



# Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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*"I see clearly that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity."*  
*Pope Francis*

## SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday 20th November 2022 Christ the King - Year C

4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (Fr Bernard Meade [Sp Int]/ Holy Souls)  
8.00am Mass (PARISH / Holy Souls)  
11.00am Mass (Pauline Shires [LD] / Holy Souls)

### Tuesday 22nd November St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

7.00pm Mass (Jackie Garbinskas [LD] / Holy Souls)

### Wednesday 23rd November Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass (Bernadette Sheargold [RIP] / Holy Souls)

### Thursday 24th November Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)

### Friday 25th November Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass (Helen Holcroft [LD] / Holy Souls)

### Sunday 27th November 2022 First Sunday of Advent - Year A

4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (...)  
8.00am Mass (...)  
11.00am Mass (Cynthia Turner [RIP] / Holy Souls)

### We Pray For...

Let us now turn to God our Father, the source of all that is good, asking him, with humble hearts, for all that we need to live in his light.

For the Church, that our belief in Christ as King will lead us to value the things of God's kingdom more than the things of earth.

For the world in which we live, that those places marred by warfare and violence may learn ways of justice and peace, and that all people may learn to live in harmony, with respect for each other and their sovereignty.

For the young people of our diocese, and for all who work with and for them, that they may always be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

For each one of us gathered here, that we might be strengthened in our resolve to follow and serve Jesus, the King of the Universe.

For the sick and the housebound, for the bereaved and for all the faithful departed, that they may know the comfort of Christ's love.

Heavenly Father, open our hearts to you, that we may allow ourselves to be moulded by the transforming grace of your Word. We ask this in his name, Christ Jesus, our Lord and King.

 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

### Children's 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 07867 788552  
Annemarie Perry 07722 091465

### Friendship Group

Tuesday Afternoons in the Hall - 1.30pm - 2.45pm

### 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

### Parish Hall Bookings

Contact: Elaine Flanagan 07791 500359  
elaineflanagan184@btinternet.com

### Piety Stall

Contacts: Helen Fletcher 07837 928851  
Cathy Hudson 07790 814819

### 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)

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 07792 657808

### Readers & (Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass:

#### This Weekend: 19/20 November

Vigil: Patsy Rochester; Val Clemerson (Martin Flanagan)  
8.00am John Walker; Alex Leckenby (Michelle Hardacre)  
11.00am Greg Warren; Alicia Player (Helen Fletcher)

#### Next Weekend: 26/27 November

Vigil: Rachel Rouse, Warren Considine (Peter Durbin)  
8.00am Amy Keith; Daniele Bovo (Val Burdon)  
11.00am Paul Fletcher; Pam Evans (Paul Fletcher)

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Helen Holcroft (LD); Jackie Garbinskas (LD); Susannah McDaid (RIP); Marjorie Webb (Sp Int).

### News From Our School:

Last week each class paid their respects to all the war heroes with two minutes silence on Remembrance Day. Our Y1 children led a wonderful Remembrance assembly for families and made beautiful rainbows of hope. On Monday, Y6 visited Stonefall War Graves learning about the brave service people who gave their lives serving the Crown and country. This was a very informative and reverent morning led by Elizabeth Smith from the War Graves Commission.

Our school choir are currently practicing for the Harrogate Christmas Concert which is on Saturday 3rd December at the Convention Centre. This is a traditional festive concert with local school children, the Harrogate Symphony Orchestra and Choral Society. Please do try and come along and support our school choir.

For ticketing enquiries please contact Harrogate Theatre at Theatreboxoffice@harrogatetheatre.co.uk or 01423 502116.

### Helen Holcroft:

It is with sadness that I have learned of the death of a some-time member of our parish family, Helen Holcroft. Helen will have been known to many people here, and although had faced many personal challenges to her own health, worked tirelessly to relieve the sufferings of others, by being available to counsel and support others. Helen's funeral rites will be at Stonefall Crematorium on Friday 25th November at 2.20pm. May she rest in peace.

### Christmas Hamper Draw:

This Advent will see the return of our Christmas Hampers Draw. We haven't been able to do this for a couple of years, but we urgently need to start to raise funds for our Centenary Project to restore the Stained Glass Windows. Donations of seasonal goodies, bottles and all things suitable for a Christmas Hamper will be most welcome. Square will be on sale at all Masses from Sunday 27th November

### Missio Red Boxes:

There are a number of Red Boxes which have been emptied and a ready to be collected by their owners, downstairs in the front porch - do see if yours is there, and take it away with you! Thank you! If you would like to start using a Missio Red Box at home, then feel free to have a word with Liz Walker (01423 881061) for more details.

