



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"I see clearly that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity."
Pope Francis

Sunday 19th November 2023 **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Jack Blackburn [RIP] / Holy Souls)
8.00am Mass (PARISH / Holy Souls)
11.00am Mass (Andrew Maslaveckas [RIP] / Holy Souls)

Tuesday 21st November **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7.00pm Mass (Hayley Rowat [Birthday Thanksgiving] / HS)

Wednesday 22nd November **St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)

Thursday 23rd November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Mass (Frost & Clingan Family Departed / Holy Souls)

Friday 24th November **Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs**

9.30am Mass (Patricia Wiggins [LD] / Holy Souls)

Sunday 26th November 2023 **Christ the King**

4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Martin & Elaine Flanagan [50th W.A] / Holy Souls)
8.00am Mass (PARISH / Holy Souls)
11.00am Mass (Nick Antram [Sp Int] / Holy Souls)

Please Pray For:

'Well done, good and faithful servant, you have shown you have been faithful in small things'. With gratitude for God's gifts to us, let us pray, in faith, for our needs and the needs of our world.

For the Church, that as we await the coming of the Lord, we may be perfect in the service of Christ.

For all those in government, that they may show a preferential option for the poor in implementing their justice systems.

For all who struggle to find work, or enough work to meet their financial needs, that they will be treated with dignity and compassion.

For our parish community, that all we may all offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure in the service of others and the Church.

For all who are sick or housebound, and those who have recently been bereaved, that the Lord will bring them comfort and peace.

For all who are dying and for those who have passed from this life into the loving embrace of God, that they may hear those words of their Lord 'well done, good and faithful servant'.

Heavenly Father, you know each one of us and all our needs. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this 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: Valerie Clemerson 07815 976912

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
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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

Headteacher: Mrs G Delahay 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: 18 / 19 November 2023

Vigil: W Considine; C Devlin (E Durbin; D Olszewski)
8.00am: D Bovo; M Hardacre (J Tweddle; J Walker)
11.00am: A Roberts; J Tweddle (H Fletcher; P Fletcher)

Mass Next Weekend: 25 / 26 November 2023

Vigil: E Durbin; J Cooper (P Durbin; M Flanagan)
8.00am: J Walker; A Leckenby (V Burdon; M Hardacre)
11.00am: S Butters; Pam Evans (Pam Evans; Paul Evans)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Special Intention (AN); Nikola Kowalczyk (Sp Int).

Welcome & Thank you!

Welcome to Fr David Burke, Catholic Chaplain at the Army Foundation College, to offer both the Vigil and 8.00am Masses this weekend. Welcome back to Mgr Donal Lucey, who will be offering the 11.00am Mass - Sincere thanks to them both!

This Weekend:

In Memoriam: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." Join us for an hour of prayer and music whilst we remember and reflect on the light of our loved ones who are no longer with us. Sunday 19th November at 4.00pm. All Welcome.

First Sacraments 2023/24 - dates for your diary:

Please find below the dates for the celebration of the First Sacraments in the coming year. Details of Preparation sessions will follow.

Confirmation - Thursday 8th February 2024 - 7.00pm (for Year 6 children and above)

First Reconciliation - Thursday 21st March 2024 - 3 Services in the afternoon (for Yr 3 Children and above)

First Holy Communion - Saturday 8th June 2024 - 2 Masses during the day (for Year 4 Children and above)

Piety Stall Raffle Results:

Here are the winning ticket numbers - please collect your prize after Mass!
1-348; 2-311; 3-221; 4-244; 5-379; 6-350 (collected); 7-250. Thank you for supporting the Piety Stall Raffle!

Christmas Family Social - Save the Date!

On Thursday 14th December, we shall have our Christmas Family Social in our church hall from 6pm to 9pm. (Tickets are FREE, but places limited to 80) There will be a shared table, licenced bar, Christmas music provided by Tom, children's activities and good old carol singing for all!. Sign up sheets will be available from 19th November.

Christmas Hamper Squares:

Our hamper squares return this year and will be on sale this weekend, and are available after each of the Masses. Squares are £3 each, or two for £5! Donations of bottles (unopened!) and gifts to make up the hampers are very much appreciated and can be left at the Sacristy. Thank you!

News from the School:

Year 6 visited the Commonwealth Graves at Stonefall Cemetery. They were humbled to learn of so many stories of the young men who answered Britain's plea

OFFERTORIES

11 / 12 November 2023

Weekly Offerings	£506.93
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£632.38
Total	£1139.31

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

for help during WWII. It was a very reflective morning where we were filled with gratitude for the service and courage shown by these men. Linking to British Values, the School Council were very proactive in sharing the message of celebrating difference and individuality as the positive force against bullying. The Wellbeing Club leaders led two great sessions for both KS1 and KS2 - lots of singing, dancing and meditation activities were done. The Reading Club has continued and the children report to be enjoying this time of peace to get stuck into a book. Both years 3 and 5 have been learning the Maori Ceremonial Dance Haka in PE. The enthusiasm can be heard around school!

