



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"Baptism is the best gift we have received. Through it, we belong to God and we possess the joy of salvation." Pope Francis.

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 15th January 2023	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>(Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth)</i>
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Peace For Those in Need [Sp Int])
	8.00am	Mass (Janet Collison [B'day A])
	11.00am	Mass (Vicky Billington [1st A] / PARISH)
Tuesday 17th January	St Anthony, Abbot	
	7.00pm	Mass (Tom Murray [LD])
Wednesday 18th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time	<i>(Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins)</i>
	9.30am	Mass (Leeds Diocesan Priests [Sp Int])
Thursday 19th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am	Mass (Holy Souls in Purgatory)
Friday 20th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am	Mass (Carmen [Sp Int])
Sunday 22nd January 2023	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Bill & Imelda Morritt [50th Wedding] / Bernard Frost [A])
	8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am	Mass (Josie Prince [LD])

We Pray For...

Confident in the Father's generous love for us we now turn to him with our prayers.

For the Church that she, who has received life and love from God, may be active as an instrument of peace throughout the world.

For our world, that its leaders may seek to provide comfort and relief for all those who suffer or live in conditions of dire need and hardship.

For those places where religion is invoked to justify violent conflict, that the Holy Spirit may bring healing and peace. We pray especially for unity amongst all Christians.

For those who do not recognise Christ in their midst, that their eyes and hearts may be opened by the grace of God, the truth of the Gospel and the ministry of the Church.

For our own community that we may always rejoice in our faith in Christ and strive to give true witness to Him.

For all who are sick or housebound, and for those who are bereaved, that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's love.

Gracious God, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accord with your will for us. We ask this in his name, Christ Jesus 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

Interim Headteacher: Mrs A Sowden 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: 14/15 January 2023

Vigil: Warren Considine; Imelda Morrith (Martin Flanagan)
8.00am Daniele Bovo; Amy Keith (Michelle Hardacre)
11.00am Anne Roberts; John Tweddle (Pam Evans)

Next Weekend: 14/15 January 2023

Vigil: Elaine Durbin; Jade Cooper (Peter Durbin)
8.00am Jon Walker; Alex Leckenby (Val Burdon)
11.00am Greg Warren; Alicia Player (Paul Evans)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

L.M (RIP); Tom Murray (LD) x4; Vicky Billington (1st A);
Josie Prince (LD); Umberto's Birthday (Sp Int); Priests
of the Diocese of Leeds (Sp Int); Holy Souls in
Purgatory (RIP); Carmen (Sp Int); Fr Chris Willis (Sp
Int); Mary Maslaveckas (Sp Int); Jonathan Baylis
(B'day); Roy & Dorothy Tucker (B'day Anniversaries);
Richard & Katherine (Wedding Anniversary); Hayley
Rowat (B'day).

Confirmation Preparation Dates:

The preparation sessions continue as follows:
Sat 21st Jan - 10am-2pm - Session 2 in the Church Hall
Sat 28th Jan - 10am-2pm - Session 3 in the Church Hall
Thurs 9th Feb -7.00pm Confirmation Service with
Bishop Marcus at St Robert's

First Reconciliation Preparation:

Parents and carers of our children who hope to receive
this sacrament this year will have received an email
from me last Friday - If you haven't, please check your
spam folder - and if it's not there, send me an email,
and I'll forward the details!

The Planned Preparation Programme 2023:

Wednesday 1st March - 6pm Parent / Carers' Meeting
in Church

Saturday 11th March - 10am-2pm - Session 1 for the
children in the Church Hall

Saturday 25th March - 10am-2pm - Session 2 for the
children in the Church Hall

Wednesday 29th March - Celebration of the
Sacrament in Church.

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able
to make a contribution of £10 towards books and
resources - if you haven't done so far, and are in a
position to do so, please let me have it at the Parent /
Carers' meeting on 1st March (or before if you like!) -
Thank you!

Any questions regarding the sessions and the course
content, please contact the lead catechist, Amy
at catechist@stjosephsharrogate.org

News From Our School:

This week has been our first full week back since the
Christmas break. We have settled into our learning
really well. I have had a traumatic time trying to learn as
many names as I can this week. I have managed to
crack Reception and have started with Y1! I am putting
it down to age!

Y3 had a fantastic day at The York Museum where they
worked with artefacts from prehistoric and Roman
times. Feedback was excellent from the children and
the adults, who reported the children were real
ambassadors for the school.

We had a number of potential parents look at the school
this week before the application for Reception places
closes at the weekend. They were treated to a very
comprehensive tour by two of our Children's Leadership
Team who were absolute stars and extremely
knowledgeable about what is happening across the
whole school. The feedback from the visitors was so
good to hear - well done on being so fabulous.

The Cost of Living!

