



# 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 11th December 2022 Third Sunday of Advent - Year A



4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (PARISH)  
8.00am Mass (Andrzej & Adam Jan Mieszko [RIP])  
11.00am Mass (John Player [RIP 20th Anniversary])

### Tuesday 13th December

#### St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7.00pm Mass (Pierre & Yvette Perrelle [RIP])

### Wednesday 14th December

#### St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9.30am Mass (Petra Weeks [RIP])

### Thursday 15th December

#### Advent Weekday (wk 3)

9.30am Mass (Eddie & Dorothy Toland [Sp Int])

### Friday 16th December

#### Advent Weekday (wk 3)

9.30am Mass (Keeley [Sp Int])

### Sunday 18th December 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A



4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (Ronald Freeman [LD])  
8.00am Mass (PARISH)  
11.00am Mass (Jenny Roberts [RIP])  
5.30pm Carol Service & Children's Nativity

### We Pray For...

In faith and trust that our prayers will be heard and answered, we now bring our prayers and petitions to the Lord:

For the Church, that all her members will persevere in faith as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

For peace in our world that, where there is war, hatred, conflict or violence, peacemakers may bring news of a just and lasting peace.

For all who are prisoners and for their families and friends whose lives are affected by their imprisonment, that they may experience justice and peace.

For our own parish community, that we may always act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God throughout this Advent season.

For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will know the healing touch of our Lord's love for them.

Loving God, we bring our prayers before you, asking you to grant all that we need to be faithful followers of your gospel as we await the coming of your Son. We ask this in His name, Christ, our Lord

 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: 10/11 December

Vigil: Imelda Morrill; Roisin Currie (Patsy Rochester)  
8.00am Daniele Bovo; Amy Keith (John Walker)  
11.00am Malgorzate Smith; Paul Fletcher (Vacant)

#### Next Weekend: 17/18 December

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

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Pierre & Yvette Perrelle (RIP); Petra Weeks (RIP);  
Keeley (Sp Int); Josephine Treloar (Sick); Arthur Tom  
Molloy; Peace for those in need.

### Parish Christmas Card:

Please accept one of our annual Parish Christmas Cards, which advertises the times of our Christmas Masses and Services - but as usual, please take one or two extras to give to other people - not only to pass on our greetings, but also by way of invitation to join us for Mass. Christmas and Easter are particular times of the year when those who perhaps have not been quite as regular in their attendance at Mass, as they once were - might consider coming back...it is up to each one of us to encourage them "home for Christmas".

### News From Our School:

Our KS1 children performed their 'Baarmy' Bethlehem performance last week and were absolutely fabulous. We certainly have lots of talented singers, actors and dancers at St Joseph's! This Wednesday 14th December Y5 are performing Jack and the Beanstalk at 2pm and 6pm. You are more than welcome to attend these performances in school. It would be lovely to see you, so please do come along if you can.

**Advent fundraising:** The children have been very busy enjoying themselves fundraising for Catholic Care making Christmas crafts, cake sales and a hamper raffle. On Friday was our Christmas Jumper Day with lots of reindeers and Santas in school!

**Farewell:** After seven years at St Joseph's, this is my last week as headteacher before moving onto pastures new in the role of Deputy Director of Education at the Diocese of Leeds.

I am looking forward to the new challenge in January and it has also been truly wonderful leading the school. I will miss everyone dearly but luckily will still be part of our parish.

I would like to thank all of the parishioners and families for your support over the years. You are a fantastic community of which the school is most definitely blessed. God bless to you all for a wonderful and Holy Christmas and all my very best wishes for the New Year. Sincerely, Mrs Rouse.

### Christmas Hamper Draw:

This Advent sees the return of our Christmas Hampers Draw; monies raised will go towards our 'soon to be launched' 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 are on sale before and after all weekend Masses at £3 per square, or two for £5!

### St Joseph's Friendship Group:

We will be closing for a Christmas break on Tuesday 20th and 27th of December and we will reopen on Tuesday the 3rd of January 2023. Can I also take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, helpers and members who have made this past year a pleasure to work with. The Friendship group would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:

There is a list at the back of Church for you to sign up for duties over the Christmas period - Thank you for your help.

### Missio Red Boxes:

There are a number of Red Boxes which are still ready to be collected by their owners - 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 date for 2022/23:

**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

### Fountains Abbey Candles by Candlelight:

On Sunday 11th December. Please come along and help fill the Abbey with sounds Christmas Carols from 3pm - 3:45pm on the 11th 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.

### Polish Community "Seniors Friendship Group":

Would you like to meet others over dinner, speak Polish and make friends? Join us on Sunday 11th December at 2pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. Free entry. For more information call Magda on 07432688582 or Gosia on 07539276304 or email Gosia.smith70@sky.com

### Leeds Cathedral Day of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 20th December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

### Lourdes Dinner Dance Fundraiser:


The Annual Diocesan Lourdes Dinner Dance will take place on Friday 24th February at the Met Hotel, Leeds. Ticket prices are £40 or £375 for a table of ten, ticket includes pre meal drink, 3 course meal and music/DJ, please contact Phil Marshall on 07766 148375 or email philmarshall49@hotmail.com for tickets or more info. Please consider joining in a great night that raises vital funds for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.


### Zawadi Gifts:

Are you still searching for gift ideas? Zawadi have the ideal solution. Zawadi is a student-led team, from St Aidan's Harrogate, who raise money for Artizan International, which is a Harrogate based charity empowering people living with a disability. You may have seen their colourful shop in the centre of town selling amazing textiles, jewellery and cards, all made by artisans at their training centres in Peru, Ecuador and the UK.

This Christmas, Zawadi would like to present to you their Virtual Christmas Catalogue which is full of the tools and equipment needed to train differently abled workers so that they have the skills to regain financial and social independence. Choose any of the 9 items listed in our online shop - from a Paper Making Mould to a Set of Pans for the new cafe in Peru and it will be itemised in a gift card for you to send on to a family member or friend this Christmas. Each card will also include an inspirational story about how the equipment is used, from one of the trainees in Ecuador or Peru.

Please support us! By doing so, you can buy the 'chance of a lifetime' for someone in Peru or Ecuador. Every penny you spend will enable Artizan International to buy more items to support their training and enterprise centres and help transform lives.

You can view the items and buy them online via this link  to the Zawadi Christmas Catalogue. We have also left a few paper catalogues at the back of the church which you can pick up and read through; alternatively, you can fill out the form on the back and return it to school.

 Many Thanks, Amrita Roney

### 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

### Christmas 2022 at St Joseph's, Harrogate

#### Advent IV (Sunday 18th December 2022)

5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass  
8.00am Parish Mass  
11.00am Parish Mass  
5.30pm Carol Service with Children's Nativity

#### Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th December 2022)

9.30am Mass of the Day (said)  
5.30pm Children's Vigil Mass of Christmas  
7.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas  
11.30pm Carols leading into Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day (Sunday 25th December 2022)

12.00am Midnight Mass  
8.00am Mass of Christmas Day  
11.00am Mass of Christmas Day

#### Monday 26th December - Friday 30th December

Mass each day at 12.00noon

#### Mary, Mother of God - Sunday 1st January 2023

5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass  
NB: No Early Mass Today  
11.00am Mass

#### The Epiphany - Friday 6th January 2023

12.00noon Mass

#### And Finally...

Sincere thanks on behalf of the Parish Community must go to Mrs Rachel Rouse, who has worked in our school these past seven years. As Headteacher, she has been an inspirational leader to all the children and staff in the school, and a great advocate of School - Parish relations. Thank you Rachel, and God bless you as you take up your new role in January.