



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



4.00pm - 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

### Tuesday 20th December

#### Advent Weekday (wk 4)

7.00pm Mass (Holy Souls)

### Wednesday 21st December

#### Advent Weekday (wk 4)

9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)

### Thursday 22nd December

#### Advent Weekday (wk 4)

9.30am Mass (Josie McDonald)

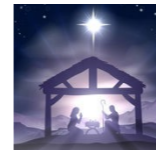
### Friday 23rd December

#### Advent Weekday (wk 4)

9.30am Mass (Josephine Treloar [Sick])

### Saturday 24th December

#### Christmas Eve



9.30am Mass of the Day (Holy Souls)  
5.30pm Children's Vigil Mass (Arthur Tom Molloy)  
7.00pm Vigil Mass (...)  
11.30pm Carols led by the Choir, leading into Midnight Mass

### Sunday 25th December 2022

#### Christmas Day



12.00pm Midnight Midnight Mass (PARISH & PEOPLE)  
8.00am Mass (...)  
11.00am Mass (...)

#### We Pray For...

In confidence that all things are possible with God we turn to the Father with our prayers:

For Pope Francis, our bishops, priests and deacons, that they may continue to guide and lead us in the ways of holiness.

For our world, that those in authority may safeguard the rights and dignity of every person through the laws they enact and the policies they develop.

For all pregnant women, especially those experiencing difficulties, that they may find strength through prayers to our Blessed Mother.

For our own parish community, that we will accept the challenge to model our lives on the life of Christ, in response to his call to lead lives of holiness.

For all who are sick or suffering, lonely or housebound, that they will find comfort and companionship in this time of grace.

 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: 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)

#### Next Weekend: Christmas Duties - see lists

**There is still time to sign up for duties!!**

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Fr Stephen (Birthday); Jan (For healing).

### 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:

Dear Parishioners,  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as a parish for your kindness and dedication to our school. This has been a blessing during my leadership at St Joseph's school. We are a great community together and please know that school would not be the same without your support. Thank you also for the beautiful flowers and well wishes for my new role at the Diocese, starting in January. Finally, I and all the staff at St Joseph's wish you all the very best for a happy and holy Christmas and all our good wishes for 2023! God Bless, Mrs Rouse.

### Christmas Hamper Draw:

Squares are available before this weekend's Masses - and the Grand Draw will take place after the 11am Mass. Remember, you got to be "in it - to win it!" Thank you for your help in this parish fundraising effort.

### 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

### Polish Community "Seniors Friendship Group":

A fantastic first meeting took place last Sunday afternoon in the parish hall - look out for details of the next meeting in the bulletin after Christmas!

### 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.

### '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/](http://www.art.godwhospeaks.uk/)

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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 Stinch on the following number: 0113 2784101 or email [ms.lspleeds@london.co.uk](mailto:ms.lspleeds@london.co.uk).

### Vacancy:

Diocese of Leeds Youth and Lifelong Faith Formation Officer. Salary 25k per annum, 37 hours per week, including some evening and weekend work. For an informal discussion, please contact Kieron Flood, Diocesan Director for Education on 07860773400 or by email [kieron.flood@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:kieron.flood@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Applications packs can be requested from 3rd January 2023.

### 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](mailto:HR@catholic-care.org.uk)

### King Charles' Visit in Support of Ukrainian People:

His Majesty The King and The First Lady of Ukraine Mrs Olena Zelenska were welcomed recently to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Family in Exile by the Right Reverend Kenneth Nowakowski, bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (Diocese) of the Holy Family of London.

#### Bishop Kenneth said:

"The visit of His Majesty The King along with Mrs Zelenska offers a powerful sign of solidarity between the people of the United Kingdom and our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. We are honoured that His Majesty has come back to our Cathedral, and we pray his next visit will be to give thanks for an end to the war - a war that has taken so many innocent lives."

Bishop Nowakowski assured Mrs Zelenska that each day prayers are offered for the President of Ukraine, its defenders and indeed all of the Ukrainian people during these dreadful times.

While visiting the Cathedral His Majesty was presented with an icon, a gift from His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. The icon was written (painted)

featuring the Blessed Theotokos (Mother of God) of Eleousa (Tenderness) by Oleksandr Klymenko and artists Sofiia Atlantova - Ukrainian iconographers and artists who are founders of the charity project called "Icons on munitions boxes". The icon is written on fragments of a munitions box brought from the front lines.

The Ukrainian Welcome Centre (UWC) was officially opened by His Majesty who was greeted by a temporarily displaced person from Ukraine and Mr Andriy Marchenko, director of the centre. After being presented with the traditional Ukrainian welcome of Bread and Salt, His Majesty met with staff, volunteers, benefactors, temporarily displaced Ukrainians and their British Sponsors.

"The visit of His Majesty gives a great boost of morale to our staff, volunteers, and all the temporarily displaced Ukrainians who come to the Welcome Centre for help. All those who have been driven from their homes in Ukraine were especially excited about seeing the First Lady of Ukraine here as well," said Mr Marchenko.

The Ukrainian Welcome Centre was set up to provide guidance and assistance to the temporarily displaced Ukrainians after the first visit of His Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen Consort to the Cathedral at the beginning March 2022 - just after the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

The Welcome Centre is a partnership initiative between the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London and the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain. This has been supported by the UK Government's departments and many non-governmental, religious and charity organisations, private sector, and individual sponsors.

Designed to help Ukrainian nationals arriving in Great Britain after being displaced by Russia's war against their country, UWC is a point of contact for all essential information for arrival, settling and long-term living in the UK as well as a social hub helping Ukrainians stay connected to their culture and heritage.

The Ukrainian Welcome Centre has processed over 4,000 online and telephone requests. More than 450 people have been assisted during the drop-in sessions, many of whom participate in weekly activities such as English courses, art therapy and mother and toddler groups, etc. The Centre is based on the premises of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Mayfair.

### 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 Emergency Winter Appeal will be run in partnership with Caritas Ukraine, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church parishes in East and South Ukraine, as well as local NGOs. 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 on the Weekend of 7th / 8th January 2023, as an Epiphany Gift to the people of Ukraine.