

# This is Holy Week...

As we enter into this Holy Week, we are reminded of the ultimate service and sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, he showed us the way to eternal life and how to live a life of service and sacrifice.

The Gospels tells us that, on the night before Jesus' crucifixion, he gathered with his disciples to celebrate the Passover. During this meal, he took bread, blessed it, and broke it, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me." He then took the cup of wine, blessed it, and said, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." (Luke 22:19-20) These words of Jesus remind us of the sacrifice he made for us and the importance of service and sacrifice in our own lives.

As Catholics, we are called to live a life of service to others. Jesus himself taught us this through his words and actions. In Matthew 20:28, Jesus said, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus showed us the way to serve others through his healing, teaching, and ministering to those in need. As followers of Christ, we are called to imitate his example and serve those around us.

One of the ways we can serve others is through acts of charity. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) When we serve those in need, we are serving Jesus himself. This is especially important during Holy Week, as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us and the love he showed us through his service to others.

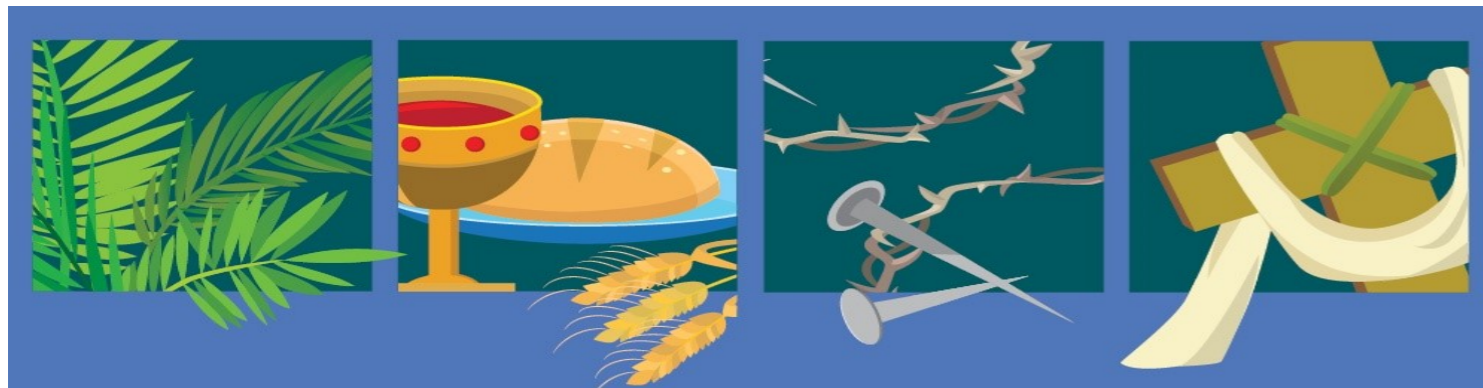
We are also called to sacrifice for others, just as Jesus did for us. In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) Jesus laid down his life for us, and we are called to do the same for others. This doesn't necessarily mean giving up our physical life, but it does mean giving up our own desires and putting the needs of others before our own.

During Holy Week, we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us through his death on the cross. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus' death was not in vain, but rather a means of salvation for all of humanity. Through his sacrifice, we are saved from our sins and given the opportunity to live a life of grace and love.

This is why the events of Holy Week are so important to our faith. We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, where he was greeted by crowds of people waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!" We remember the Last Supper, where Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist and taught us to serve others. We remember his agony in the garden, where he prayed to his Father and accepted his fate. We remember his trial and condemnation by the Roman authorities, where he was mocked and beaten. We remember his crucifixion on Good Friday, where he died for our sins. And finally, we remember his resurrection on Easter Sunday, where he conquered death and showed us the way to eternal life.

Through these events, we are reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and the importance of service and sacrifice in our own lives. As we journey through Holy Week, we are called to reflect on our own lives and how we can better serve others and sacrifice for their well-being. We are called to imitate Jesus.

May this indeed be an Holy Week!



Please remember to turn-off mobile phones before Mass begins...Thank you!



