



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 28th January 2024	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	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])
Tuesday 30th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	7.00pm Mass (Linda McConnellogue [Sp Int])
Wednesday 31st January	St John Bosco, Priest
	9.30am Mass (Owen Shaw [RIP])
Thursday 1st February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Friday 2nd February	The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)
	9.30am Mass (Fr Bernard Andrade [LD])
Sunday 4th February 2024	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (John Hough [A])
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Kate Button [Sp Int])

Please Pray For:

The Apostle Paul urges us 'to give our undivided attention to the Lord'. Let us now turn to him in prayer, for our needs and the needs of the world:

For the Church, that our bishops may faithfully proclaim the gospel with authority, making a deep impression on all who hear them.

For the world, that our concerns about money may not distract us from the needs of the poor and the underprivileged.

For those parts of our world still in the grip of racial tensions, that there will be a greater understanding that all people are created as equals and in the image and likeness of God.

For all those who struggle, or who require extra support because of physical, spiritual or mental health needs, that they will always be treated with dignity and respect.

For our own community, that, as disciples united in communion with Christ, we may also be one in witness, service and mission.

For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will be comforted and strengthened by the knowledge of God's love.

Gracious God, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant that we may draw closer to you each day. 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: 27 / 28 January 2024

Vigil: J Cooper; I Morrith (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 Next Weekend: 3 / 4 February 2024

Vigil: P Durbin; P Allinson (D Olszewskil; M Flannagan)
8.00am: J Walker; D Bovo (A Hainsworth; V Burdon)
11.00am A Roberts; J Tweddle (Pam Evans; Paul Evans)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

John Hough (A); Fr Bernard Andrade (LD).

Sacrament of Confirmation:

The Preparation continues apace - and the final session is on Saturday 3rd February 10.00am until 2.00pm (Hall). The Service of Confirmation will take place on Thursday 8th February at 7.00pm. Because of limited space in Church, and the number of candidates, attendance will be by invitation only - however the service should be live-streamed on our YouTube channel. Thank you for your understanding.

Palm Crosses:

There is a basket 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 (THIS WEEKEND!). Thank you.

School News:

We are always looking for different ways to enrich the children's learning experiences in school through educational visits, enrichment through visitors to school or various clubs.

Last week, the children in KS2 took part in a Spaceship Earth webinar where they learned about satellites: how they are launched into orbit and the different jobs they have. They were quite stunned to learn about the amount of 'space junk' orbiting the Earth. Luckily, there are satellites whose job it is to capture the junk and burn it off in the atmosphere.

The children are enjoying a range of lunchtime clubs, there is Book Club, Wellbeing Club and now we have the exciting launch of Computing Club and Chess Club. You may have also noticed orienteering markers positioned around school - these have been installed using some of the Sports Premium Funding to support

OFFERTORIES

20 / 21 January 2024

Weekly Offerings	£678.20
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£780.68
Total	£1458.88

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

outdoor learning which encourages physical activity across the curriculum. There is a launch day in February which we are very excited about.

Reading the Bible:

This is a short introductory course during Lent on the nature of the Bible that may interest those who are reading in church, or anyone else. There will be 5 sessions in St Joseph's Hall at 7pm on Thursdays, beginning on 22 February. It will be given by Dr Geoffrey Turner, now retired but formerly Head of Theology at Leeds Trinity University. A sheet in the noticeboard will give a brief idea of the content. The idea is to give an overall sense of what the Bible is, what's in it, its historical background, leading to a more detailed look at the Passion Narratives.

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.

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 prize 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

Cupertino Group Masses:

Next Mass: 4th February, 3pm. St Joseph's Catholic Church, West Gate, Wetherby, LS22 6LL. Contact number: Fr Frank - 0785 007 6926 Rosie - 0789 195 1949. These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities.

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 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 and bookings by 9th February and or email: h.hayward@leedstrinity.ac.uk

Walk in Father Brown's Footsteps!

Pilgrimage for Priestly Vocations: Saturday 16th March 2024 following the route over Ilkley Moor taken 120 years ago when GK Chesterton first met Fr John O'Connor (the Diocese of Leeds priest who was the inspiration for 'Fr Brown'). Starts at St Anne's, Keighley and ends with Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary, Ilkley. More details here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/walking-towards-the-jubilee-in-father-browns-footsteps/>

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

Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Friday 5th - Thursday 11th July 2024. Bookings will be opening in the next few weeks and can be made either online or by telephone with the tour operator. Assisted pilgrims needing support please complete medical forms before booking with the tour operator (please contact stephturner100@gmail.com for medical form) All pilgrims who have travelled with us previously, will receive information from the tour operator. Information can also be found on the Diocesan website. We welcome new volunteers, particularly nurses and we are in need of a GP for 2024. Please consider joining this rewarding service. To volunteer: lourdesrecruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Questions? lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Refugee Support Worker:

Horsforth Chaplaincy Project Refugee Support Worker post. Fixed term 15 months - ideally starting 1st March 2024. 15 hours per week. 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 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.