



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

Sunday 3rd March 2024	Third Sunday of Lent	
	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])
Tuesday 5th March	Weekday of Lent	
	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.00pm	Mass (Valeria Burdon [Sp Int])
Wednesday 6th March	Weekday of Lent	
	9.30am	Mass (Fr Elliott Wright [Sp Int])
Thursday 7th March	Weekday of Lent	
	9.30am	Mass (Michele Hardacre [Sp Int])
Friday 8th March	Weekday of Lent	
	9.30am	Mass (Teresa Hurley [LD])
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross
Sunday 10th March 2024	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Mrs Edith Walton [RIP])
	8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am	Mass (Mrs Elizabeth Costar [A])

Please Pray For:

Let us turn to the Lord with our prayers asking for all we need to be faithful to the work of conversion, repenting of all that takes us away from God:

For the whole Church, that all who follow Christ may be a source of encouragement and strength for those seeking conversion.

For all those preparing to receive the sacraments that they may be fully open to God's grace and love.

For governments and legislators, that they may work to establish and protect the dignity and equality of women in society.

For all God's people, that we will have the strength to be faithful to his commandments.

For our own community that, we may respond willingly and sacrificially to our Lenten Project in support of the Little Sisters.

For all who are sick or suffering, lonely or bereaved, that the Lord will bring healing to the sick, comfort to the dying, conversion to sinners, and light to those experiencing darkness.

God our Father, in charity, fasting and prayer you have shown us a remedy for sin. Listen in love to our prayers and lift up our hearts with the assurance of your mercy. 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
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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: 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 Next Weekend: 9 / 10 March 2024

Vigil: R Currie; W Considine (E Durbin; P Durbin)
8.00am: A Hainsworth; G Turner (J Tweddle; J Walker)
11.00am M Smith; P Fletcher (B Gotting; C Hudson)

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Bernadette (Sp Int); Teresa Hurley (LD); Valeria Burdon (Sp Int); Fr Elliott Wright (Sp Int); Micele Hardacre (Sp Int); Andrzej Olszewski (Sp Int); Antony McBride & Sons (Thanksgiving); Lena Ford (Sick).

This Weekend:

We welcome members of our School Choir to sing parts of the 11.00am Sunday Mass - Thank you to them, to Mrs Moss and to Mrs Crowther for their work in making this happen!

St Joseph's Lenten Project 2024:

Our Lenten Appeal continues - in the first two weeks you have raised a little over £1100 - which is a fantastic start...what more can we do this Lent? 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.

Reading the Bible:

This short introductory course during, given by Dr Geoffrey Turner, now retired but formerly Head of Theology at Leeds Trinity University, continues on Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. The remaining 3 sessions are entitled thus:

3. What are Gospels?
4. The Acts of the Apostles, Paul and the other Letters
5. What happened during Holy Week?

Do come along - even if you have missed the previous sessions - all are welcome.

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!

The Second Session of the Synod of Bishops:

Preparations are now underway for the second session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome this October 2024. The Synod Office in Rome has asked the local Churches to reflect on the following specific question: 'HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?' For further information on this stage of the synodal process and to submit any reflections please visit the diocesan synodal webpages: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission/>.

OFFERTORIES

23 / 24 February 2024

Weekly Offerings	£540.80
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£780.68
Total	£1321.48

Lenten Project (Little Sisters) £1121.93 (wks 1 & 2)

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

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 - 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).

First Reconciliation 2024:

Our preparation has now begun - please keep these Young People in your prayers as they take an important step in their journey of faith. 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:

Last week, Y6 children presented collective worship via Zoom to Y6 in Sacred Heart, Ilkley and to our own KS2 classes. It was a very reflective, prayerful experience. Well done to our leaders! Y5's class assembly gave everyone a wonderful insight into their religious retreat at Emmaus Youth Village and Y3 have begun preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many of the classes have been out enjoying the new orienteering resource which incorporates active outdoor learning tasks and cooperative teamwork not to mention having a whole load of fun.

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 at www.catholicparishsummit.com

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. Refreshments afterwards.

Youth 2000 Leeds Retreat:

Leeds Trinity University, Saturday 16th March, 10.00am - 10.00pm, £20. An opportunity for young adults (aged 16-35) to come together and explore what it means to persevere in faith, holding onto Christ. Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults. Tickets available from <https://www.youth2000.org/events/leeds>.

St Patrick's Night Celebration:

St John Vianney parish has a great night in store for you at the Queen's Hall (294 Harrogate Road, LS17 6LE) with 2 live bands, dancing and a hearty stew. Saturday 16th March. 7-11pm. Tickets are £5 and can be booked by contacting Kath on 07752 186 317 or parishhalls@gmail.com.

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:

The next annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place Friday 5th - Thursday 11th July 2024. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Marcus Stock and is being organised through Tangney Tours. More information and booking available at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/>

Aid to the Church in Need Seeking Volunteers:

Help to support the Persecuted Church and those in pastoral need. Your support as an ACN volunteer makes a huge difference to people's lives. Contact Teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org or 07939 809412

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 in Gaza and southern Israel. Your donation will help to support urgent humanitarian aid and emergency shelter.

Rediscover Your Marriage:

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving marriage relationship. Many headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16th June 2024. Contact 07887 296983 or retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Catholic Care Trustees Vacancies:

Catholic Care is recruiting new Trustees to increase the breadth of knowledge and experience on its established Board of Trustees. Applicants with experience of property management are particularly welcome. If you want to live your faith through action we would welcome an application from you. For further information and if you are interested in applying, please visit www.catholic-care.org.uk.