



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 18th 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])
Tuesday 20th February	Weekday of Lent	
	6.00pm	Rosary of the Seven Sorrows
	7.00pm	Mass (Krystyna Olszewska [Sp Int])
Wednesday 21st February	Weekday of Lent	
	9.30am	Mass (Holy Souls)
Thursday 22nd February	Chair of St Peter, The Apostle	
	9.30am	Mass (Holy Souls)
Friday 23rd February	Weekday of Lent	
	9.30am	Mass (Mary Maslaveckas [1st A])
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross
Sunday 25th February 2024	Second Sunday of Lent	
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Jack Blackburn [B'day A])
	8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am	Mass (Philip Mackay [RIP])

Please Pray For:

As we begin our Lenten journey we turn in prayer to God our Father asking for his help as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection at Easter:

For the Church, that she may be a sign of God's light and goodness in our world, and a beacon of hope for the most vulnerable. (pause) Lord in your mercy...

For the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the community at Mount St Joseph's – may they receive the grace and strength that they need to face the challenges before them, and may we all, who are able, help to resource their mission.

For each of us as we prepare to keep Lent Fast day on Friday that we may have a true Spirit of self-denial and be content with less so that others may have more.

For all who suffer violence, fear or desperation, that they will be strengthened through the mercy of God and the support of God's people.

For our brothers and sisters everywhere that the Holy Spirit will inspire and challenge us to live out our call to be 'a poor Church for the poor'.

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

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: 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 Next Weekend: 17 / 18 February 2024

Vigil: E Durbin; P Durbin (M Flanagan; D Olszewski)
8.00am: D Bovo; A Leckenby (J Tweddle; J Walker)
11.00am P Fletcher; S Butters (A Roberts A Perry)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Mary Maslaveckas (1st A); Jack Blackburn (B'day A).

St Joseph's Lenten Project 2024:

This weekend we shall welcome two of the Little Sisters of the Poor, to speak at each of our Masses and explain the present situation at Mount St Joseph's, their immediate challenges and prayerful aspirations for the future.

There is now a button on the Dona machine, and hopefully the Little Sisters will provide us with other material for information and giving. There will be a retiring collection on the way out of Weekend Masses throughout Lent. Thank you for your prayerful and sacrificial response to this urgent need.

Lent at St Joseph's:

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 Thursday 22nd February**. It will be given by Dr Geoffrey Turner, now retired but formerly Head of Theology at Leeds Trinity University. The 5 sessions are entitled thus:

1. What is the Bible?
2. When was the Bible written, where does it come from?
3. What are Gospels?
4. The Acts of the Apostles, Paul and the other Letters
5. What happened during Holy Week?

Stations of the Cross 2024:

It will be the normal practice to follow the Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent beginning after Mass on Friday morning this week.

Please do sign up to lead Stations (list at the back of church), there are a number of resources available for you to use, and these are kept in the sacristy - please don't worry if you have not done this before, and would like to try...perhaps you could share it with someone else? Have a word with Fr Stephen, for some encouragement!

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.

OFFERTORIES

10 / 11 February 2024

Weekly Offerings	£366.06
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£780.68
Total	£1146.74

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

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. There will be a short meeting for Parents / Carers of the children on Wednesday 28th February at 6.00pm in Church. 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.

Bake-Sale Fundraiser:

A big "thank you" to all who baked for our cake sale, helped to set up and sell the cakes and those who generously purchased the amazing treats! Together we raised £316 towards renovating the stained glass windows. Thank you for your support.

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/>

School News:

The children and staff will return to school after their half-term break on Monday - prayers for the weeks ahead!

Deepening Our Faith with Lectio Divina:

Lectio Divina will go online for a few weeks, to join in with the zoom meeting please e-mail Val at vmese@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Catholic Parish Summit Events:

The Diocesan Youth and Lifelong Faith Formation team are leading a series of workshops, the first to discuss Preventing Burnout in your Parish, including input from Catholic Parish Summit webinar (28th February with Sr Miriam James Heidland), Mass and Exposition. Saturday 16th March, St Stephen's, Skipton 10.00am – 3.30pm, repeated 23rd March, St Benedict's, Garforth 10.00am – 3.00pm. Bring a packed lunch. Free to all but booking essential. Book at formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk The Catholic Parish Summit will take place in Harrogate, 12-14th June. Discounted tickets still available. For more information about the event and the associated webinar programme visit www.catholicparishsummit.com

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer:

World Day of Prayer, Harrogate at St Mark's Church on Leeds Road, HG2 8AY.
This is a women-led and ecumenical service of prayer, where we will be praying for, and with, the women in the

Middle East. It takes place on Friday 1st March at 2.00pm and will be followed by delicious refreshments. All are welcome!

Catechists Day:

Parish Catechists are invited to Hinsley Hall, LS2 6BX, Saturday 2nd March 10.00am – 3.00pm for a day of celebration and thanksgiving for your wonderful ministry. Input from Sr Therese CFR, an opportunity for sharing and times of reflection, simple lunch provided. This is a free event but booking is essential. Email Formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book.

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.

Leeds Cathedral Lent Day of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 19th March, 7.00am to 7.00pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

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.