



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others."

Pope Francis.

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 24th April 2022	Second Sunday of Easter - Year C (<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>)
	8.00pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (John Thatcher [A])
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Birthday Blessings [GL])
Tuesday 26th April	St George, Martyr & Patron of England (transferred)
	7.00pm Mass (Jonathan Baylis [Birthday Thanksgiving])
Wednesday 27th April	Weekday of Easter
	9.30am Mass (Shaun & Shelagh O'Boyle [RIP])
Thursday 28th April	Weekday of Easter
	9.30am Mass (John Davin [LD])
Friday 29th April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Sunday 1st May 2022	Third Sunday of Easter - Year C
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (Pat Andronowski [A])
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Wojciechowski Family [Sp Int])



Divine Mercy Sunday:

This Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

- A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

 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: 23/24 April

Vigil: Jade Cooper; Roisin Currie (see new rota)
8.00am John Walker; Alex Leckenby (see new rota)
11.00am Greg Warren; Alicia Player (see new rota)

Next Weekend: 30 April / 1 May

Vigil: Peter Durbin; Patsy Rochester (see new rota)
8.00am Amy Keith; Daniele Bovo (see new rota)
11.00am Paul Fletcher; Czarek Smith (see new rota)



The Regina Coeli

**Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae.
Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

*Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Welcome Fr Bill:

Our thanks to Fr Bill for offering this weekend's Masses.

This Weekend:

There will be a retiring collection after each of this weekend's Masses for the work of Catholic Care in our diocese. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to make a Gift Aid donation please visit www.catholic-care.org.uk where you can make a donation via JustGiving.

Thank you!

A huge "Thank You!" to everyone who helped to prepare our church for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. There are so many things which 'just happen' in the background—but they don't actually 'just happen' - the good people of St Joseph's make them happen! So sincere thanks to all who have cleaned and beautified our church, to all who have welcomed others, read, ministered, served, sung, played and assisted in the liturgies in any way. Thanks to our fantastic flower arranging team, our maintenance and logistics personnel! Thank you each and every one! God bless, and a very Happy Easter to you. Sincere thanks also for your Easter Offerings, which are one of the ways in which diocesan priests are paid each year, Thank you! Fr Stephen

Apley Grange Volunteers:

Would you like to volunteer, supporting Residents at Apley Grange, the Care and Nursing Home of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus on Oatlands Drive, Harrogate? Suitable volunteers would be offering pastoral care alongside the Pastoral Care Team. Enquiries to Pastoral Team Leader Chris Martin on 07932959807

Celebration of Married Life:

On Saturday 14th May 2022, there will be a special Thanksgiving Mass at 12:00noon at Leeds Cathedral for couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries this year and for those who did so during the pandemic. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the Mass. If you are celebrating one of these special Anniversaries and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out one of the forms at the back of church, and return it as per the instructions on the form. Fr Stephen

Cash Counters Needed:

Could you help us with counting the cash of the weekly offerings? We would like to establish a Rota so that you would only have to count once every 5-6 weeks. Counting takes between 1 and 2 hours. We aim to have the Rota running from 1st May. If you can help please contact Liz King 01423 500859 or 0777 1711714. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Flowering Fundraising for Church:

Gloria is offering to supply summer hanging baskets and planters to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - in Red, White and Blue (and of course Green!!) She is happy to take orders in person, or by phone / text 07842 931657 or email gloria.lorenzo@gmail.com

Annual Eucharistic Processions 2022:

The annual Eucharistic Procession will take place on Sunday 15th May at 3:00pm at Hinsley Hall. Everyone is invited! Those attending should arrive at Hinsley Hall, where parking will be available. The procession will begin in the grounds of Mount St Joseph's and conclude in front of Hinsley Hall. The route is accessible for those who use wheelchairs. Following the procession, there will be a barbecue, ice creams and other refreshments available. There will be a bouncy castle and lawn games. Unfortunately, there is nowhere for us to move inside if the weather is very bad. In the case of bad weather, please check the diocesan website and social media in the morning of Sunday 15th May, where information will be posted if the event has to be cancelled at the last minute. There is no need for individuals or families to book in advance.

