



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 27th February 2022 Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat eve) Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (Dianne Dryden [LD])
8.00am Mass (PARISH)
11.00am Mass (Jackie Maguire [LD])

Tuesday 1st March

St David, Bishop & Patron of Wales

7.00pm Mass (Neill Magee [LD])

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

9.30am Mass with the Imposition of Ashes (J & V Billington [RIP])
7.00pm Mass with the Imposition of Ashes (Parish)

Thursday 3rd March

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
12.30pm Requiem Mass for Diane Dryden

Friday 4th March

Friday after Ash Wednesday (Women's World Day of Prayer)

9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)

Sunday 6th March 2022

First Sunday of Lent - Year C

4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat eve) Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (Ruth Trollope [RIP])
8.00am Mass (...)
11.00am Mass (...)

We Pray For...

As faithful, fruitful children of God, let us now pray for our needs and the needs of the world:

For the Church that, as stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God, all its members will persevere in the Lord's work and bear good fruit. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

For our world, and in particular for the people of Ukraine, that peace may triumph over warfare and violence, and that those who are displaced will find safety. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

For conversations between individuals, communities and nations, that they may be hallmarked with respect, integrity and the pursuit of truth. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

For all of us gathered here, that we may each recognise our own weaknesses and build-up each other in charity and peace. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

For all who are sick, or suffering in any way, that they will know Christ's healing love. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

For those who have died, and those suffering the pain of bereavement, that the victory of Christ will bring comfort and healing. *(pause) Lord in your mercy...*

Merciful Father, we rejoice in your Word and in your compassion. Hear our prayers, and let us know the joy that comes from sharing the victory that Christ has won for us, for he is Lord forever and ever. 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: Roisin Currie; Jade Cooper (Elaine Durbin)
8.00am Alex Leckenby; John Walker (John Tweddle)
11.00am Alicia Player; Greg Warren (Cathy Hudson)

Next Weekend:

Vigil: Patsy Rochester; Peter Durbin (Elaine Durbin)
8.00am Daniele Bovo; Amy Keith (John Walker)
11.00am Czarek Smith; Paul Fletcher (Mark Grafton)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

St Joseph's Lenten Project 2022:

This weekend you will be invited to cast your vote for one of the following four suggestions as being our Lenten Project this year. The four, very worthy suggestions received from the parish are:

1. Harrogate Homeless Project
2. Harrogate Neighbours
3. Médecins Sans Frontières
4. Salt & Light

I will give directions of how votes are to be cast at the end of Mass!!

First Reconciliation 2022:

The Reconciliation Preparation will be as follows:

Wednesday 23rd March, 6.00pm in Church - Meeting for parents and carers (around 45 mins).

Saturday 26th March, 10.00am - 2.00pm in the Church Hall, Preparation session for the Candidates.

Wednesday 6th April, from 3.00pm Celebration of the Sacrament (details to be advised closer the date).

News from St Joseph's School:

We begin back at School on Monday after our half-term break. This week we are looking forward to beginning our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday.

Come and Sing with Songs of Praise!

The longest running religious TV show in the world invites you to a special event in Leeds. You are warmly invited to a special Songs of Praise music recording of hymns at Leeds Cathedral. All are welcome and we are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us and lead the viewers at home in the singing.

Recording on: **Wednesday 23rd March 6:30pm-9:30pm** At: **Leeds Cathedral**, Great George Street, Leeds. LS2 8BE

To apply for free tickets, please send your name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested to **SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv**

Please include 'Songs of Praise Leeds' in your subject header. Alternatively, you can call us on 07734 030 888 to book your tickets. We would love to see every seat filled, so please only apply if you know you are able to come. Many thanks for your support; we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

The Songs of Praise Team

Deanery Day of Renewal:

On Saturday 12th March from 11.30 am to 3.45pm in St. Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive Harrogate HG27BE

The Speaker will be Mgr. Donal Lucey. Theme of talk "Holy Days in Holy Week."

We also hope to set up a zoom link for the talk for those who cannot join us live. To register please e-mail Val at: vmese@hotmail.co.uk and the zoom link will be sent to you on the day.

St Joseph's Parish Finance Committee:

Is looking for new members to refresh and provide succession. If you have business or financial management experience you could make an important contribution to running your Parish. The committee meets formally four times a year for the financial returns to the Diocese. In between members will be expected to help with the financial running of the Parish. If you

think this is for you but want to know more before you commit, please contact the current Chair of Finance John Tweddle Tel: 523332 or speak to Fr Stephen.

