



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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*"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others."
Pope Francis.*

Sunday 21st May 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (Paul Mettham [Sick])
8.00am Mass (PARISH)
11.00am Mass (Seamus McCaul [A])

Tuesday 23rd May

Weekday of Easter

7.00pm Mass (Roy & Dorothy Tucker [B'day Anniversaries])

Wednesday 24th May

Weekday of Easter

9.30am Mass (The Ladies on Bolton Ward [Sp Int])

Thursday 25th May

St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9.30am Mass (Mena Kiaie [LD])

Friday 26th May

Weekday of Easter

9.30am Mass (Peter Andronoswki [A])

Sunday 28th May 2023

Pentecost Sunday

4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Vigil Mass (Josephine Prince [90th B'day A])
8.00am Mass (Henry Walker [Sp Int])
11.00am Mass (PARISH)

Please Pray For:

With trust in the One who speaks to us from above and knows all our needs, we now pray:

For the Church, that all who make up the Body of Christ may be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and make God's presence known throughout the world.

For leaders of nations: that, illumined by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, they may seek after truth in all their actions and promote peace and justice among peoples.

For all who have been entrusted with the Word of the Lord That they may proclaim it without hesitation or fear.

For all work in communications; may they listen with understanding and speak truth from the heart.

For all of us who receive the news in whatever format; may we learn to discern the good news in all that we hear.

For the sick and the housebound, the broken and the bereaved, that they may be aware of Christ's loving presence with them.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send your Spirit upon us, that we may always be instruments of your love in the world. 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

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
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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: 20 / 21 May 2023

Vigil: I Morrill; R Currie (M Flanagan; E Durbin)
8.00am D Bovo; A Keith (V Burdon; J Walker)
11.00am A Roberts; J Tweddle (Pam Evans; C Hudson)

Next Weekend: 27 / 28 May 2023

Vigil: J Cooper; P Rochester (M Flanagan; P Durbin)
8.00am J Walker; A Leckanby (J Tweddle; M Hardacre)
11.00am G Warren; A Player (A Perry; A Roberts)



The Regina Coeli

**Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.

Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae.
Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Fr Bernard Meade (Sp Int); Ms Marie Meade (Sp Int); Henry Walker (Sp Int); Josephine Price (90th B'day A); Margaret Doherty (Sp Int); Ladies of Bolton Ward (Sp Int); Thanksgiving (MH); Mena Kiaie (LD); Eva & Stefan Novak (RIP); Steve, James & Christopher (Sp Int).

Piety Stall Raffle Results:

1st prize "Noah's Ark" - ticket number 157.
2nd prize "A Wall Plaque" - ticket number 76.
3rd prize "Childrens Prayer Book" - ticket number 15.
Please collect your prize from the Piety Stall - and thank you for your support! Cathy & Helen.

First Holy Communion Masses and Celebratory Breakfast:

The First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated on Saturday 10th June 2023. Please keep our Young People in your prayers as they approach this wonderful sacrament. On Sunday 11th June, the children will return to Church for the 11.00am Sunday morning Mass, and for a First Holy Communion Breakfast afterwards. Please note therefore, that on Sunday 11th June, we will not be able to offer the usual refreshments after Mass in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your understanding.

Gloria's Glorious Plant Sale:

Gloria will be holding a plant sale on Sunday 28th May after the Masses. If you would like her to make up a hanging basket for you, then speak with her beforehand - or bring a basket with you, and leave it with her! All proceeds to the Church Garden.

Bar Convent 50 Years Reunion:

(Upper 5 1971, Upper 6 1973) Did you leave the Bar Convent in upper 5 in 1971 or upper 6 in 1973? If so, this is for you! A 50 years' reunion afternoon tea has

OFFERTORIES

13th / 14th May

Weekly Offerings	£582.12
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£632.38
Total	£1214.50

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

been organised by Helen Nattrass and Polly Bryan (Pauline Goater) on 29th July at 1.30pm at the Bar Convent. Cost is £17 + booking fee. Tickets available on Eventbrite, or access the link via Former pupils of the Bar Convent FB page. We hope to see lots of you who shared our school years.

Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag:

Visitors Welcome! The Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag, Abbey Road, Knaresborough is now open (weather permitting) on Sundays 2-4pm until late September. We are looking for volunteers to help us maintain this beautiful site, and donations of money and plants following our recent wall renovations. Please visit www.ourladyofthecrag.org or find us on Facebook for more information or, if you are in a position to help, email us at contact@ourladyofthecrag.org Thank you.

