



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



**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
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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

<b>Sunday 22nd January 2023</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 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])
<b>Tuesday 24th January</b>	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> 7.00pm Mass (Umberto's Birthday [Sp Int])
<b>Wednesday 25th January</b>	<b>The Conversion of St Paul</b> (Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends) 9.30am Mass (Tom Murray [LD])
<b>Thursday 26th January</b>	<b>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</b> 9.30am Mass (Fr Chris Willis [Sp Int])
<b>Friday 27th January</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.30am Mass (Mary Maslaveckas [Sp Int])
<b>Sunday 29th January 2023</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions 5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (John Hough [10th A]) 8.00am Mass (Bobby Davis [LD] / PARISH) 11.00am Mass (Jan Wrona [RIP])

### We Pray For...

Jesus shows us the love of God our Father. With confidence in his love we turn to him with our prayers:

For the all the People of God that, in baptism, and with faith in God's Word, we may be united in our witness to the world.

For world peace, that people of all races, cultures, faith or none, may strive to end discrimination and seek equal justice and liberty for all.

For teachers and educators everywhere, that the Spirit of Wisdom will always be their guide.

For all whose journeys of faith are leading them along unfamiliar paths, that they may place their trust in Jesus who is their light, their way and their journey's end.

For our own parish community that, as disciples united in communion with Christ, we may also be one in witness, service and mission.

For all who are sick or housebound, elderly or infirm, that they will experience the healing touch of Jesus in their lives.

Heavenly Father, you know each one of us and all our needs. Help us always to recognise, and respond to, your call. 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

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: 21/22 January 2023

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

#### Next Weekend: 28/29 January 2023

Vigil: Roisin Currie; Peter Durbin (Elaine Durbin)  
8.00am Amy Keith; Daniele Bovo (John Tweddle)  
11.00am Paul Fletcher; Pam Evans (Annemarie Perry)

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Elizabeth Costar (A); Bobby Davis (LD); Jan Wrona (RIP); Mary Maslavecckas (Sp Int); Miller Family (Sp Int); Billy & Grace Foster (Wedding Anniversary); Agata Siewierski (1st A).

### This weekend:

#### 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

### Confirmation Preparation Dates:

The preparation sessions continue as follows:  
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

### 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](mailto:catechist@stjosephsharrogate.org)

### News From Our School:

School is buzzing with hard work. We held the first of our Class Liturgies on Friday and it was great to see the children interpret the Virtue of Friendship through the bible and their own experiences. The choir has started its rehearsals of the Kids Aloud event in The Royal Hall on April 2nd. Listening to them even now in the early days of practice it sounds fantastic.

### The Cost of Living!

Following last weeks appeal regarding present 'cost of living' challenges faced by so many, including our parish, a sincere "Thank you" to all who have considered their weekly offering to St Joseph's. As I said last week, we have been horrified to see the last two energy 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. For those who wish to set up direct payments from their online banking, our details are as follows:

**Name:** Diocese of Leeds, St Joseph's Harrogate

**Sort Code:** 40-27-15 **Account Number:** 11017500

### 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.

### Vocations Service Holy Hour:

There will be Adoration on Wednesday 25th January 2023. All welcome, whether exploring your own relationship with Jesus, or simply to pray for vocations. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Harrogate Road, LS17 6LE 7-8pm.

### Cupertino Group Masses:

Next Mass: 29th January 2023, 3pm. St Joseph's, Wetherby, LS22 6LL. Contact numbers: Fr Frank-07850076926 Rosie-07891951949. These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities.

### '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/)

### Handmaids Women's Group:

Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 3rd February 2023 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

### 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](mailto:briery@btconnect.com)

### Information Event on The Permanent Diaconate:

On Wednesday 8th February at 8pm a Zoom event for those who feel they might have a calling to the Permanent Diaconate or just want to know more about this ministry. For further information and Log-in details, please contact: [david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or call 01423 560279.

### 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](mailto:henry.longbottom@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or 0113 267 8257 before 13th January. For more information about the event visit [www.sharingthechurchsstory.com](http://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com)

### Deepening Our Faith in Lent with Lectio Divina:

A six week course, beginning on Shrove Tuesday (21st February) after the 7.00pm Mass in Church. The course aims to help us grow in deeper relationship with the Lord, using a prayerful time together reflecting on His words in Scripture. For more information see the leaflets at the back of Church or contact Valeria Burdon.

### 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.

### Retrouvaille:

A weekend residential programme for renewal, rediscovery and healing for marriages. 24th - 26th February, Welwyn Garden City. More information: <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:ms.lspleeds@lsplondon.co.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](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk). Closing Date: 6th February 2023, 5.00 pm.