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"Christmas is the feast of love incarnate and born for us in Jesus Christ. He is the light of mankind shining in the darkness, giving meaning to human existence and to the whole of history ." Pope Francis. **SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS** 

Sunday 1st January 2023	Mary, Th
*****NB******	5.30pm (\$ <b>No 8.00an</b> 11.00am

Tuesday 3rd January	The Most Holy Name
	7.00pm
Wednesday 4th January	Weekday in Christmas
	9.30am
Thursday 5th January	Weekday in Christmas
**NB Additional Mass Time**	9.30am 7.00pm
Friday 6th January	The Epiphany of the L
**NB Time of Mass**	12.00noon
Saturday 7th January	Weekday in Christmas
**NB Additional Mass Time**	11.00am
Sunday 8th January 2023	The Baptism of the Lo
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve) 5.30pm (Sat Evening) 8.00am 11.00am
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At the beginning of the new year we turn to God asking that he will continue to pour out his Spirit upon us: For the whole Church, that this coming year will find that we who follow Christ are more closely united in our discipleship of the Lord.

For peace on earth, that the peace which Christ brings will be a reality for all peoples. For all mothers, especially those who suffer, that they may be strong in faith, tender in love and courageous in hope.

For all those in our community who will receive the Sacraments this coming year, that the seal of God's Holy Spirit will transform them into the image of Christ.

For our own parish community, that it will be a community built on love and a powerful witness to the presence of God.

For all who are sick at home or in hospital - those who are lonely or afraid - and all who are bereaved; that they may know the loving presence of God, and the care of His Church.

Please remember to turn-off mobile phones before Mass begins... Thank you!

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



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# ne Holy Mother of God

- (Sat Evening) Mass (PARISH & PEOPLE)
- **m Mass Today** (apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you) Mass (Mrs Lauri Li [RIP])

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Mass (Fr Stephen [Birthday Thanksgiving])

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Eucharistic Service

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(Holyday of Obligation)

Mass (Holy Souls)

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'First Five Saturdays' Mass of Our Lady of Fatima (HS)

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Confessions Mass (Rose Roisin Gilroy [A]) Mass (John Utting [RIP]) Mass (PARISH & PEOPLE)

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# **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: 31 December / 1 January 2023 Vigil: Peter Durbin; Rachel Rouse (new rota) 8.00am No 8.00am Mass today. 11.00am John Tweddle; Malgorzate Smith (new rota) Next Weekend: 7/8 January 2023 Vigil: Val Clemerson; Alicia Player (new rota) 8.00am Alex Leckenby; John Walker (new rota) 11.00am Pam Evans; Alicia Player (new rota)

# **Mass Intentions Received Recently:**

Constance Stackhouse (RIP); Stand & Pearl Mollv & Family; George Daly & Family; John Utting (RIP); Rose [Roisin] Gilroy (A).

#### Thank you:

And welcome back, to Monsignor Lucev for coving the Masses whilst Fr Stephen is away.

#### Thank you all!

Thank you to all those who in any way worked to prepare our church for Christmas. and of course all those who performed particular duties and ministries. thank you ... and bless you! Fr Stephen.

#### More Thanks!

Sincere thanks to all who have been so generous towards me this Christmas with gifts and cards...Pablo is very excited by the numerous squeaky toys he has been gifted (Fr Stephen, less so!) but the presbytery is certainly alive with the sound of squeaking. Thank you too for your generous Christmas Offerings which are, of course, gratefully received. May God bless each one of you, and especially in this New Year. Fr Stephen.

#### Friends of the Holy Land:

There is still time to make your Crib Offerings in support of the Friends of the Holy Land - Thank you for your generous response.

#### St Joseph's Friendship Group:

We will begin again this Tuesday, 3rd January 2023.

#### **Confirmation Preparation Dates:**

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Jan - 6pm Parents' Meeting in Church Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan - 10am-2pm - Session 1 in the Church Hall Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan - 10am-2pm - Session 2 in the Church Hall Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan - 10am-2pm - Session 3 in the Church Hall Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb -7.00pm Confirmation Service with Bishop Marcus at St Robert's

Please look out for a reminder by email next weekend and please make these sessions a priority. Thank you.

#### 'Little Bits of God' Mosaic:

Is coming to Leeds Cathedral from Sat 14th Jan until Thurs 9th Feb 2023. Why not come along and explore the God Who Speaks through the art of mosaic? More details: www.art.godwhospeaks.uk/

#### Mount St Joseph's:

A number of independent living flats are available at Mount St Joseph's (Little Sisters of the Poor) in Headingley, Leeds. If you are interested, please contact Sister Caroline, or her secretary Sandra Stitch on the following number: 0113 2784101 or email ms.lspleeds@lsplondon.co.uk.

#### Ukrainian Winter Appeal:

The Ukrainian Eparchy has approached all Catholic Communities within England and Wales to ask for urgent help with their Winter Appeal: The aim is to supply food parcels to people who will desperately need them over these bitter winter months, whilst the war still rages on. The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week is approximately £16. Each package will contain the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits etc.) The Eparchy hope to raise £160,000 allowing them to supply 10,000 food parcels to those most in need. At St Joseph's we will hold a special collection next Weekend (7th / 8th January), as an Epiphany Gift to the people of Ukraine.

