



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."
Pope Francis

Sunday 10th December 2023 **Second Sunday of Advent**



4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Nancy Dewar-Somerville [A])
8.00am Mass (PARISH)
11.00am Mass (Thanksgiving [Life & Blessings])

Tuesday 12th December

Advent Weekday

7.00pm Mass (Jim McBride [2nd A])

Wednesday 13th December

St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9.30am Mass (Karl Smith [Sp Int])

Thursday 14th December

St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9.30am Mass (Tom Craig [LD])

Friday 15th December

Advent Weekday

9.30am Mass (Hannah & Joe Toland [Sp Int])

Sunday 17th December 2023 **Third Sunday of Advent**



4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Danny & Marie; Connors; Joyce; Atkinson & Smith Families)
8.00am Mass (PARISH)
11.00am Mass (Helen Harvey [Sp Int])

Please Pray For:

As we await the return of our Saviour, Jesus, we bring to the Father our prayers and concerns for the world, the Church and ourselves:

For Pope Francis and all who exercise authority in the Church, that their efforts may inspire us to walk in the ways of the Lord.

For governments and world leaders, that the Advent message of hope will move them to renew their efforts for peace and justice. We pray especially for peace in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and all other places marred by warfare.

For refugees, migrants and outcasts, that they may receive food, shelter and a generous welcome in their time of need.

For our own parish community, that we may find Advent to be a time of renewal and grace.

For all who have lost their way in the wilderness of desperation, that God will strengthen them with truth and lead them home.

For all who are bereaved and those who are sick or suffering: that the love of Christ will bring them comfort and hope.

Gracious and loving God, we bring our prayers before you. Teach us to be patient and to trust in you always. 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
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: 9 / 10 December 2023

Vigil: R Currie; V Clemerson (D Olszewski; P Durbin)
8.00am: A Leckenby; J Walker (M Hardacre; V Burdon)
11.00am: P Fletcher; S Butters (Paul Evans; B Gotting)

Mass Next Weekend: 16 / 17 December 2023

Vigil: P Rochester; W Considine (E Durbin; M Flanagan)
8.00am: D Bovo; A Leckenby (J Tweddle; J Walker)
11.00am: H Fletcher; C Bohills (A Perry; P Fletcher)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Mr & Mrs E F Costar (RIP); Tom Craig (LD); Catherine McEvoy (A); Karl Smith (Sp Int).

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 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!

Christmas Poinsettias:

The Flower Team would be grateful to receive gifts of Poinsettias (either Red or Pink) for use in the Christmas Flowers. Please bring any donations of plants from the weekend of 16th / 17th December. Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Funeral Arrangements This Week:

Wednesday 13th December, 11.00am:

Joint Requiem Mass for **John & Eileen Brennan**.

Friday 15th December, 11.15am:

Requiem Mass for **Charles Ward**.

News from the School:

Year 5 led a very reverent Advent worship on Monday where the Mini Vinnies were invited to speak of our social responsibility to aid those in need – namely Friends of the Holy Land, our Advent charity. The children have responded full heartedly with eager participation in the games and activities of our Christmas Fair. We have welcomed further Advent preparations with the joy of Reception's Nativity performance. The children were a credit to the school and their Y6 buddies were particularly enchanted by their show. We look forward to the Y1 and Y2 performance in the coming week. Please do come and join us if you would like to feel the Christmas spirit. Y1 and 2 are performing on Wednesday 13th December at 14:00 and Thursday 14th December at 09:30. The following week we have the brilliance of Year 5 showcasing their finest acting and singing in their Pantomime. Please do come and watch – there are two performances on Wednesday 20th December at 14:00 and 18:00. At all times, there will be a collection for Friends of the Holy Land where we are hoping to show

OFFERTORIES

2 / 3 December 2023

Weekly Offerings	£388.96
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£632.38
Total	£1021.34

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

great faith in action through the generous charity of our community.

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.

Festive Fundraiser for Mind:

The Italian Community, *La Buona Notizia*, I would like to thank everyone who braved the snowy weather last weekend to help them celebrate and raise the grand sum of £785 for Mind in Harrogate. A wonderful time was had by all - and the hard work certainly paid off! Thanks to everyone who took part.

Polish Friendship Group:

Join the Polish friendship group on Sunday 10th December from 4pm – 6pm in the church hall to make a beautiful advent wreath for your home. You will need to bring your own materials such as fresh foliage, baubles, a ribbon, candle/s, other materials you want to decorate your wreath with and a dish you want to arrange your creation in. While you are making your wreath, Enjoy freshly made cakes and the company of others. Have a question? Please call Malgosia on 07539 276304

Advent Reconciliation Service at St Roberts:

You are warmly invited to attend the Advent service of Reconciliation at St Roberts, Harrogate on Wednesday 13th December at 7.00pm. After a short welcome, 4 or 5 priests will be available to hear confessions.

Revelation:

The Youth Service's monthly event for young people in Years 8-13 will be taking place on Thursday 14th December at Hinsley Hall, 5:30-7:30pm. It will be an evening of prayer, music, games, fellowship and more as we focus on the theme of 'Hope'. For further information, email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Christmas Family Social:

On Thursday 14th December, we shall have our Christmas Family Social in our church hall from 6pm to 9pm. (Tickets are FREE, but limited to 80) There will be a shared table, licensed bar, Christmas music provided by Tom, children's activities and good old carol singing for all!. There are still a few tickets left - please sign up!

Listening to the Signs of the Times:

The Diocesan J&P Commission invite you to come and share your social justice concerns, reflect on the signs of Hope that we see and discern what further actions about social justice we should be taking. Saturday 16th December. Wheeler Hall. All welcome. Lunch will be provided so please register to attend on their website www.leedsjp.org.uk 11am-1pm

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.

Carol Service & Solemn Benediction:

Scarthingwell Church LS24 9PH - The Rudgate Singers will lead a Traditional Carol Service concluding with Solemn Benediction on Sat 23rd Dec 3.30pm at All welcome.

Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care:

The Diocese, in association with The Briery Retreat Centre, now has a small core leadership team of trained Grief Companions and several parishes now have trained Bereavement Ministers. This is a ministry of accompaniment, not counselling. We encourage parishes to support the development of small teams to accompany the bereaved to support and help them process their grief. We offer ongoing support and special events to everyone who completes the Grief Companions training. Our next training sessions are six Zoom sessions lasting 1.1/2 hours from 6.30pm to 8pm. The dates are Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th January and 5th, 12th February. There is no cost for this training. For further information and to book a place please contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or email epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Catholic Care Vacancies:

Various paid roles and volunteer opportunities currently advertised including Senior Residential Childcare Worker and School Social Worker. For further details of individual roles, and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies/> or call 0113 3885400.

Advent & Christmas 2023 at St Joseph's

Saturday 16th December 2023

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
11.00am - 12.00noon & 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Thursday 21st December

6.30pm Carol Service & Children's Nativity

Advent IV (Sunday 24th December 2023)

5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass
8.00am Parish Mass

Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th December 2023)

5.30pm Children's Vigil Mass of Christmas
7.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
11.30pm Carols leading into Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (Monday 25th December 2023)

12.00am Midnight Mass
8.00am Mass of Christmas Day
11.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th December 2023

Mass each day at 12.00noon

The Holy Family - Sunday 31st December 2023

Weekend Masses as normal

Mary, Mother of God - Monday 1st January 2024

12.00noon Mass

The Epiphany - Sunday 7th January 2024

Weekend Masses as normal

A warm welcome awaits you here at St Joseph's

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First Sacraments - Confirmation:

Bishop Marcus will be coming to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates (Year 6 and above) on **Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7.00pm**

Parents Meeting:

Wednesday 17th January at 6.00pm (Church)

Preparation Sessions: need to attend all 3!!!

Saturday 20th January 10.00am until 2.00pm (Hall)
Saturday 27th January 10.00am until 2.00pm (Hall)
Saturday 3rd February 10.00am until 2.00pm (Hall)