HM The Queen is Ed Anderson, the Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, who becomes a CBE. Mr Anderson is currently Pro-Chancellor of Leeds Trinity University and a former Trustee of St Gemma's Hospice and High Sheriff of West Yorkshire (2015-16). He was appointed a Knight of St Gregory by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

An MBE was also awarded to Matty Lee, an alumnus of Notre Dame Sixth Form College, Leeds, following his gold medal winning performance alongside diving partner Tom Daley in the 10m platform event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, held in July 2021.

Many Congratulations to each of them on their awards, and on the recognition of their achievements in this special way.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols offers a reflection for 2022 looking at the virtues of faith, hope and charity:

As the new year dawns, we look for hope. Surely this next year can't be as bad as the one to which we've said 'goodbye'?

There are two versions of hope worth pondering.

One is that hope comes when we can look forward to an uncertain future from the basis of a secure present. The unknown prospects of what is to come do not

cause us too much anxiety because we are well equipped to face them - individually and as a society. This is the pragmatic version of the virtue of hope. The second version is a reverse image of the first. Hope is the capacity to face an uncertain present on the basis of an utterly secure future. No matter what happens today or tomorrow, the long-term future is secure because it is promised by something beyond the ebbs and flows of 'outrageous fortune'.

This is the Christian virtue of hope, founded on the promises of God made visible in Jesus, the Christ, whose coming we are celebrating. These two versions stand on either edge of the stage of life, summoning us to decide where to put our trust. They clarify the fundamental options. The choice we make establishes the direction in which we look, the foundation on which we shape our lives. But there is a great deal of 'middle ground', in which our daily activity takes place.

Prudence demands that we make provision now for future eventualities: insurance and saving schemes, health provision, all we do in preparation for 'the rainy day'.

Charity demands that we act without counting the cost, putting the present needs of others way ahead of our own current security, acting in a self-sacrificing manner, even going as far as making a gift of our very life itself. This is the story of every true love, told and illustrated again and again, constantly transforming the drama of human living.

Such charity points to its deepest roots, in the promise of a secure and totally fulfilling future in the presence of God for ever. This is the hope given by the Christian faith and enacted in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This hope puts a radically new perspective on today and the days to come, no matter what they bring. This future is secured. Now I can act, in any set of circumstance, with a freedom and generosity which flows forcefully from that promise. This is what saints do. But we must remember that we constantly see the astonishing goodness, devotion, perseverance and practical wisdom of so many people, made even more evident during the hardships of this last year.

As we start a new year, we may well ponder why it is that so many people act in such generous ways. I firmly believe that it the promptings of the Holy Spirit, that flow of love pouring out of God, that lies as the deepest source of this service. It goes beyond self-interest. It is seeking a future beyond the securities of the present, for they have been shaken. It is the privilege of faith to identify and highlight the well-spring of this goodness: the radical hope given in the promises of God. It is also the source of our joy and the best reason for wishing each other a happy New Year.

+ Cardinal Vincent Nichols

President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

