



# 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

<b>Sunday 8th January 2023</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Rose <i>Roisin</i> Gilroy [A])
	8.00am Mass (John Utting [RIP])
	11.00am Mass (PARISH & PEOPLE)
<b>Tuesday 10th January</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
	7.00pm Mass (Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI [LD])
<b>Wednesday 11th January</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
<b>Thursday 12th January</b>	<b>St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</b>
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
<b>Friday 13th January</b>	<b>St Hilary, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
<b>Sunday 15th January 2023</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Peace For Those in Need [Sp Int])
	8.00am Mass (...)
	11.00am Mass (...)

### We Pray For...

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Christ was revealed as the Beloved Son, we turn to God our Father confident that he will hear and answer our prayers:

For the Church, that all who have been baptised will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to give united witness to the Lord.

For all those who do not yet know Jesus as the beloved Son of God, that they may open their hearts and come to believe in the Good News.

For peace with justice throughout the world, that all people will turn from hatred to love and from violence to peace.

For all those in our parish, both children and adults, who will be baptised in the coming year.

For the sick, the lonely, the housebound and the vulnerable that, in the midst of their suffering, they will experience the loving arms of Christ.

For those who have died recently, among them Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, that he and all the faithful departed may rest in the peace of Christ.

Open the heavens, Almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered here in prayer. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism so that we may reflect ever more faithfully the image of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

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  
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### Rotas (Readers)

Contact: Paul Fletcher 01423 525216

### Safeguarding Representatives (Parish)

Contact: Tony Cullen 07785 252253  
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### 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: 7/8 January 2023

Vigil: Val Clemerson; Alicia Player (Patsy Rochester)  
8.00am Alex Leckenby; John Walker (Michelle Hardacre)  
11.00am Pam Evans; Alicia Player (Bradley Gotting)

#### Next Weekend: 14/15 January 2023

Vigil: Warren Considine; Imelda Morritt (Peter Durbin)  
8.00am Daniele Bovo; Amy Keith (Val Burdon)  
11.00am Anne Roberts; John Tweddle (Pam Evans)

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

#### This Weekend:

There will be a special retiring collection in response to the 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 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. Than you for your support.

#### Confirmation Preparation Dates:

**Parents & Carers - remember that there is a meeting for you this coming Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm in the Church.**

The preparation sessions remain as follows:

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan - 10am-2pm - Session 1 in the Church Hall  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan - 10am-2pm - Session 2 in the Church Hall  
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

Please look out for a reminder by email next weekend, and please make these sessions a priority. Thank you.

#### First Reconciliation Preparation:

To the parents of those children in Yr 3 (and above) who are wanting to make preparation for this sacrament, please look out for an email this coming week, outlining the course and the date of the celebration of the sacrament.

#### News From Our School:

Dear Parishioners

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Hello' and introduce myself. I am Annette Sowden and I have the pleasure of being the new Interim Headteacher at St Joseph's. I can't believe the first week is over. I feel as if I have been here for ever which I am taking to be a good sign, as it is indicative of the warm welcome I have had from the children and the staff.

Personally, I am relishing the opportunity I have over the next two terms to get to know the children and work with the staff to continue to constantly move the school forward so we continue to give the children an excellent faith driven social, moral and academic education. I have been a headteacher for over 15 years and still thoroughly enjoy working with the children and the whole community that envelopes a Catholic school. I look forward to engaging with and meeting as many of the parish as I can as we move towards Lent!

For my sins I am an avid football fan having held a season ticket for Middlesbrough since I was 12 years old. I credit this for my resilience and my 'Weebles wobble but they don't fall down' approach to life having been through so many highs and lows with the team! My love of sport is not limited to football and I am a keen 'Joe Wicks' workout doer having started during the first Covid lockdown as well as an avid collector of children's books which I like to lend out to children.

Yours Annette Sowden

#### '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/)

#### 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 Stitch on the following number: 0113 2784101 or email [ms.lspleeds@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:ms.lspleeds@lsplondon.co.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](mailto:Gosia.smith70@sky.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](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)

#### Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI - Requiescat in pace:



On learning of the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict, Bishop Marcus issues the following statement:

*"It is with great sadness that we learned today of the death of our beloved Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI. We recall with great fondness how Benedict won the hearts and minds of so many of the people of our country during his visit to England in September 2010. His ministry and leadership were characterized by a gentleness and serenity that sprang from an intense personal relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Pope Benedict's funeral rites were presided over by Pope Francis last Thursday morning at St Peter's in Rome. Reflecting on this event Cardinal Nicholls said: "Benedict's teaching as the Successor of St Peter and his theological writings have given the Church a profound legacy that will be appreciated ever more

deeply both now and in years to come. May the humble and selfless soul of Benedict XVI, who ministered as a chief Shepherd of God's Church, be welcomed into heaven by the Lord whom he loved and served so faithfully on earth."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, speaking shortly after the Requiem Mass in St Peter's Square for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, described the funeral as in one way "a straightforward celebration of a Funeral Mass," in another way, a uniquely historical event "of great emotional depth and stature."

In one way it was a very straightforward celebration of a Funeral Mass as would take place at the death of any Catholic in any parish church. And yet in another way it was a uniquely historical event and an event of great emotional depth and stature.

I think we can say it's the first time [in over 200 years] that a pope has buried a pope who has just died and in that sense there was a uniqueness to it. But I think it was also a moment in which, for me certainly, there was a heightened sense of loss – a sense of my own sadness that Benedict is no longer with us in person. At the same time the ceremony was an unshakable expression of faith and trust in the promises of Jesus. So we had both sadness and hope, we had the grief of loss and the certainty of faith. There were some words used in one of the prayers that appealed to me, particularly, and it was an appeal to Mary Salus Populi Romani, that she would intercede that Benedict would now see the face of Jesus and that we would be comforted on our pilgrim way. Those words touched me because I reflected on how much Benedict, his life and his spirituality, was focused on a relationship with Jesus. Those books that he wrote about Jesus of Nazareth in some ways summed up not only his learning but also his spirituality and his prayer. The other day, Archbishop Ganswein, who knows him better than anybody did, was saying that it was that image of Jesus always accompanying the Church, always being with the Church, that was the most radically fundamental thing in Pope Benedict's life. And I was thinking of the time when I was in St Peter Square when he gave his last homily as serving Pope before he left for Castel Gandolfo. In that homily, he used the image of Jesus asleep in the back of the boat when the storm came on the Sea of Galilee and the disciples were frightened. Archbishop Ganswein repeated that and gave a little gloss on it. He said, "Benedict used to say, 'but now Jesus never sleeps and he's always with us'." So during the Mass I was thinking about those things and, quite simply, how lovable Benedict was and therefore thanking God for the gifts that He gave us through him.



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