



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.” Pope Francis

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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



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

Tuesday 29th November Advent Weekday (wk 1)

7.00pm Mass (Carmen [Sp Int] / Holy Souls)

Wednesday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle

9.30am Eucharistic Service

Thursday 1st December Advent Weekday (wk 1)

9.30am Eucharistic Service

Friday 2nd December Advent Weekday (wk 1)

9.30am Mass (Susannah McDaid [RIP])

Saturday 3rd December 'First Five Saturdays' Mass of Our Lady of Fatima

12.00noon Mass (Helen Holcroft [LD])

Sunday 4th December 2022 Second Sunday of Advent - Year A



4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (Marjorie Webb [Sp Int])
8.00am Mass (James [Thanksgiving])
11.00am Mass (PARISH)

We Pray For...

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may be always ready to welcome him:

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that the Lord will grant him health and strength to continue to lead the Church forward.

For the mission of the Church in our country, that we may be true witnesses to the gospel, both in word and in deed.

For an end to warfare, aggression, violence and discrimination, that each may recognise in the other the image of Christ and our true worth as God's creation.

For places where violence is used for political ends, that the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.

For our own community that, in keeping Advent well, our hearts may be opened to God's love.

For the sick, the lonely and those who feel abandoned, that God's face may shine upon them and bring them healing, wholeness and peace.

 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 Toland 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
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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: 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)

Next Weekend: 3/4 December

Vigil: Alicia Player; Elaine Durbin (Elaine Durbin)
8.00am Alex Leckenby; John Walker (John Tweddle)
11.00am Helen Fletcher; Anne Roberts (Cathy Hudson)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Janet Thatcher (A); Carmen (Sp Int); Matt Fenlon (Sp Int); Helen Holcroft (LD); Ricardo Burdon (B'day); Lena Ford; Eddie & Dorothy Toland (Sp Int); Josie McDonald; James (Thanksgiving).

News From Our School:

We are in the process of developing a school prayer and vegetable garden. This will be a wonderful place for worship and outdoor learning. We were successful in applying for 30 free trees from the Woodland Trust.

The trees have been planted in the new garden and on the school field to create more of a woodland for the children's learning. These projects will be great additions to the school's outdoor environment.

Last week Y1 had a super visit to the National Railway Museum in York and Y4 learnt lots about the Ancient Egyptians during their history visit to Leeds Museum.

Our younger children have been rehearsing for their nativities. The Reception children are performing their nativity for families this Wednesday 30th November at 10am and Thursday 1st December at 2.30pm. Parishioners are most welcome to come and watch this very special performance. Please do come along if you can.

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. Squares will be on sale at all Masses from Sunday 27th November, at £3 per square, or two for £5!

Missio Red Boxes:

There are a number of Red Boxes which have been emptied and are 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

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.

Vocations Service Holy Hour:

There will be Adoration on Wednesday 30th November 2022. All welcome, whether exploring your own relationship with Jesus, or simply to pray for vocations. Hinsley Hall Chapel 7pm-8pm. Bar open afterwards for informal chat with Vocations Service.

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

Fountains Abbey Candles by Candlelight:

On Sunday 4th and 11th December. Please come along and help fill the Abbey with sounds Christmas Carols from 3pm-3.45pm on the first two Sundays in December. Due to the large numbers who attend these candle lit services in the Abbey Cellarium it is necessary to control numbers by tickets. These are free but must be collected in person on the day from a gazebo by Porters Lodge at 1pm.

Final Life Transfigured Talk:

"Faith, Music & the Big Screen" Benson Taylor in conversation with Sir John Battle. Electronic music composer, DJ and record producer Benson Taylor will be discussing faith, music and the big screen with fellow Yorkshireman, veteran politician and campaigner, Sir John Battle. Tuesday 6th Dec, 7-8pm, Hinsley Hall. Register: lifetransfigured@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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.

Deanery Day of Renewal:

On Saturday 10th December from 11.30 am to 3.45pm in St. Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG27BE. The Speaker will be The Ven. Paul Hooper, retired Archdeacon of Leeds and former vicar of St. Mark's Church, Harrogate. "The Unsung Hero of the First Christmas..." Please attend in person, but if you would like to join via zoom please contact Val Burdon at vmese@hotmail.co.uk

Prestigious Training Programme for Young Catholic Leaders:

Information of interest to current lower-sixth-formers and their families! The Christian Heritage Centre (CHC) at Stonyhurst has developed a Christian Leadership Formation Programme for Sixth Formers (CLF) - and is taking enquiries and registration for the 2023 course now! Three residential modules will take place as follows:

24-29 July 2023

21-24 October 2023

5-8 April 2024

As might be expected for a residential course, the cost £1,500/student, but part and full sponsorship is available. The CLF has been developed in partnership with St Mary's University (Twickenham), Catholic Voices, ADF International and the Catholic Union of Great Britain to forge the next generation of leaders for a Christian society. Find out more and apply at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/> - or by contacting Gabriel Stirling on 01254 872074 or email admin@christianheritagecentre.com

Flame:

The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena in London. Tickets are £60 per person (including return coach travel). There are plenty of tickets left, to book yours, Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Catholic Care Vacancy:

Senior Support worker - Eller Beck Extra Care Facility and Outreach, Skipton. Salary: Senior Grade 2 - SP 8-12 £22,777 - £24,496. Permanent - Full Time (37 hours) or Part time considered. To work in shifts across days, evenings and weekends with some on call responsibilities. Closing Date: until position filled. Interview Date: arranged with candidates. Please send CV to HR@catholic-care.org.uk

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