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal:

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Exhibition of the Holy Shroud of Turin Replica:

A full-size copy of the world-famous Shroud of Turin is coming to Leeds Cathedral. It will be on display from Sunday 12th - Thursday 30th November and will be available to view outside of service times. Free talks about the Shroud on 18th (12.40pm) and 27th November (2pm).

World Day of the Poor Resource:

Sunday 19th November 2023 is the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of not turning away. Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the elderly Tobit, who says to his son, "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7). Deacon Joe Cortis writes "The focus of this day is not fundraising, but encounter, accompaniment and change. Poverty must be seen not as just those with material needs but much more than this. CSAN has produced a resource in the form of a novena starting on Friday 10th. November. This can help us to prayerfully encounter in scripture God's constant care for those who are in various forms of poverty and to prompt in us a desire for more just relations in our communities." The resources can be found here: <https://www.csan.org.uk/guidance/world-day-of-the-poor-2023/>

Centenary Events Committee:

St Joseph's celebrates its Centenary in July 2025 and we are looking for volunteers to help organise the Centenary Events Programme. If you are willing to give some of your time to organise one or more events to help the Parish celebrate this important milestone please contact Fr Stephen or John Tweddle.

Centenary Project Research:

Are you interested in family and social history research? If so we have an interesting challenge for you. We launched our Centenary Project to repair, restore and conserve the beautiful stained glass windows in St Joseph's earlier this year. The first step was to get the York Glaziers Trust (YGT) to update their survey and report first carried out in 2016. We are now proceeding to get quotes for the work they recommend. The YGT Report draws attention to one

of the most striking features of our stained glass is that they are all works carried out by female artists of female subjects, for female clients and in memory of the women in their families. There is quite a bit of the family history of both the artists and the families who commissioned the works, but we would like to know more and of their connections to St Joseph's. We would like to make more of this remarkable feminist connection as part of our Centenary Project. It would make for strong interest alongside the history and stained glass of our lovely church and could be used as part of our publicity to raise funds from across Harrogate and District. If you are interested in helping with this work please contact John Tweddle for further information.

Marian Morning of Prayer for Peace:

On Saturday 25th November 2023 10.00am Led by Father May at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Maltby, Morrell Street, S55 7LH. For further information call Helga Rushton on 563115 or mob. 0789 142 9092

Advent Days of Reflection & Retreat at the Briery:

'Advent - a Journey with Mary, Mother of God' A day of reflection in preparation for the busy-ness of the Christmas season, led by Fr. Dennis Cassidy on Saturday 2nd December. £40pp to include all refreshments and a home-cooked two-course lunch.

Advent Preached Retreat:

"See, I am doing something New!" (Isaiah 43:19) Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp will lead a weekend retreat welcoming the Ever-Coming God who makes all things new. Dec 8th - 10th at The Briery, Ilkley. To for either event, or to find out more: www.briery.org.uk email admin@briery.org.uk or telephone 01943 607287.

Festive Fundraiser for Mind:

The Italian Community, *La Buona Notizia*, is inviting you all on Sunday the 3rd of December 2023, to a Christmas event at St Joseph's Hall, Harrogate, to begin after Refreshments after Mass and run until 3.00pm. There will be music, drinks, food, tombola, raffles and entertainment. Proceeds in aid of *Mind* in the Harrogate District.

The Trinity Conference 2024:

Reawakening the Catholic Vision - Saturday 17th February 2024, 9.00am-5.00pm, Leeds Trinity University, LS18 5HD. How can the Catholic Church understand and respond to an increasingly disaffiliated and disengaged generation? What is the future of our Catholic parishes, schools, homes, catechesis and the common good? TC24 will explore the contextual climate of our Western, 'post-Christendom' society, and the implications this has for the Church's mission today. To book or for more info, email: h.hayward@leedstrinity.ac.uk

Aid to the Church in Need Pilgrimage:

Travel the pilgrim paths of the early church in Durham, Lindisfarne, Escomb, Ruthwell and Jarrow with Saints Cuthbert and Bede. Including reflections on the persecuted Church of today and history of the early church led by our pilgrim historian Suze Mathews who specialises in Anglo-Saxon history and by Fr Jeremy Howard. Opportunities for communal prayer of the Divine Office, daily Mass and devotions. 22nd - 27th July 2024. More information and booking email Teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org