



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



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*"He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the fulfilment of history.  
In his death and resurrection, Jesus will show himself as the Lord of history,  
the King of the universe, the Judge of all." Pope Francis*

## 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)

## Tuesday 28th November

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm Mass (Valeria Burdon [Sp Int] / Holy Souls)

## Wednesday 29th November

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass (Nikola Kowalczyk [Sp Int] / Holy Souls)

## Thursday 30th November

### St Andrew, Apostle

9.30am Mass (Tom Murray [1st A] / Holy Souls)

## Friday 1st December

### Weekday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass (Martin & Elaine Flanagan [50th W.A])

## Sunday 3rd December 2023

### First Sunday of Advent



4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Damian Hough [LD])  
8.00am Mass (PARISH)  
11.00am Mass (Special Intention [AN])

### **Please Pray For:**

Let us turn to God our Father, the source of all that is good, asking him, with humble hearts, for all that we need to live in his light.

For the Church, that our belief in Christ as King will lead us to value the things of God's kingdom more than the things of earth.

For all whose lives are torn apart by warfare and violence, we pray for peace in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and all other parts of our troubled world.

For all who lack food, water, shelter and clothing, that those who have an abundance will share willingly and generously with those who have little or nothing.

For the unemployed, the addicted and the abused, that they may find hope and help through faith and the generosity of those who care.

For young people in the world who do not know friendship and the love of a family, that their hearts will be touched by the love of Jesus through the positive action of others.

For all the sick and housebound, that the Word of God may be a constant source of comfort and strength in their lives.

Heavenly Father, look upon us, your servants, and hear these prayers we make in faith, that we may dedicate our lives to serving you in all those who need our care. We ask this through the King of all, Jesus 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  
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

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: 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 Next Weekend: 2 / 3 December 2023

Vigil: C Antram; P Durbin (E Durbin; P Rochester)  
8.00am: A Keith; D Bovo (A Hainsworth; J Walker)  
11.00am: C Bohills; A Roberts (A Roberts; C Hudson)

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Tom Murray (1st A); Valeria Burdon (Sp Int).

### This Weekend:

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Diocesan Youth Service at the end of each of the weekend's Masses, and there is a special button programmed into the Dona machine for electronic donations. There are leaflets available at the back of Church, highlighting the work of our Diocesan Youth Service, please take one with you. A special welcome on this Youth Sunday, to the Brownies who will parade at the 11.00am Mass.

### Christmas Hamper Squares:

Our hamper squares are on sale before and after this weekends 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!

### CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal:

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://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.

### News from the School:

Last Friday, Year 6 had a lovely trip to Everyman to watch 'Puss in Boots: The Last Wish' as part of the *Into Film Festival*. The children are now completing great work on PSHE from this. Well done to Y1 who confidently led their class assembly on the human body and well done to Reception for sitting through the whole of it on Friday. The children are superstars and we are very proud of them. We are all looking forward to their nativity performances. Y1 have been to the National Railway Museum this week and have had a super time. Our children have truly embraced our sponsored Reading Bingo. Children have been reading to pets, reading whilst wearing hats, pyjamas, reading outside and even singing the words to a book. Thank you to all those who have sponsored and took part. Please see our school Twitter for photos of all the exciting learning taking place across our school.

### Reading Volunteers for School:

The school are hoping for two more volunteers to listen to children read – this way each class will have a volunteer to help build relationships and further develop

### OFFERTORIES

18 / 19 November 2023

Weekly Offerings	£534.30
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£632.38
Total	£1166.68

### Parish Banking Details:

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

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the love of reading. Please contact the school if you would like to offer your time.

### Catholic Care Prayer Cards:

This year Catholic Care are celebrating 160 years, 1863 to 2023. To mark the occasion we have a special prayer card which is available at the back of Church. Please join in our celebrations and pray with us so we can continue to be alongside those in need.

### 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).

### Eucharistic Healing Service:

Tuesday 28th November, 7pm, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (52 Otley Old Rd, Leeds, LS16 6HW). This will be a beautiful opportunity to pray for healing for yourself or others, whether physical, psychological or spiritual. Remember Jesus is alive and miracles can and do happen! Everyone is welcome, including non-catholics and those of no faith - all that is needed is an openness to Jesus.

### 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.

### Cupertino Group Masses:

3rd December, 3pm. St Joseph's Catholic Church, West Gate, Wetherby, LS22 6LL. Contact number: Fr Frank - 07850 076926 Rosie – 07891 951949. These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities.

### Carol Service, Leeds Trinity University:

Carols by candlelight on Monday 4th December at 7.00pm in the Chapel including performances from the Leeds Trinity University Chapel Choir and Mount St Mary's Catholic High School. Complimentary mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards. For more information and to book visit: [www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/events](http://www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/events)

### Information Event on the Permanent Diaconate:

A Zoom event for those who feel they might have a calling to the Permanent Diaconate or just want to know more about this ministry, Wednesday 6th December, 8pm. For further information and Log-in details or for a conversation about the Permanent Diaconate please contact: [david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or call 07742 418979.

### 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](http://www.briery.org.uk) email [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk) or telephone 01943 607287.

### 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.

### Leeds Cathedral Advent Day of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 19th December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:Teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org)

### Gospel Meditation:

Each Thursday evening The Briery host a meditation via Zoom focusing on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and provide an opportunity for shared reflection in small groups. Meditation begins at 7.30pm and the 'doors' are open from 7.15pm for a welcome and chat. All are welcome. To register for the link to join, please contact the administrators on 01943 607287 or email [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

### 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)