



# 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 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)

**Tuesday 6th December**

**St Nicholas, Bishop**

7.00pm Mass (Matt Fenlon [Sp Int])

**Wednesday 7th December**

**St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)

**Thursday 8th December**

**The immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am Mass (Riccardo Burdon [Birthday])

**Friday 9th December**

**Advent Weekday (wk 2)**

9.30am Mass (Lena Ford)

**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])

### We Pray For...

As we await the return of our Saviour, Jesus, we bring to the Father our prayers and concerns for the world, the Church and ourselves:

For Pope Francis and all who exercise authority in the Church, that their efforts may inspire us to walk in the ways of the Lord.

For governments and world leaders, that the Advent message of hope will move them to renew their efforts for peace, justice and reconciliation.

For all who struggle to find direction in their lives, that they may open their hearts to Christ and follow him.

For ourselves, that we may find Advent to be a time of renewal and grace, both as individuals and as a community.

For the poor, the sick, the lonely and the dying that the Spirit of God will rest upon them and bring them peace.

For all the Faithful Departed, and those whose faith is known to God alone – may they be welcomed into the presence of our loving heavenly Father.

Gracious and loving God, we bring our prayers before you. Help us to grow in our love for you and each other and be at peace in your sight. We ask this through 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: 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)

#### Next Weekend: 10/11 December

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

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Ronald Freeman (LD); Jenny Roberts (RIP); Andrzej & Adam Jan Mieszko (RIP).

### 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:

**Christmas Productions:** Reception performed their wonderful Nativity last week. They were little superstars! It is hard to believe they have only been in school twelve weeks with their wonderful singing and acting.

KS1 are performing their 'Baarmy Bethlehem' nativity this week and Y5 are working hard on their 'Jack and the Beanstalk' panto.

The KS1 Nativity is on Wednesday 7th December at 9.30am and Thursday 8th December at 2.30pm. The Y5 pantomime is on Wednesday 14th December 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 Mini Vinnies have chosen Catholic Care for our advent charity. All proceeds from our Christmas Jumper Day, KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon, KS2 cake sale and the class Christmas hamper raffle will go towards this fantastic appeal to support families in need across our Diocese.

### Christmas Hamper Draw:

This Advent will see 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.

### 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 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

### 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.

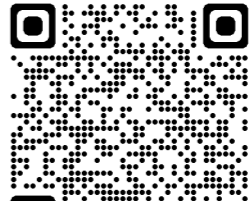
### Zawadi Gifts:

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

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