The Holy Father's Christmas Urbi et Orbi Message: an immediate end to this senseless war! Tragically, we Dear brothers and sisters in Rome and throughout the prefer to heed other counsels, dictated by worldly ways of thinking. Yet who is listening to the voice of the Child? world, happy Christmas!

confrontations have increased, bringing death and injury in with the strength born of fraternity and solidarity. May the inspire the political authorities and all people of good will in

May the Lord Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, bring to all of Our time is experiencing a grave famine of peace also in you the love of God, wellspring of confidence and hope, other regions and other theatres of this third world war. Let together with the gift of the peace proclaimed by the angels us think of Syria, still scarred by a conflict that has receded to the shepherds of Bethlehem; "Glory to God in the into the background but has not ended. Let us think too of highest heaven and on earth peace to those whom he the Holy Land, where in recent months violence and favours" (Lk 2:14). On this festive day, we turn our gaze to Bethlehem. The their wake. Let us beseech the Lord that there, in the land Lord comes to the world in a stable and is laid in a manger that witnessed his birth, dialogue and efforts to build for animals, since his parents could find no room in the inn, mutual trust between Palestinians and Israelis may even though the time had come for Mary to give birth. He resume. May the Child Jesus sustain the Christian comes among us in silence and in the dark of night, communities living in the Middle East, so that each of those because the word of God needs no spotlights or loud countries can experience the beauty of fraternal human voices. He is himself the Word that gives life its coexistence between individuals of different faiths. May the meaning, he is the Light that brightens our path. "The true Christ Child help Lebanon in particular, so that it can finally light, which enlightens everyone" - the Gospel tells us - rebound with the help of the international community and "was coming into the world" (Jn 1:9). Jesus is born in our midst; he is God with us. He comes to light of Christ illumine the region of the Sahel, where accompany our daily lives, to share with us in all things: peaceful coexistence between peoples and traditions is our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears. He comes as a disrupted by conflict and acts of violence. May that light helpless child. He is born in the cold night, poor among the lead to a lasting truce in Yemen and to reconciliation in poor. In need of everything, he knocks at the door of our Myanmar and Iran, and an end to all bloodshed. May it heart to find warmth and shelter. Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, surrounded by light, may the Americas to attempt to calm the political and social we set out to see the sign that God has given us. May we tensions experienced by various countries; I think in overcome our spiritual drowsiness and the shallow holiday particular of the people of Haiti wo have been suffering for glitter that makes us forget the One whose birth we are a long time.

children, who go hungry while huge amounts of food daily

celebrating. Let us leave behind the hue and din that On this day, as we sit around a well-spread table, may we deadens our hearts and makes us spend more time in not avert our gaze from Bethlehem, a town whose name preparing decorations and gifts than in contemplating the means "house of bread, but think of all those, especially great event: the Son of God born for us. Brothers and sisters, let us turn our eyes to Bethlehem, go to waste and resources are being spent on weapons. and listen to the first faint cries of the Prince of Peace. For The war in Ukraine has further aggravated this situation, truly Jesus is our peace. The peace that the world cannot putting entire peoples at risk of famine, especially in give, the peace that God the Father has bestowed on Afghanistan and in the countries of the Horn of Africa. We humanity by sending his Son into the world. Saint Leo the know that every war causes hunger and exploits food as a Great summed up the message of this day in a concise weapon, hindering its distribution to people already Latin phrase: Natalis Domini, natalis est pacis: "the Lord's suffering. On this day, let us learn from the Prince of Peace birth is the birth of peace" (Serm. 26, 5). and, starting with those who hold political responsibilities. Jesus Christ is also the way of peace. By his incarnation, commit ourselves to making food solely an instrument of passion, death and resurrection, he has opened the way peace. And as we enjoy gathering with our loved ones, let that leads from a world closed in on itself and oppressed us think of families that experience great hardship and by the dark shadows of enmity and war, to a world that is those that, in this time of economic crisis, are struggling as open and free to live in fraternity and peace. Brothers and a result of unemployment and lacking in the necessities of

sisters, let us follow that road! Yet in order to do so, to be life. light, comes into a world severely sick with indifference, a

able to walk behind Jesus, we must divest ourselves of the Dear brothers and sisters, today as then, Jesus, the true burdens that weigh us down and block our way. What are those burdens? What is that dead weight? The world that does not welcome him (cf. Jn 1:11) and indeed same negative forces that prevented King Herod and his rejects him, as it does with many foreigners, or ignores court from acknowledging and welcoming the birth of him, as we all too often do with the poor. Today may we Jesus: attachment to power and money, pride, hypocrisy, not forget the many displaced persons and refugees who falsehood. These forces hold us back from going to knock at our door in search of some comfort, warmth and Bethlehem; they exclude us from the grace of Christmas food. Let us not forget the marginalized, those living alone, and they block the entrance to the path of peace. Indeed, the orphans, the elderly – who are wisdom for their people we must acknowledge with sorrow that, even as the Prince - who risk being set aside, and prisoners, whom we regard of Peace is given to us, the icy winds of war continue to solely for the mistakes they have made and not as our fellow men and women. buffet humanity.

If we want it to be Christmas, the Birth of Jesus and of Brothers and sisters, Bethlehem shows us the simplicity of peace, let us look to Bethlehem and contemplate the face God, who reveals himself not to the wise and the intelligent of the Child who is born for us! And in that small and but to the little ones, to those with a pure and open heart innocent face, let us see the faces of all those children (cf. Mt 11:25). Like the shepherds, let us too set out in who, everywhere in the world, long for peace. haste and allow ourselves to be amazed by the unthinkable Let us also see the faces of our Ukrainian brothers and event of God who becomes man for our salvation. He, the sisters who are experiencing this Christmas in the dark and source of all good, makes himself poor, asking as alms cold, far from their homes due to the devastation caused our own poor humanity. Let us allow ourselves to be by ten months of war. May the Lord inspire us to offer deeply moved by the love of God. And let us follow Jesus, concrete gestures of solidarity to assist all those who are who stripped himself of his glory in order to give us a share + Franciscus

suffering, and may he enlighten the minds of those who in his fullness. have the power to silence the thunder of weapons and put