



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 11th February 2024	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Mary Girdlestone [90th Birthday])
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Georgina McCaul [B'day A])
Tuesday 13th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	7.00pm Mass (Anthony McEvoy [A])
Wednesday 14th February	Ash Wednesday <i>(Day of Penance, Fasting & Abstinence)</i>
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
	7.00pm Mass (Noreen Walters [LD])
Thursday 15th February	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Friday 16th February	Friday after Ash Wednesday
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Sunday 17th February 2024	First Sunday of Lent
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Agata Siewierski [2nd A])
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Mary Maslaveckas [1st A])

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 throughout the world, that she may be an effective sign of the way to everlasting happiness and eternal life.

For our world, for peace where there is warfare and bloodshed; may Christ the Prince of Peace, inspire peace in the hearts of all who foster war and violence.

For all who are unemployed or exploited in the workplace, that they, and their families, may find support, justice and hope for a better future.

For doctors, nurses and all who care for the sick and the dying that they may bring Christ's love and compassion to all for whom they care.

For the members of our own community, that we may grow in holiness as we strive to live as Jesus teaches us.

For the sick, the suffering and the recently bereaved, that gentle hands may care for them in their suffering and that they may be steadfast in faith and spirited in hope.

God our Father, you sent your Son among us, born of Mary. May our response to your word be deep and true that we might make him known to the world, for he is Lord forever and ever.

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: 10 / 11 February 2024

Vigil: V Clemerson; C Devlin (P Durbin; E Durbin)
8.00am: A Keith; J Walker (J Tweddle; A Hainsworth)
11.00am S Butters; Pam Evans (C Hudson; A Roberts)

Mass Next Weekend: 17 / 18 February 2024

Vigil: W Considine; J Cooper (P Rochester; P Durbin)
8.00am: A Leckenby; A Keith (J Walker; M Hardacre)
11.00am C Bohills; A Roberts (H Fletcher; P Fletcher)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Mrs Edith Walton (RIP); Mary Girdlesome (90th Birthday); Thanksgiving (PC); Mrs Elizabeth Costar (A); Donald & Betty McCormick (RIP); Noreen Walters (LD); Mary Maslaveckas (1st A); Anthony McEvoy (A).

This Weekend:

Welcome back to Monsignor Donal Lucey who will be presiding at this weekend's Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Congratulations to all our Young People who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening. It was great to have our Bishop with us, and to celebrate well the faith of our Young People. Now comes the hard work - putting that faith into practice!

First Reconciliation 2024:

Registration forms are now available to register children in Year 3 (or above) who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. Please collect one from the Sacristy, if you haven't already received one through school.

To participate in this preparation candidates **must commit to both sessions** of preparation which will take place in the Church Hall on Saturday 2nd March and Saturday 16th from 10.00am until 2.00pm. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in the later afternoon of Thursday 21st March in Church - details of these liturgies will be made available later.

St Joseph's Lenten Project 2024:

Thank you for the five submissions received by the Finance Committee last week. At the meeting it was noted that each of the suggestions was indeed worthy, but sadly we are only able to support one project each Lent. The Finance Committee unanimously selected this year's Lenten Project Charity to be the Little Sisters of the Poor, at Mount St Joseph's in Leeds. Following the devastating news that their buildings have to be razed to the ground, and with their intention to re-build for the future, we wanted to show our support for the all the work they have done to care for those who have needed that care over the past 50 years of Mount St Joseph's, and help to secure the next 50 years. More information will follow.

This Weekend - Bake-Sale Fundraiser:

Join us in the church hall after 11am Mass this weekend (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. Thank you for your support - and sincere thanks to all who have made cakes, pastries and fancies!

OFFERTORIES

3 / 4 February 2024

Weekly Offerings	£693.21
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£780.68
Total	£1473.89

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

Urgent Appeal for Mount St Joseph's Care Home:

The Little Sisters of the Poor have had to take the heartbreaking decision to close their Leeds Care Home after RAAC concrete was found in 95% of the roof. Over the next few months all 62 residents must be re-homed and over 90 staff face redundancy. The Sisters must meet costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents have been found new homes. More details here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgent-appeal/>

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.

School News:

The children have worked hard over the last five weeks and produced some fantastic work to be proud of - we can't believe we've reached the end of another half term. This past week we have celebrated Safer Internet Day—our school council led us in a whole school assembly about how to stay safe whilst using the internet which was followed up by a Be Internet Legends live assembly. Our Y6 children have taken the next step in their faith journey this week as they made their Confirmation. Bishop Marcus led a beautiful service in church. Please keep our Y6 pupils in your prayers. This week we also had a wonderful day exploring our new Orienteering resource; the children had great fun. The Mini Vinnies will be organising some Lenten fundraising events for after half term and they have chosen The Little Sisters of the Poor in Headingley as our Lenten charity. The school is very grateful for the support our parish continues to show us. Enjoy the half term break.

Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady:

Join us for Music and Meditation with the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows on Tuesday 20th February at 6.00pm followed by Holy Mass at 7.00pm

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 22nd 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 after the 7.00pm Mass. Come and deepen your faith in the Lord and grow in relationship with him. Please 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. Please 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.

Nazareth Family Ministries – Stations of The Cross:

Saturday 24th February, 1-3pm, Myddleton Grange, Langar Road, Ilkley, LS29 0EB. Please wear appropriate footwear/clothing as the Stations are in a wooded area, and unfortunately, there is no wheelchair accessibility. Registration is not required – just turn up. Refreshments available for purchase. For more info, follow @nazarethfamilyministries on Facebook and Instagram.

Eucharistic Healing Service:

12th March, 7pm in Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (52 Otley Old Rd, Leeds, LS16 6HW). All are welcome to come and pray for healing for themselves or their loved ones. On this occasion we are delighted to welcome the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (CFRs) who will say a few words. Both Catholics and those of other faiths or no faith are welcome. Confession will be available. Tea and Coffee will also be available in the hall next door after the service.

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

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 helping those most in need. Your donation will help to support urgent humanitarian aid and emergency shelter.

The Twelve are Recruiting!:

The Twelve, the Diocesan Youth Leadership Team, are looking to recruit Catholic young people in Years 8-12 to continue their

work of collaborating with Bishop Marcus on Diocesan decision making, giving voice to young people on Diocesan matters and priorities. Could you, or someone you know, be the next member of The Twelve? To apply, email Ryan Wilkinson at youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for a recruitment pack.