



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



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*"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others." Pope Francis.*

## SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 7th April 2024**

**Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday**

4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Alsamarai Family [Sp Int])  
8.00am Mass (Mary Barton [LD])  
11.00am Mass (Eva & Stefan Novak [RIP] / PARISH)

**Tuesday 9th April**

**Weekday of Easter**

7.00pm Mass (Cathie Mussett [A])

**Wednesday 10th April**

**Weekday of Easter**

9.30am Mass (Ted Costar [RIP])

**Thursday 11th April**

**St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**

9.30am Eucharistic Service

**Friday 12th April**

**Weekday of Easter**

9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)

**Sunday 14th April 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) No Confessions Today - Apologies  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (...)  
8.00am Mass (...)  
11.00am Mass (Terry Mawn [Sp Int])

### Divine Mercy Sunday:

This Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:  
**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.  
**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.  
**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.



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: 6 / 7 April 2024

Vigil: R Rouse; E Durbin (M Flanagan; P Durbin)  
8.00am: A Leckenby; Vacant (Vacant; V Burdon)  
11.00am A Player; H Fletcher (Pam Evans; Paul Evans)

#### Mass Next Weekend: 13 / 14 April 2024

Vigil: A Player; P Rochester (E Durbin; D Olszewski)  
8.00am: D Bovo; A Leckenby (J Tweddle; J Walker)  
11.00am J Tweddle; M Smith (C Hudson; A Roberts)



## The Regina Coeli

**Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia.  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.  
**Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.**

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

### Thank you!

A huge and sincere "Thank you" to everyone who has made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so wonderful! A lot of work goes on in the background before ever we begin the liturgies - so thanks to all who have cleaned, prepared and beautified our Church. Thanks to the Flower Team; Gill and the Choir; The Altar Servers; Readers; Eucharistic Ministers; Welcomers, Collectors and each person who has furnished our Church with their presence these past days. Thank you and God Bless!

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

*Terry Mawn (Sp Int).*

### St Joseph's Lenten Project 2024: Little Sisters of the Poor - Urgent Appeal for Mount St Joseph's:

Fantastic news - if we count the Gift Aid to be reclaimed by the parish, and by the Little Sisters, we have raised £5,084.32! A fantastic effort, and I know that the Little Sisters will be thrilled with this amount. Well done everyone, and thank you all for your generosity. Any further donations, please hand them in as soon as possible, that we can sort out the transfer of funds to the Little Sisters - Thank you, each one, for your generous response to this call for help. God Bless.

### 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

30 / 31 March 2024

Weekly Offerings	£1257.06
Av Weekly Standing Orders	£780.68
Total	£2037.74

### 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*

### St Vincent de Paul (SVP) at St Joseph's.

Harrogate District SVP are planning to help restart our parish SVP Conference. In the first instance there will be a presentation at each of the Masses during the weekend of 20th / 21st April and then there will be an information evening after 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday 23rd April. All are welcome to come and hear about the work of the SVP, its values and mission of outreach, and how to become a member. The newly formed group will be supported by the District officers until it is ready to run itself. There are funds available in the Conference account to be spent within the parish, local community and beyond. If you need more information please speak to Fr Stephen or call Barbara on 07941 275969

### Divine Mercy Sunday - This Weekend:

Second Sunday of Easter - April 7th 2024 at St. Robert's Church Harrogate, from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. Adoration with music and confessions, praying of the Divine Mercy and concluding with Benediction. All very welcome.

### First Holy Communion 2024:

The date for the celebration of First Holy Communion is **Saturday 8th June** - because of the size of our Church, there will be two celebratory Masses that day. If your child is in Year 4 or above, and would like to receive the Sacrament this year, then they need to commit to the following course of preparation. There will be a Parents' / Carers' Meeting on **Wednesday 17th April** at 6.00pm in Church.

The THREE preparation sessions are as follows:

**Sat 20th April:** 10am-2pm in the Church Hall

**Sat 27th April** (new date): 10am-2pm in the Church Hall

**Sat 18th May:** 10am-2pm in the Church Hall

The middle of the three dates was changed because of the Bank Holiday weekend, and the difficulties this might cause families. Those who are already registered with the Catechist will receive an email - however if you are new to the parish, and did not complete the other sarments here, then please make contact with Mrs Keith at [catechist@stjosephsharrogate.org](mailto:catechist@stjosephsharrogate.org)

### Fundraising For the Little Sisters:

Michelle and Gloria will be raising funds for the Little Sisters at Mount St Joseph's Care Home with a plant stall and tombola on the 14th April after the 8.00am & 11.00am Masses. If anyone would like to bring their own plant pots for Gloria to refill, then catch her after Mass, and make arrangements with her.

### Little Sisters of the Poor - Car Park Sale Fundraiser:

There will be a car park sale on Saturday 11th May from 12.00noon until 4.00pm. Sale of New Designer Clothing, Furniture, Bric-a-brac, and lots more! Raising funds for the building of a new home at Mount St Joseph's.

### Celebration of Married Life:

On Saturday 18th May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this

celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church.

### Leeds Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:

5 - 11th July 2024 from Leeds/Bradford Airport: The theme is 'and that people should come in Procession'. Booking now open and places are filling up. Please book with Tangney Tours T: 01732 886666 or online: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/>.

Further information is available at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/>. If you are interested in volunteering, (especially appealing for doctors, particularly GPs and nurses) please contact: [lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Dates for your diary: Sunday 14th April Meet the Pilgrims, Hinsley Hall, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Saturday 8th June Pre-departure Mass 11.30am Leeds Cathedral.

### St Joseph's Hall - Key Holders:

The external door for the Church Hall has recently been upgraded to meet with Fire Exit standards - this means that there is now a new key. Please look out for an email from Elaine with instructions of how to use the new lock, and how to swap your old key for a new one!

### Medjugorje Youth Festival:

31st July - 7th August for further details go to: [www.aglowpilgrimages.com](http://www.aglowpilgrimages.com) or call Katherine on 01423 734828 for more information. All are welcome to enjoy this amazing opportunity for fun, friendship, singing and worship to come closer to Jesus.

### Flame 2025:

The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena, London, Saturday 15th March 2025! £70 per person (including return coach travel). Email [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) to book yours!

### The Catholic Schools Appeal Service:

are recruiting panel members to hear appeals by parents for Diocesan school places. Voluntary role. Travel expenses can be claimed and full training will be provided. Appeal panels consist of lay members of the community and those from an educational background. The training session will be held on Thursday 16th May, 1.00pm- 4.00pm, Hinsley Hall. For further information, please contact [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

### Rediscover Your Marriage:

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving marriage relationship. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14 -16th June 2024. Contact 07887 296983 or [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com), or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://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](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk).

### School News:

More news when we return! Have a Happy Easter!