



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others." Pope Francis.

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th February 2023	First Sunday of Lent	
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (John Stackhouse [RIP])
	8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am	Mass (Mary Maslaveckas [LD])
Tuesday 28th February	Weekday of Lent	
	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls)
Wednesday 1st March	St David, Bishop & Patron of Wales	
	9.30am	Mass (Holy Souls)
Thursday 2nd March	Weekday of Lent	
	9.30am	Mass (Holy Souls)
Friday 3rd March	Weekday of Lent	
	9.30am	Mass (Holy Souls)
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4th March	Votive of Our Lady of Fatima	<i>(First Five Saturdays Mass)</i>
<i>**NB Additional Mass**</i>	12.00noon	Mass (Holy Souls)
Sunday 5th March 2023	Second Sunday of Lent	
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (John Stackhouse [RIP])
	8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am	Mass (Mary Maslaveckas [LD])

We Pray For...

As we begin our Lenten journey we turn in prayer to God our Father asking for his help as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection at Easter:

For the Church, that all who follow Christ will keep Lent well and so come to the Feast of Easter with heart and mind renewed.

For our response to our Lenten Project this year – that we might support sacrificially, and whole-heartedly the work of UNICEF in bringing relief to children and young people after the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

For our world, disfigured by warfare and violence – we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia; we pray for peace in the Holy Land; and for end and to conflict the world over.

For our parish community and for our brothers and sisters everywhere; that together we may aspire to seek justice for those who are oppressed, freedom for those who are held captive and relief for those without food, water or basic medicines.

For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of Christ's love. We remember particularly all who are sick in our parish family, among them Matthew & Denise Power, and all others who have asked our prayers.

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

Polish Friendship Group

Contacts: Magda 07432 688582
Malgosia 07539 276304

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

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: 25/26 February 2023

Vigil: Imelda Morrith; Roisin Currie (Elaine Durbin)
8.00am Amy Keith; Daniele Bovo (John Walker)
11.00am John Tweddle; Malgorzate Smith (Cathy Hudson)

Next Weekend: 4/5 March 2023

Vigil: Jade Cooper; Patsy Rochester (Martin Flanagan)
8.00am Alex Leckenby; John Walker (Michelle Hardacre)
11.00am Pam Evans; Alicia Player (Paul Fletcher)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Darwin Galorio (B'day Thanksgiving); Burns Family (Sp Int); Terry Unwin (A); Anthony McEvoy (B'day A).

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal:

The total amount raised was £1027.02 - and this will be sent to the appeal straight away. Thank you for your generous support.

Spring "Supper Night" Fundraiser:

Join us for a super "Supper Night" in aid of St Joseph's Centenary Fund on Saturday 18th March. This evening of celebration will include a sumptuous supper, bar, good company and great entertainment from Tom Kowalski - local singing sensation! (Many in the parish can tell you - he's very good, and does encourage a dance or two!) Join us in the Parish Hall on St Joseph's Eve. 7.30pm - 10.30pm with licensed bar. Tickets £20. **There will be an opportunity to sign-up or pay for the event before of after each of the weekend Masses, this weekend and next** or else you can book by email, text or phone to John Tweddle, Liz King or Elaine Flanagan. johnwtweddle@btopenworld.com or 0783 627 1646; lizking04@talktalk.net or 0777 171 1714; elaineflanagan184@btinternet.com

First Reconciliation Preparation:

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.

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

New From Our School:

The children have returned from their half-term break to the most beautiful weather! On Ash Wednesday the KS2 children celebrated Mass and the receiving of ashes in church with the parish. This was a great start to their Lenten journey. We have asked them to think about praying for different people each day. Even people they don't like. This has led to some interesting conversations on how hard it will be to pray for people they don't like or who don't like them! Year 3 children are preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent, so we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

St Joseph's Lenten Project 2023:

The Finance Committee have agreed that in the first

OFFERTORIES

18th / 19th February

Weekly Giving	£670.51
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£632.38
Total	£1302.89

CAFOD Earthquake Appeal: £1027.02 (Total)

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

instance we should turn our efforts towards the Syria / Turkey Earthquake Relief Fund, but in a particular way. We shall therefore be supporting the relief effort via UNICEF, thus focussing their work in both Syria and Turkey on the care and protection of children. There are details of the charity at the back of church, please take a Gift Aid Form if you are able to Gift Aid your donation when you bring it back over Lent. Please make cheques payable to St Joseph's Catholic Church, and mark the back "Lenten Project".

Homes For Ukraine Matching Service:

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

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.

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

Cupertino Group Masses:

Next Mass: **26th February 2023**, 3pm. St Joseph's Catholic Church, West Gate, Wetherby, LS22 6LL. Contact number: Fr Frank - 07850076926 Rosie - 07891951949. These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities.

A Lenten Day of Reflection:

Led by Fr Dennis Cassidy at the Briery, Ilkley entitled "A Journey through Lent in the footsteps of Jesus" on Friday 3rd March or Saturday 4th March. The day starts at 10am and ends approx. 3.30pm and includes morning coffee/homemade biscuits, a two course lunch and afternoon tea with cake. Offerings £40 per person. For further information and to book a place please contact Admin at The Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

Mary's Angels Parent and Baby/Toddler Group:

Join us at St. Robert's Centre, Robert Street, for friendship, fun and refreshments. All free! We are open on the first and third Monday of every month during term time from 1.30pm - 3.00pm. (i.e. 6th March; 20th March; 3rd April; 17th April). Any enquiries please call Katherine 01423 734828

Handmaids Women's Group:

Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 10th March 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

St Patrick's Day Parade:

The 2023 Leeds St Patrick's Day Parade is on Sunday, 12th March, leaving Millennium Square via Great George Street at 11.00am. Come along to take part and enjoy the festivities in Millennium Square from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Enquiries: stpatparadeleeds@gmail.com

Holy Land Talk and Afternoon Tea:

An illustrated slide talk by Mgr Kieran Heskin followed by a delicious afternoon tea on Sunday 12th March at 2pm organised by the Friends of the Briery and takes place at the Briery, Ilkley. Tickets are £12 per person and are available from Admin at the Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

Event For Aspiring Leaders in Catholic Schools:

An information session for Catholic teachers who are interested in leading in a catholic school to be held on Friday 17th March at Hinsley Hall, 1.30pm - 3.30pm. This session invites Catholic teachers who may wish to explore senior leadership in Primary and Secondary Catholic School over the next five years. For further information and to book a place please email Emma at education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Responding to the Cry of the Poor Today:

Come and hear Peggy Healy, a Central America expert, on a short speaking tour sponsored by the St Oscar Romero Trust. Tuesday 21 March@ 7:30pm, Leeds Trinity University. See the J&P website for full details and to reserve a place www.leedsjp.org.uk

Little Sisters of The Poor:

Race Night: Friday 31st March 2023, Mount St Joseph's, Headingley. First race at 7:30pm. Fish & Chips, Bar, Raffle. Tickets: £15 available from reception. Tel: 0113 278 4101.

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.)

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.

St Joseph's School Headteacher Vacancy:

Presently we have an Interim Headteacher, and now we are in a position to advertise for a substantive Headteacher for St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harrogate. Start date: September 2023. Closing date for applications: Monday, 13 March 2023, 12 noon. Further information: bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/trust-vacancies To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Angela Simpson, Office Manager a.simpson@stjosephsharrogate.org

SVP Job Vacancy:

Membership Support Officer in the Leeds Diocese. 15 hours per week, with some weekends and evenings. Home-based, but need to be able to travel. Travel expenses paid. More information from Lance Philpott, Head of Membership, lancep@svp.org.uk