



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 29th January 2023	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	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])
Tuesday 31st January	St John Bosco, Priest
	7.00pm Mass (Tom Murray [LD])
Wednesday 1st February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Thursday 2nd February	The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)
	9.30am Mass (Miller Family [Sp Int])
NB Extra Mass Time	7.00pm Mass (Mary Maslaveckas [Sp Int])
Friday 3rd February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Saturday 4th February	'First Five Saturdays' Mass of Our Lady of Fatima
NB Extra Mass Time	10.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Sunday 29th January 2023	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (George Daly & Family)
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Susie Rymer [A])

We Pray For...

The Lord keeps faith forever and raises up those who are bowed down. Confident in God's love, let us turn to the Father in prayer:

For the Church, that all the all the People of God may be the sacrament of God's mercy, coming to the aid of those whom society has abandoned.

For world leaders and those in government, that all politicians may hunger and thirst for what is right.

For all who are unemployed that, their self-esteem undiminished, they may soon find suitable and rewarding work.

For those who hold positions of influence or power, that God may work in their hearts and direct their minds to work for the common good.

For our own parish community, that we may always give faithful witness by reflecting Christ's gentle mercy in our daily living.

For all who are sick or suffering, lonely or infirm, that God's love will raise them up with healing and compassion.

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: 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)

Next Weekend: 4/5 February 2023

Vigil: Patsy Rochester; Val Clemerson (Martin Flanagan)
8.00am Alex Leckenby; John Walker (Michelle Hardacre)
11.00am Helen Fletcher; Anne Roberts (Anne Roberts)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

John Stackhouse (RIP); Mary Maslaveckas (Sp Int);
Susie Rymer (A); Pat Andronowski (A); Peter
Andronowski (A).

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP):

Calling all present, past and future members, and those who might be interested in continuing the great works done by our Conference over the last many years. Before the first Lockdowns we had begun a process of revitalising our conference and encouraging new members to join the SVP - there were several people interested then! It is time to continue that work - please contact me if you are interested in being a part of our Conference, and continuing this great practical care and compassionate outreach of our Church. Fr Stephen.

Confirmation Preparation Dates:

The preparation sessions have now concluded - please keep our Young People in your prayers as they approach the Sacrament on Thursday 9th February at 7.00pm, with Bishop Marcus at St Robert's. **Would Candidates and their Sponsors please be in St Robert's by 6.30pm on that Thursday evening for a rehearsal with Fr Elliott.**

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:

Life in school this week has been a mixture of hard work and fun. I had the delightful task of meeting the Stars of the Week winners for the past two weeks for

OFFERTORIES

21st / 22nd January

Weekly Giving	£977.42
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£632.38
Total	£1615.80

Ukraine Appeal	£804.03 (total)
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Parish Banking Details:

Name: Diocese of Leeds, St Joseph's Harrogate
Sort Code: 40-27-15 **Account Number:** 11017500

Many thanks for your continued generosity

Afternoon Tea. What a fantastic time I had getting to know the children as personalities and not just through their work. Our conversations ranged from what we would do if we were in charge at home for the day, to what superpower we would like to have and if we were an animal what animal would we be. Then I was treated to a 'joke' session. So, all in all, a great time was had by everyone involved. I am looking forward to the next one in a fortnight's time.

Father Stephen has been in this week to carry out reconciliation with Y6 in advance of them receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on February 9th at St Robert's Church. The children in Y4 celebrated mass in church with Father this week.

St Joseph's Lenten Project 2023:

Suggestions are invited for a suitable charity for us to support as a parish throughout Lent 2023. At a previous Finance Committee meeting, we took advice from the Diocesan Financial Controller to ask which charities are now permissible for us to support, under Charities' Law - he has advised us that although a charity does not need to be of Roman Catholic origin, it does need to be in line with Roman Catholic Social and Moral teaching - and not be political. If you would like to suggest a suitable charity for us to support this year, please send a letter with information of no more than one side of A4 paper, to me at the Presbytery, and the Finance Committee will consider all applications. The closing date for these submissions is Friday 11th February. Thank you.

Cupertino Group Masses:

Next Mass: (This weekend) 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/

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

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 or call 01423 560279.

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 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/>

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: 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

Diocese of Leeds Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:

6 nights from £745. 7-13 July 2023 by air from Leeds/ Bradford Airport. To book please contact Tangney Tours, tel 01732 886666, www.tangney-tours.com & follow links for Lourdes, Leeds. Booking forms will arrive in parishes very soon. (Pilgrim's Mass, Saturday 20 May 12pm at Holy Name Church, Otley Old Road, LS16 6HW. Light buffet and social in the hall afterwards, also medical checks.)

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.

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.

Briery Online Zoom Meditations:

on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. To register, please email the Briery: briery@btconnect.com