St Joseph's Hall - Cleaner Required:

We are looking to employ a cleaner for the Parish Hall, just 2 or 3 hours each weekend to carry out a deeper clean to make sure our facilities are in tip-top shape for all our hall users. If you are interested in this paid position, please speak with either Elaine or Fr Stephen in the first instance.

Book Club:

Reminder - the ZOOM Book Club takes place on Tuesday 1 March 7-8pm: Behold the Beauty of the Lord: Praying with Icons, by Henri Nouwen (£10.99), led by Fr Mark Jarmuz. To book a place, please email: mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Vacancies:

Diocese of Leeds Safeguarding has two vacancies - one for a Safeguarding Administrator, 18hrs per week (Flexible) and one for a Safeguarding Officer, focusing on volunteer support and training, full time (some evening and weekends). Information and application pack from: safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Lourdes Pilgrimage:

Friday 1st July - Thursday 7th July 2022 with Tangney Tours. Some booking forms are available at the back of Church, but if you are able to book online then the web address is: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/leeds-lourdes> The Covid situation will be kept under review.

Youth 2000 - Leeds Retreat:

At Leeds Trinity University, 18th - 20th March 2022. 'It is a weekend of talks, workshops, small groups, sung worship, Adoration, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. It is a beautiful, joyful experience of the Catholic Church, aimed at students/young adults. Here's the link to book: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/leeds-retreat>

Family Mass:

Sunday 6th March, 1.30pm there is a family friendly Mass at St Patrick's Church, Victoria Road, Elland, HX5 0PU with refreshments following. More info - join the Nazareth Family Mass group on Facebook and follow on Instagram (@nazarethfamilymass).

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:

14th - 21st June 2022. Leeds/Bradford to Split. 7 nights bed breakfast and main meal. £595.00 single supp £125.00) For more information and to book please go to www.aglowpilgrimages.com any enquiries please phone Katherine 01423 734828 All very welcome.

The Universe Catholic Weekly:

Is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

Lenten Day Retreat:

At the Briery on 4th or 5th March led by Fr Dennis Cassidy. Suggested offering £37 per person. To book a place please call the Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

Exploring Prayer:

7th-18th March 2022. This online retreat will cover 2 weeks. Only 1 hour each day with a personal guide. Suggested offering of £20 per person. For further information see the poster or to make a booking, please call the Administrators on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com.

Prayers for Ukraine:

Pope Francis has asked that Wednesday 2 March (Ash Wednesday), be observed as day of prayer (especially through the recitation of the Holy Rosary) and fasting for peace in Ukraine.

Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the UK, has addressed his community and all people of good will as Russia invades Ukraine, with these words:

'We place the people of Ukraine under the protection of the Holy Family, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Most Holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and the holy and righteous St Joseph the Betrothed.'

The Bishop of Plymouth, Bishop Mark O'Toole, has strongly urged all Catholics to go to Mass this Ash Wednesday to pray for peace in Ukraine. 'We all feel somewhat impotent,' said the Chair of the Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving 'have a particular focus for us,' he said, 'as we link these spiritual weapons to the reality of what we are living through in Europe at this time.' The Bishop urges all Catholics to pick up the weapon of prayer: 'Physical attendance at Mass, for those who are able, can be a practise that is lived in these days as an act of solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering.' He said that the weapon of fasting: 'is an act of solidarity with those who are poor.' He described: 'how shocking it has been for us to see the scenes of panic food and fuel-buying in Ukraine, of the very real sacrifices forced on people as a result of war. Fasting brings us closer to them.' And the weapon of almsgiving helps us to be in solidarity with 'the poorest in our communities' and 'more sensitive to the needs of our neighbours, both at home, and in Ukraine.' His hope is that 'our countries will be generous in receiving these desperate brothers and sisters fleeing for safety from war in their homeland.'



**Our Lady of Pochayiv:
pray for us.
Patrons of Ukraine,
St Andrew and St George:
pray for us.**

Livestreaming Masses:

As we try to return to a more normal practice of the faith, we shall reduce the number of livestreamed Masses each week - so, if you would like to still access the livestreamed Masses because it is not yet possible for you to return to church physically, or that you are sick or housebound, then please email Fr Stephen with your name and address. We will then devise a system of sharing a link with you. Thank you.