



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



**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
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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

<b>Sunday 21st January 2024</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 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])
<b>Tuesday 23rd January</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 7.00pm Mass (Aleksandra Olszenska [Sp Int])
<b>Wednesday 24th January</b>	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> 9.30am Mass (Umberto Burdon [Birthday Thanksgiving])
<b>Thursday 25th January</b>	<b>The Conversion of St Paul</b> <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends</i> 9.30am Mass (Pat Salmon [LD])
<b>Friday 26th January</b>	<b>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</b> 9.30am Mass (Vicky & Joe Billington [RIP])
<b>Sunday 28th January 2024</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions 5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Constance Stackhouse [A]) 8.00am Mass (Fr John Carlisle [Sp Int] / PARISH) 11.00am Mass (Otylia Jakiel [RIP])

### **Please Pray For:**

Jesus shows us the love of God our Father. With confidence in that love we turn to him with our prayers:

For the Church – for Pope Francis and Bishop Marcus, that, under their guidance, we may give witness to all peoples with our generosity and faithfulness.

For our world, that those whose decisions shape others' lives may act for peace with humility, integrity and justice.

For all who face persecution on account of their faith, that they may know the closeness of the kingdom and be kept in safety and peace.

For all whose lives are consumed by worldly desires, that they may have the discernment to know what is of real and lasting value.

For ourselves that, mindful of the many blessings we have received, we may be generous in our service to others.

For all who are sick or housebound, elderly or infirm, that they will know the healing touch of Jesus in their lives.

Heavenly Father, you know each one of us and all our needs. Help us always to recognise, and respond to, your call. 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: 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 Next Weekend: 27 / 28 January 2024

Vigil: J Cooper; I Morrill (E Durbin; P Rochester)  
8.00am: D Bovo; A Leckenby (J Tweddle; M Hardacre)  
11.00am Pam Evans; Alicia Player (H Fletcher; P Fletcher)

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Philip Mackay (RIP); Pat Salmon (LD); Owen Shaw (RIP); Elfriede Erna Dora Nokes; Umberto Burdon (Birthday Thanksgiving); Linda McConnellogue (RIP); Vicky & Joe Billington (RIP).

### Sacrament of Confirmation:

Thank you to all who attended last week's Parents' Meeting - the preparation sessions have now begun, and the remaining two are:

Saturday 27th January 10.00am until 2.00pm (Hall)

Saturday 3rd February 10.00am until 2.00pm (Hall)

Attendance at all three remains essential. Thank you.

### Palm Crosses:

There is a box at the back of Church where you may deposit any old palm crosses which will be burned to make the ash for the Ash Wednesday Masses. 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.

### School News:

The school staff hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are all very excited to start this new term and warmly welcome everyone back to St Joseph's family. We are keen that all pupils are happy to return and enjoy together all the benefits that being part of St Joseph's school family brings. The staff are looking forward to re-establishing our nurturing and caring relationships with our families and our focus virtue for the first few weeks of term is 'Faith'. We are also further embedding our Catholic social teaching looking at different ways our children can support our community for the common good. St Bede House are leading the way during HT3 being their turn to support Harrogate Foodbank with donations of food and toiletries. Our Mini Vinnies are also in the planning stage of Lenten ideas. They will be sharing their ideas with the rest of school soon.

### OFFERTORIES

13 / 14 January 2024

Weekly Offerings	£536.92
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£780.68
Total	£1317.60

Poor Missions	£257.55
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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*

### 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

### 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](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. For more information and to book contact us at formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

### Solemn Mass for Candlemas:

Friday 2nd Feb - accompanied by simple polyphony and chant led by the Rudgate Singers at the historic Church of the Immaculate Conception, Lakeside, Scarthingwell, Nr. Tadcaster, LS24 9PH, 7.30pm. All welcome.

### Italian Carnival:

The Italian Community would like to invite everyone to an afternoon of music, dance and fun. The traditional Carnival Party, will take place on Sunday the 4th of February between 3pm and 5pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. Fancy dress is encouraged, but not essential. There will be a price for best mask! Food and drinks will be provided. Tickets: £5 for Adult and £3 for Children. Contact Val for more details at vmese@hotmail.co.uk

### Information Event on The Permanent Diaconate:

There will be a meeting at Hinsley Hall on the morning of Saturday 10th February for those who feel they might have a calling to the Permanent Diaconate or just want to know more about this ministry. For more information and for booking a place at this meeting contact:

Deacon David Arblaster on 07742418979. or email david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

### Bake-Sale Fundraiser:

Join us in the church hall after 11am Mass on Sunday 11th February to indulge in sweet delights made by the Polish community. All proceeds will go towards renovating the stained glass windows in our church. We are still in need of cakes and helpers on the day. If you would like to be involved please contact Gosia Smith on 07539276304 or gosia.smith70@sky.com

### 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](http://www.trinityconference.co.uk) and bookings by 9th February and or email: [h.hayward@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:h.hayward@leedstrinity.ac.uk)

### 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](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://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

### Refugee Support Worker:

Horsforth Chaplaincy Project Refugee Support Worker post. Fixed term 15 months - ideally starting 1st March 2024. 2 days equivalent a week - 15 hours, to be worked flexibly. Home based. Link for more information and application details: <https://www.horsforthchurchestogether.co.uk/parttime-refugee-support-worker-post-15-hrs/>

### 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 & emergency shelter.

*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.*