Diocesan Blessed Sacrament Procession:

This Weekend: Sunday 21st May 2023, 3pm. Arrive at Hinsley Hall and you will be directed to the grounds of Mount St Joseph's for the beginning of the procession. Followed by BBQ and games for children. All welcome.

Leeds Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission:

Are you passionate about social justice? Faith and action for social justice go hand in hand. Is it time for you to do more? Come and join the Leeds Justice & Peace Commission to put your faith into action. See our website for more details www.leedsjp.org.uk

The York Catholic History Day:

Saturday 3rd June 2023, from 10.30am at The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom St, York YO24 1AQ. Cost: £17.50 per person (£8.50 for students) - includes tea and coffee. Lunch is available to buy in the Bar Convent café - please call 01904 464 910 to reserve a table. For enquiries or bookings, please contact Judith Smeaton at judith.smeaton@btinternet.com or 01904 704525.

Catholic Youth Work Training:

Facilitated by the Diocese of Leeds Youth Service, this introductory training is for anyone who works with young people, is interested in working with young people or anyone who just wants to find out more about Catholic Youth Work! The training will take place at Hinsley Hall on Monday 19th June 2023 from 7-9pm. The training is free but you must book a place by emailing: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Events at The Briery:

Jonathan Tulloch - A Reflection Upon Nature - the award-winning novelist and Tablet columnist Jonathan Tulloch will deliver a day of reflection at The Briery, Ilkley on Saturday 24th June.
Margaret Silf - Harvest Home - A day to reflect on the harvest of our lives, guided by scripture and story, on Wednesday 20th September.
For further information on either of these days please contact the Administrators on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

Catholic Charismatic Renewal:

CCR in England and Wales is organizing a big Conference called 'Overflow' in West Bromwich on the 1st July 2023. There is a coach that will be leaving from Holy Rosary, Chapeltown, Leeds, LS7 4BZ at 7.00am which costs £30 per head. For more information about the coach call 0798 377 6337.

The Universe Catholic Weekly:

The Universe is back in print as well as online from 19 May 2023. To subscribe for the paper to be sent direct to your home or for copies at the back of church, please contact michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or 07436 617650.

World Communications Day:

Bishop John Arnold, Lead Bishop for Communications for the Bishops' Conference, has spoken ahead of the 57th World Communications Day about Pope Francis' message as well as the need to embrace emerging technologies with an ethical mind, to ensure human beings don't suffer on the path to 'progress'. The theme for the day takes its inspiration from *Ephesians 4:15*, "Speaking with the heart. 'The truth in love'." Bishop Arnold says the search for truth helps us discover our true purpose: "Once we lose the truth in the media, then we can be led in all sorts of different directions. People can be condemned for things they haven't done or said, and we can be entirely distracted. If we're searching for the truth, then we've got that possibility of real purpose and progress. We've got to be able to identify fake news and put it to one side. It's very important that we are continually on guard to make sure that what we say is substantiated by the facts." But in our always-on digital world there is a certain 'din' as the Pope calls it. The challenge is to find those things of meaning and substance rather than doom-scrolling our way through superficial content.

"We've got to have those long-term objectives, those signposts that we can constantly use to measure so that we can see clearly... It's those simple principles like going back to the Gospel and asking, 'what's the most important commandment?' To love your Lord your God, with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. The second resembles it... to love your neighbour as yourself.

"How important it is that we've always got that sense of the good of others. In all our discussions and in our search for the truth, we must be careful not to persecute or damage other people when we're trying to find the way forward in our fast-developing world."

Talking about a fast-developing world, the ethical dimension to the speed of technological advance - especially in relation to the tools of information gathering and sharing - is a topic very much in the public gaze. The so-called 'godfather' of Artificial Intelligence, Geoffrey Hinton, quit his job at Google warning that AI chatbots are close to being "more intelligent than human beings". But machines are not humans. Other tech bosses in the US have admitted that regulation is essential to protect the public as AI develops. Almost 60 years ago, the Vatican II document on Social Communications *Inter Mirifica* was published. It encouraged the use of the emerging technologies of the time at the service of the Church's Gospel message. But there was a caveat: "The Church recognises that these media, if properly utilised, can be of great service to mankind, since they greatly contribute to entertainment and instruction as well as to the spread and support of the Kingdom of God. The Church recognises, too, that men can employ these media contrary to the plan of the Creator and to their own loss." The tension between the positives and negatives is not lost on Bishop John Arnold: "Modern means of technology are very important and how fortunate we are to have the science. But there are certain boundaries... We've got to be sure that we retain the ethics and the morality of good communication within our own thinking minds and not just leave it to a machine to tell us what things are and how truth is to be communicated. We must hold on to the limits of truth for ourselves."