The Holy Father's Urbi et Orbi Easter Message:

Christ is Risen!

Wishing all those present and participating around the world via web, television and radio a Happy Easter, the Pope announced the joyous Easter message that, "Jesus, the Crucified One, is risen!" Jesus – alive and not a ghost – stood among his disciples who witnessed with incredulous eyes his greeting, "Peace be with you!"

Peace be with you!

May our hearts truly be opened as we welcome the Easter message, "Peace be with you!" the Pope underscored, especially in these times where we are witnessing the opposite, an Easter marked by war where so many have died and violence continues. As we remember all our brothers and sisters who have had to seek shelter from the bombs, this tragic reality can make it difficult to really believe Jesus is truly risen, that life overcomes the death. We need the Lord more than ever to stand before us and repeat to us, "Peace be with you!" the Pope emphasized. While there were hopes that a new spirit of solidarity was taking root following the pandemic, he said, instead, we see again how the "spirit of Cain," who saw his brother Abel as a rival to be eliminated, still works within us as witnessed in the dreadful wars and violence of today.

The Lord brings peace

Only the Lord can bring us true peace, the Pope pointed

out, Jesus who bore our wounds that we inflicted on Him by our sins, hardness of heart and fratricidal hatred. He also bore them for our sake, and manifested them to his disciples when he appeared to them, as "indelible seal of his love for us, a perennial act of intercession, so that the heavenly Father, in seeing them, will have mercy upon us and upon the whole world."

Prayers for Ukraine

"May there be peace for war-torn Ukraine," the Pope prayed, and that "in this terrible night of suffering and death, may a new dawn of hope soon appear!"

He said he holds in his heart the victims, the millions of refugees, the orphaned children, the elderly left to themselves. We hear especially the cry of the children, he said, together with suffering children around the world who are victims of violence, the right to be born, hunger or lack of medical care.

He appealed for leaders to hear the cry of their suffering and to make decisions in favour of peace.

Encouraging signs

The Pope paid tribute to all those who have opened their doors to welcome migrants and refugees through Europe, calling these acts of charity signs of hope and a blessing for society that can help overcome selfishness and individualism.

May we also respond with the same compassion and solidarity to conflicts around the world, the Pope appealed, ones sometimes overlooked or forgotten.

Peace in the Middle East

"Peace upon Jerusalem and peace upon all those who love her, Christians, Jews and Muslims alike," the Pope prayed, asking that all who dwell in the Holy City may experience the beauty of peace, fraternity, respect and access to all the Holy Places.

May peace and reconciliation take root among all people and communities in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Libya and Yemen, the Pope mentioned, where despite ongoing conflicts people ardently hope for an end to the violence, tensions and profound suffering as a result.

Peace in our world

The Pope prayed for the gift of reconciliation in Myanmar, and help for Afghanistan where a humanitarian crisis is causing great suffering.

He remembered the African continent, where terrorist attacks in the Sahel region have caused an exodus of peoples, and Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo so that the path of dialogue and reconciliation wins out. The resulting conflicts have caused grave humanitarian crises, and may we be there to help the people, he stressed.

The Pope prayed for the victims of natural disasters in recent weeks, especially flood victims in South Africa. He remembered those struggling in Latin America as social conditions worsen due to the pandemic, crime and drug trafficking. He also prayed that the risen Lord accompany the journey of reconciliation the Catholic Church in Canada is undertaking with the indigenous people.

Won over by the peace of Christ

In conclusion, the Pope encouraged everyone to know that despite the grief and suffering caused by war and calamities, that "Jesus Christ, the victor over sin, fear and death, exhorts us not to surrender to evil and violence."

Revelation:

The Youth Service's monthly youth event for young people in Years 8-13 will be taking place on Thursday 5th May at Hinsley Hall from 5:30-7:30pm. It will be an evening of prayer, music, games, fellowship and more as we focus on the theme of 'Creation.' For further information, email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk