



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



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*"Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others." Pope Francis.*

## SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 25th February 2024</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	
	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])
<b>Tuesday 27th February</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.00pm	Mass (Kevin McGoldrich [LD])
<b>Wednesday 28th February</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
	9.30am	Mass (Holy Souls)
<b>Thursday 29th February</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	
	9.30am	Mass (Holy Souls)
<b>Friday 1st March</b>	<b>St David, Bishop &amp; Patron of Wales</b>	
	9.30am	Mass (Holy Souls)
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross
<b>Sunday 3rd March 2024</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Monika's Heavenly Birthday [RIP])
	8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am	Mass (Elfriede Edna Dora Nokes [Donor's Intention])

### ***Please Pray For:***

Having listened to the words of Jesus, confident in the Father's tremendous love for us, we turn to him and pray:

For the whole Church, that all Christians will listen to the voice of Jesus and faithfully follow him.

For leaders of nations, for economists and for politicians, that God's radiant light will shine on them and that they will bring true peace, with justice, to their people.

For the Little Sisters of the Poor, that they may face their challenges with faith and with the help and support of our diocese.

For the work of CAFOD, our Catholic aid agency, that, through its service, people in need all over the world will experience our support.

For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will be comforted by the healing presence of Christ.

Heavenly Father, from the dazzling cloud you revealed Jesus in glory as your beloved Son. Hear and answer our prayers: enlighten us with the bright glory of your presence, inspire us by your word, and so transform us into the image of the risen Lord. We make this prayer 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: 24 / 25 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 Next Weekend: 2 / 3 March 2024

Vigil: C Antram; V Clemerson (P Durbin; P Rochester)  
8.00am: G Turner; D Bovo (V Burdon; M Hardacre)  
11.00am H Fletcher; C Bohills (Paul Evans; Pam Evans)

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Monika's Heavenly Birthday (RIP); Mary Maslaveckas (1st A); Kevin McGoldrich (LD).

### St Joseph's Lenten Project 2024:

Last Weekend we were pleased to host Sisters Kathleen and Stella, who launched our Lenten Appeal. There are now Gift Aid envelopes at the back of Church, please use them and return them to Church in the coming weeks. There is also a button on the Dona machine. 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:

#### 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 remaining 4 sessions are entitled thus:

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:

We will follow the Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent.

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!

### Lourdes Pilgrimage – Fundraising:

In July, I will be going on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes with my school (St John Fisher's). I am fundraising to cover some of the costs and hope the parish can support me by buying raffle tickets to win an Easter Egg hamper. Tickets are £1 a strip and will be available at the following Masses - 24th Feb (5.30pm), 2nd March (5.30pm), 3rd March (8am), 16th March (5.30pm) and 17th March (8am and 11am). Hamper will be drawn after the 11am Mass on 17th March. Thanks, Jacob (Altar Server).

### OFFERTORIES

17 / 18 February 2024

Weekly Offerings	£533.87
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£780.68
Total	£1314.55

Lenten Project (Little Sisters) £320.00 (Dona Machine)

### 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*

### 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. **There will be a short meeting for Parents / Carers of the children this week 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.

### School News:

We are straight back into routines and have an extremely busy half term ahead of us. Now we are in the season of Lent, the children have been making their Lenten promises and taking Lenten reflection bags home to share with their families. The Mini Vinnies are busy organising fundraising events for our Lenten charity – Little Sisters of the Poor. These events include Games Week and dressing up for World Book Day for a donation of £2. Raffle tickets will be sold over the coming weeks for the Eggstravaganza raffle at the end of term.

Rehearsals for Y4's Easter production are going very well. Y5 enjoyed a prayerful and fun retreat at Emmaus Youth Village and Y6 shared an amazing array of gifts and talents in their class assembly.

### 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

### 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.

### Deanery Day of Renewal:

On Saturday 9th March from 11.30am to 3.45pm in St. Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive Harrogate HG27BE. The speaker is Rev. Mike Resch, Vicar of St. Mark's Church, Harrogate, and his theme is: "Mind the gap. How we close the gap between the experience of the first disciples and the disciples of Jesus in 2024." All Welcome in person – but if you would like a Zoom link contact Val at: vmese@hotmail.co.uk

### 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.

### Handel's Messiah:

The Fisher Singers with guest orchestra and soloists will be performing Handel's Messiah on Saturday 23rd March at 7.00pm at St Wilfrid's Church in Harrogate. For tickets ring 01423 503467; 07958665410 or purchase on the door. Adults £15, £8 under 18's and full-time students.

### 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.