### First Sacraments 2022/23:

We are now formulating our timetable for preparation of the First Sacraments and will hopefully have the final dates this week (after the clergy Deanery meeting). Once the dates have been finalised I will make available through Church and School letter of invitation. The order and date of each celebration will be:

**Confirmation** (Yr 6 and above) 9th February 2023

**First Reconciliation** (Yr 3 and above) 29th March 2023

**First Holy Communion** (Yr 4 & above) 10th June 2023

Each of these sacraments will require participation in the preparation session, please do make them a priority

insofar as this is possible - registration forms for those in Year 3 have been available through school - and are available also in the Sacristy after Mass.

### The Sacrament of Confirmation:

I have emailed all parents / carers of the Year 6 Children who are due for Confirmation and had received their First Holy Communion in 2021. If your child is in Year 6 (or above) and you haven't received the email (do check your spam folder!) then please have a word with me after Mass (or send me an email). The schedule for preparation has been published in that letter to parents. Thank you for your support in this. Fr Stephen

### Accommodation Needed:

A Ukrainian family (mother, grandmother and two children aged 12 and 7) who have been successfully living in Thorp Arch with a Ukrainian host family for 8 months are looking for independent accommodation in the local area. If this is something you may be able to help with or if you would like any more details, please contact Victoria Tilbrook (m: 07545083647) Many thanks.

### SJOG Homes for Ukraine:

St John of God Hospitaller Services and Caritas are offering a matching, training and support programme for hosts and displaced individuals under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. If you feel you could offer a safe place for someone to stay, having been displaced by the continuing Russian War on Ukraine, please visit sjog-homesforukraine.uk

### Beauty and the Beast at SJFCHS 22-25 November

St. John Fisher Catholic High School is returning to the stage to produce its first senior school musical production since 2019. We have a cast, band and crew of over 80 students, many of whom are from parishes across the Diocese. Our school productions are a really good opportunity to see the fantastic standard of performing arts here at St. John Fisher and promise a really great night out! Of course you are used to seeing our students play and sing in worship, but many of them will be performing in a different light come the end of November! The show takes place at SJFCHS Main Hall 7.00pm 22nd - 25th November and tickets are available online at harrogateinternationalfestivals.com

### Charity concert in aid of Artizan International:

On the 24th November at the Wesley Centre, internationally-renowned pianist Warren Mailley-Smith is performing "Passionate about Chopin" in aid of Harrogate-based charity Artizan International who help differently-able people locally and in South America. For more information please call or text John Kain (organiser) on 07957 282857.

### Marian Morning of Prayer for Peace:

On Saturday, 26th November with Father May at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Maltby S66 7LH starting with Mass at 10.00 am with Father Andrew. Further details on by e-mailing marianday24@gmail.com or call Helga Rushton on 01423 563115 or mob. 07891-029092

### La Buona Notizia:

The Italian Community, La Buona Notizia, is organising a Christmas event on Sunday 27th of November at St Robert's Centre between 12pm and 3pm. There will be

music, food, drinks, entertainment, tombola and a raffle. The entry is free!!

Our aim is to have a couple of hours of fun, socialising, eating some delicious food and raising some money for "Gocce di Rugiada" a charity founded by a church in the heart of Naples. The charity was born with the aim to help and support families who are struggling with the consequences of the economic crisis.

### Cupertino Group Masses:

Next Mass: 27th November, 3pm. St Joseph's Catholic Church, West Gate, Wetherby, LS22 6LL. Contact number: Fr Frank- 07850076926 Rosie-07891951949 . These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities.

### Advent Days of Reflection:

Led by Fr Dennis Cassidy on Friday 2nd or Saturday 3rd December at the Briery from 10am-3.30pm. The day includes morning coffee with homemade biscuits on arrival, a two-course lunch with tea/coffee and tea with cake on departure. To book a place please call the administrators on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

### The Song of Bernadette:

Following the visit of St Bernadette's relics to Leeds, we (St Robert's Club in Harrogate and Harrogate Film Society) have decided to put on the classic film about St Bernadette, 'The Song of Bernadette', with lunch at the Club at 1pm on Wednesday December 7th. All welcome, tickets £10 from www.harrogatefilmsociety.org or call in at the Club.

### Full Time Parish Finance Administrator:

The Diocese of Leeds is looking to recruit a Parish Finance Administrator who will be a member of the Diocesan Finance Department based at Hinsley Hall. A full job description is available at <http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/>. Please apply by completing the application form from the website and send to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk by Friday, 25 November 2022. Further information, and a preliminary discussion, can also be requested through this e-mail address.

### Catholic Care Vacancies:

Support Worker – outreach for Adult care (including Mental Health, Older people and learning disability services). Care Bank workers also required. Flexible working hours available. For an Application form or more information visit [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk) or call 0113 388 5400.

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