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



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*"Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty." Pope Francis.*

### SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday 2nd April 2023

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4.00pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Otylia Jakiel [LD])  
8.00am Mass (Donald & Betty MacCormick [RIP] / PARISH)  
11.00am Mass (Catherine McEvoy [B'day A])  
4.00pm An Hour Before the Cross

#### Tuesday 4th April

#### Tuesday in Holy Week

6.30pm Stations of the Cross  
7.00pm Mass (Matthew & Denise Power [Sp Int])

#### Wednesday 5th April

#### Wednesday in Holy Week

9.30am Mass (Ted Costar [RIP])

#### Thursday 6th April

#### Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, with Washing of Feet and Watch at the Altar of Repose (Cathie Mussett [A])

#### Friday 7th April

#### Good Friday

12.00noon Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

#### Saturday 8th April

#### Holy Saturday

**\*\*NB Time of Vigil Mass\*\***  
10.00am Świąconka (*The Blessing of Easter Baskets*)  
8.00pm The Easter Vigil (Jenny Roberts [6 Month's Mind])

#### Sunday 9th April 2023

#### Easter Sunday

8.00am Mass (PARISH)  
11.00am Mass (Billy & Grace Foster [Wedding Anniversary])

#### We Pray For...

In the suffering and death of Christ we see God's boundless love for us, so with confidence we pray:  
For Francis our Pope and Marcus our Bishop, that they may lead us into a deeper understanding of the Passion and Death of the Lord.

For peace in our world, that the people of our generation may follow the example of Christ and find peace through forgiveness and reconciliation.

For our response to our Lenten Project, that we may give joyfully and sacrificially, to help the children of Syria and Turkey.

For all gathered here to celebrate this Mass, that we may keep Holy Week well and so be drawn more deeply into the saving mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection.

For the sick and the suffering, the elderly and infirm, that they will experience the healing touch of Christ.

## 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: 1/2 April 2023 (Palm Sunday)

Vigil: See lists in Church  
8.00am See lists in Church  
11.00am See lists in Church

#### Next Weekend: 8/9 April 2023 (Easter Sunday)

Vigil: Sign up for lists in Church  
8.00am Sign up for lists in Church  
11.00am Sign up for lists in Church

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Raymond Thompson (RIP); Matthew & Denise Power (Sp Int); Malloy Family (RIP); Daly Family (Sp Int); Ruth Trollope (RIP).

### Holy Communion Under Both Kinds:

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales including Bishop Marcus, tell us that we can now, once again, receive the Lord in Holy Communion from the chalice as well as in the sacred host. We shall begin to restore this practice during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

To receive Holy Communion under both kinds still remains a personal decision of each Catholic. Only a celebrating priest is *obliged* to receive communion under both kinds at Mass. By the doctrine of concomitance, the body and blood of Christ are fully present in both elements of the Eucharist so full communion is to be had in either.

However, the Church teaches that the Eucharist "has a fuller sign when it takes place under both kinds, for in this form the sign of the eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord".

Please think and pray about whether you feel able to receive under both kinds, or continue as at present. There is no judgement attached to either decision!

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:

Please check duties, and sign up for any spaces you could fill for our Holy Week and Easter duties - Thank you!

### Holy Week & Easter at St Joseph's, Harrogate:

**Palm Sunday** - Weekend Masses as Normal with additional: 4.00pm Meditation and Music, a time of prayerful preparation for Holy Week.

**Tuesday 4th:** 7.00pm - Mass

**Wednesday 5th:** 9.30am - Mass

**Holy Thursday:** 7.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet, and Watch at the Altar of Repose until 9.00pm.

**Good Friday:** 12.00noon - Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm - The Liturgy

**Holy Saturday:** 10.00am - Święconka  
8.00pm - The Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday:** 8.00am - Mass  
11.00am - Mass

Please Note - Confessions should not be heard on Holy Saturday, for as from the Liturgy on Good Friday until the Easter Vigil Mass, the Church does not celebrate any sacraments. I will be available in Church on Good Friday from 11.00am until 11.45am to hear confessions.