We know that many of us are struggling
somewhat more-so with the cost of living this year - and
we all know that many charities have been hit by a
squeeze in their income. Whilst we at St Joseph's have

maintained a steady income stream, we have been
horrified to see the last two gas and electricity bills for
the Church and Hall. The December bill is almost three
times the amount of previous December bills coming in
at a whopping £1492.00, an eye-watering amount!

As a Finance Committee, we would like to thank each
member of our parish family for what you already give
towards the running and upkeep of our parish,
but wonder if you might be able help any more?

There are several ways to help: If you do not yet give
by **Standing Order**, then perhaps you might consider
this (this method means that we have a steady income
stream, from which we can more accurately budget); If
you are a UK tax payer, have you made a **Gift
Aid Declaration**, so that the parish can reclaim the tax
on the amount of your gift - thus increasing the value of
your gift by a further 25% at no extra cost to you? If a
Standing Order from the bank is not for you - then have
you considered using the **Envelopes Planned Giving
Scheme** - for this allows you to put aside an amount for
each week of the year, and even on those weeks you
may be absent, you can bring in your contribution the
next time you attend. These ways can help us as a
committee and a parish to better plan for and secure
our financial future - thank you!

The final consideration each one of us can make, is to
re-assess our weekly giving, and ask ourselves, if we
are able to realistically increase our gift to St Joseph's,
to better help us meet the increased costs of daily life?
Thank you for your prayerful consideration - and all your
continuing support.

Climate Change & Our Parish - what's it all about?

Join Bishop John Arnold, the lead Bishop for Climate
Change in the Bishops' Conference (and chair of the
CAFOD Trustee board), in conversation with John
Battle, Commission Chair, to explore what more we, as
Church, could and should be doing about Climate
Change. Tuesday 17 January @7:30pm via Zoom. See
the J&P website to register www.leedsjp.org.uk

Polish Friendship Group:

If you would like to meet new people for a coffee, cake
and a chat, pop down to see us at St Joseph's Church
Hall on the following Sundays between 2.00-4.00pm:
22nd January; 26th February; and 19th March.
You will receive a very warm welcome. Further info
from Magda on 07432 688582 or Malgosia on
07539276304, Gosia.smith70@sky.com

Solemn Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict XVI:

Bishop Marcus will celebrate a Solemn Requiem Mass
for the late Pope Emeritus at Leeds Cathedral on
Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 5.30pm. All are welcome
to attend.

Revelation:

The Youth Service's monthly youth event for young
people in Years 8-13 will be taking place on Thursday
19th January at Hinsley Hall from 5:30-7:30pm. It will be
an evening of prayer, music, games, fellowship and
more as we focus on the theme of 'Christ Is Alive'. For
further information, email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

'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/

Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Group:

Will be holding an Information morning on Saturday, 4th
February 2023 at St Urban's Parish Hall, Headingley,
Leeds, LS6 2AQ. This meeting is for anyone who may
be interested in Bereavement Ministry or setting up a
Bereavement Group in their own parish. The morning
will begin at 10am with coffee and finish at 12.30pm.
For further information and to book a place please
contact Admin at The Briery on 01943 607287 or email:
briery@btconnect.com

Bishop Robert Barron:

At the QE2 Centre, London - Sat 11th February.
Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a
one-day conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story',
10am-5pm. The Vicariate of Education is looking at the
possibility of hiring a coach to take people travelling
from Leeds. If you are interested in attending the
conference and travelling down on the coach, please
contact Fr Henry Longbottom by email at:
henry.longbottom@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 0113 267
8257 before 13th January. For more information about
the event visit www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

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.

World Youth Day 2023:

There are still places available on the Diocese of Leeds
Youth Service pilgrimage for World Youth Day in
Lisbon, Portugal from 31st July - 7th August 2023, a
week-long youth festival with Pope Francis and young
people from across the world! Aged 15-30? You're
invited! Cost: £1200, which includes accommodation,
travel, WYD package and more! Fundraising
opportunities are available so don't let price be a
barrier! Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to apply!

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. Please contact Sister Caroline, or
her secretary Sandra Stitch on the following number:
0113 2784101 or email ms.lspleeds@lsplondon.co.uk.

Catholic Care Vacancy:

Support Worker - Outreach for Adult Care (including
Mental Health, Older people and learning disability
services) (Care Bank workers also required £11.09
inclusive). Salary: Spinal Point 3 - 7 Salary £20,812 -
£22,369 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and
experience) Post: Flexible working hours. Shift patterns
to include weekends and bank holidays. Sleep in
allowance payable. Location: Leeds, Skipton or
Dewsbury. Closing Date: Until position Filled. Interview
Date: To be arranged with applicant. Please send CV to
HR@catholic-care.org.uk

Diocese of Leeds Music Vacancies:

We wish to appoint an Assistant Director of the Schools
Singing Programme and a Choral Director. For more
information, please request an application pack from
recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk. Closing
Date: 6th February 2023, 5.00 pm.