



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 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])
Tuesday 6th February	Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
	7.00pm Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 7th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Fr Elliott Wright [Sp Int])
Thursday 8th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Priests of the Leeds Diocese [Sp Int])
Friday 9th February	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Sunday 11th February 2024	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (...)
	8.00am Mass (...)
	11.00am Mass (Georgina McCaul [B'day A])

Please Pray For:

In scripture, Jesus reached out to the sick and the broken-hearted. Let us, too, reach out to them with our prayers:

For the Church, that all the baptised, guided by the Holy Spirit, may, without fear, speak out for justice and freedom.

For our Young People preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week – may they live their faith in the power of the Spirit.

For the world, that richer nations and peoples may share their bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor.

For victims of human trafficking, and those who work to combat it, that all of us might live in such a way that others are not made to pay the price for our comfort and convenience.

For those burdened with depression or deep anxiety, that they may receive the care that they need, the love they desire and the healing they seek.

For all who are sick or suffering, elderly or housebound, that they will be comforted by the knowledge of God's love.

God our Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. 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: 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 Next 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 Intentions Received Recently:

Krystyna Olszewska (Sp Int); Fr Elliott Wright (Sp Int);
Priest of Leeds Diocese (Sp Int); Agata Siewierski (2nd A).

Sacrament of Confirmation:

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, and please hold in your prayers the Young People preparing to receive the Sacrament.

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 - 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

This Weekend - 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.

Next Weekend - 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

OFFERTORIES

20 / 21 January 2024

Weekly Offerings	£642.61
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£780.68
Total	£1423.29

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:

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, children from Year 6 visited each class to share stories before finishing with a fun quiz. Each class most enjoyed the time with the young leaders - well done to Year 6! As reading is a key component of learning, we appreciate all the efforts our families make to help their child develop a love of reading - we really notice the difference. The children are doing very well in their PE lessons, our specialist coach is delighted with the efforts and skills displayed. We are about to begin competing against other schools in various sports of which we look forward to sharing the details with you.

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 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 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.

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

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

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