### OFFERTORIES

25th / 26th March

Weekly Giving	£707.51
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£632.38
Total	£1339.89

UNICEF Lent Appeal Wk5:	£463.47
Total to date:	£1389.15

### Parish Banking Details:

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

### Meditation & Music: This Weekend:

"...could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 26:40-45)

An hour with Jesus in the garden...a time of prayer and reflection before the cross in preparation for Holy Week. 4.00pm on Palm Sunday afternoon - All are welcome.

### New Technology:

After many requests since the pandemic, we are entering the 21st Century with new ways of cashless giving. On the way into Church there is now an electronic "Dona" machine - and this enables people to make offerings to the Church using debit cards, apple-pay, google-pay etc. The interface is very simple - and has a number of differing funds to contribute to (Weekly Giving, Centenary Fund, Lenten Project and Votive Candles). How to use the Dona:

1. Select the fund you wish to support.
2. Select the amount you wish to donate (or enter your own particular amount).
3. Follow the instructions on-screen, and present your card (or device).
4. If it is possible to collect Gift Aid on the particular fund you chose, the machine will ask if you wish to Gift Aid the donation, and if so, then it will ask for your name, postcode and email address. A receipt will be emailed to you account straight away.

It is hoped that we will be able to regularly re-programme the machine to take account of the various Second Collections that come along throughout the year. The Dona machine is not a replacement for the existing methods of giving, but another way which some may find more convenient. All transactions are safe and secure using the latest Dona and Sum-up software. A Sum-up terminal is also available at the Piety Stall for cashless payments. Give it a go!!

### Weekly Giving Envelopes:

The new stock of Weekly Envelopes have arrived and have been labelled ready for collection. Please take yours! If you would like to give to the parish by this method, please speak with Rich Gundich or John Tweddle.

### St Joseph's Lenten Project 2023:

Thank you for your giving to our Lenten Project this year - this is the final push, before we are able to send off the monies to UNICEF in support of their work with Children and Young People in Syria and Turkiye. For up-to-date details of UNICEF's response please see: [www.unicef.org/emergencies/Syria-Turkiye-earthquake](http://www.unicef.org/emergencies/Syria-Turkiye-earthquake) Please make cheques payable to St Joseph's Catholic Church, and mark the back "Lenten Project". It is possible to use the Dona machine for this appeal (but Gift Aid declaration would need to be filled in separately).

### Recruitment of New Diocesan Lay Trustees:

Bishop Marcus is seeking to recruit additional Lay Trustees to join the Board of the Diocese of Leeds Trustee. The Board is hoping to secure the appointment of individuals in this round of recruitment with skillsets particularly in Catholic Education, Finance or Property, as well as Governance, Human Resources, Hospitality, Communications & Digital Media, Health & Safety. More information can be found at: [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

### Celebration of Married Life:

On Saturday 12th May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and send it to Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or email it to [bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) by Friday 28th April 2023.

### Pushchairs for Mothers in Need:

Recently St. Robert's hosted a successful event in support of needy mothers, through the Gianna programme at Catholic Care. We can help further by donating unwanted pushchairs to Gianna Baby Bank. If you can help please contact Agnes on 07710 524 662

### 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.

### Mary's Angels

**Parent / Grandparent, Baby and Toddler Group**  
Meet at St. Robert's Centre, Robert Street, every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 1.30-3pm during term time. All welcome for fun friendship and refreshments! All free! Next dates: Mondays: **April 3rd**, 17th; May 15th; June 12th; July 3rd, 17th. Any enquiries please call Katherine 01423 734828

### 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](http://www.tangney-tours.com) & follow links for Lourdes, Leeds. Booking forms will be arriving 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.)

### Catholic Care Parish Representatives:

Would you like to join our team of Catholic Care Parish Representatives? Help us to promote the work of Catholic Care and engage with your parishioners to find out how Catholic Care can support your parish. Please contact [michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk) or visit our website [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk) for more details.

### 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](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk)