



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"Baptism is the best gift we have received. Through it, we belong to God and we possess the joy of salvation." Pope Francis.

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th January 2024	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Margaret Rose Gilroy [10th A])
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Christopher Antram [Sp Int])
Tuesday 16th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	7.00pm Mass (Anne Murray [1st A])
Wednesday 17th January	St Anthony, Abbot
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Thursday 18th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>
	9.30am Mass (For the Unity of All Chrstians)
Friday 19th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Sunday 21st January 2024	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Jakob Lumanze [7th Birthday])
	8.00am Mass (John Utting [B'day A] / PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Bernard Frost [A])

Please Pray For:

With confidence in the Father's generous love for us we now turn to him with our prayers.

For the Church that She, who has received life and love from God, may be active as an instrument of unity amongst all Christians.

For our world, that the peoples of every land, culture and faith may enjoy secure and lasting peace.

For Christians and those facing persecution for their belief in God, that they may be strengthened by God's Holy Spirit and kept in faith.

For individuals, groups or movements that promote war and conflict, that Christ, the Prince of Peace, might turn hearts to a culture of life.

For our own parish community that we may always give a generous and open welcome to all who search for truth.

For all who are sick or housebound, elderly or bereaved, that they may know Christ's comfort and peace.

Gracious God, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accord with your will for us. We ask this in his name, Christ Jesus 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: 13 / 14 January 2024

Vigil: P Allinson; R Rouse (E Durbin; P Rochester)
8.00am: M Hardacre; C Currie (J Tweddle; J Walker)
11.00am A Player; C Antram (Paul Evans; Pam Evans)

Mass Next Weekend: 20 / 21 January 2024

Vigil: C Devlin; A Player (M Flanagan; P Durbin)
8.00am: A Leckenby; M Hardacre (J Walker; V Burdon)
11.00am J Tweddle; B Grindrod (A Perry; A Roberts)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Seamus McCaul (x2); Georgina McCaul (x2);
Constance Stackhouse (A); Jakob Lumanze (7th
Birthday); Otylia Jakiel (RIP); Max Anderson (Birthday).

This Week:

Sacrament of Confirmation - Parents' Meeting:

If your child is in Year 6 (or above) and has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to do so, then please attend the meeting this Wednesday evening at 6.00pm in Church. This meeting is primarily for Parents, but of course the candidates are most welcome to attend.

At this meeting we will distribute resources for the course, and if you are able, then a donation of £10 per child is requested to cover the beautifully produced resource pack. Thank you!

The Preparation Sessions to follow are:

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)

Attendance at all three is essential. Thank you.

Crib Offerings 2023:

This Year's Crib Offerings totalled almost £900 - Thank you for your generous response to this appeal for help.

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!

St Joseph's Lenten Project 2024:

Suggestions are invited for a suitable charity for us to support as a parish throughout Lent 2024. At a previous Finance Committee meeting, we took advice from the Diocesan Financial Controller to ask which charities are now permissible for us to support, under Charities' Law - he has advised us that although a charity does not need to be of Roman Catholic origin, it does need to be in line with Roman Catholic Social and Moral teaching - and not be political. If you would like to suggest a suitable charity for us to support this year, please send a letter with information of no more than one side of A4 paper, to me at the Presbytery, and the Finance Committee will consider all applications. The closing date for these submissions is Sunday 28th January 12.00noon. Thank you.

OFFERTORIES

6 / 7 January 2024

Weekly Offerings	£403.82
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£780.68
Total	£1184.50

Poor Missions	£222.55
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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

Poor Missions Fund Collection:

Thank you for your contributions last week - I am sorry that the button on the Dona Machine was not visible, I have rectified the issue, and if you would still like to make a contribution to the Poor Missions via Dona, then it is possible to do so this weekend. Thank you!

Deepening Our Faith with Lectio Divina:

Every Tuesday night at St Joseph's in Bilton, Harrogate. The course aim is to help people deepen their faith in the Lord and grow in relationship with him. You are all welcome to join us. The course starts at 7:30pm and there is no cost to take part, however you will need to bring your own bible. For more information, please e-mail Val at vmese@hotmail.co.uk

Eucharistic Healing Service:

Thursday 18th January, 7pm, St Mary's Catholic Church (Broadgate Lane, LS18 4AG). 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.

Disability Help:

Connecting with parish life or with our Diocese can be more difficult when one is living with disability, housebound because of illness, or when one is a carer or parent of someone who lives with disability or special needs. Living with a disability could mean having a physical, learning or sensory disability, autism, dementia, a mental health condition, or other difficulty. Every parish is our 'first home' and the place where we should feel welcomed and that we belong!

Please speak to your priest or email disabilityhelp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk - we can help you connect with someone in our Diocese, or in your local parish community, who may be able to help or advise you. With your permission, we can ask them to contact you directly.

Where Is Your Parish Going? – Workshop Days

The Youth and Lifelong Faith Formation Office of the Vicariate for Education would like to invite you to a day exploring the future of our parishes and what it means to be part of a thriving parish! Our input is sourced from the recent Catholic Parish Summit Webinar 'Thriving or Closing: Where is your parish going?' – find the full webinar here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfO_wAhMv0w

The day will be hosted twice, repeated on two Saturdays, both 10:00am to 3:30pm. The first day that has been organised will take place on Saturday 27th January 2024 at St Benedict's, Garforth, LS25 1PX. The second will take place on Saturday 3rd February at a venue which is yet to be confirmed. Each day will begin with Mass and then the future of our parishes will be explored in discussion groups and directed workshops. The day is free to attend and, although tea and coffee will be provided, participants are asked to bring their own packed lunch. For more information and to book contact us at formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

The Trinity Conference 2024:

Reawakening the Catholic Vision:

Saturday 17 February, 9.00am-5.00pm, Leeds Trinity University, LS18 5HD. What is the future of our Catholic parishes, schools and homes, when much of what we see appears in decline? TC24 will explore the implications that our Western, 'post-Christendom' society has for the Church's mission today. More info at www.trinityconference.co.uk and bookings by 9th February and or email: h.hayward@leedstrinity.ac.uk

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.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s):

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 16-18 February 2024

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Medjugorje 2024 Pilgrimage:

5th - 12th June 2024, Flight Leeds Bradford – Split, Hotel - Villa Grace
Half board including transfers and guide £695 per person (single room supplement £145). Please contact Richard on 07970 198096 or Katherine on 01423 734828 for further details

Please pray for all our Young People who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Please pray for their parents, carers and families who have brought them to this day, and pray that they will be strengthened in the practice of their faith.