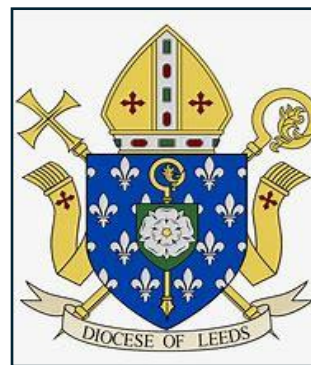




**Welcome to**  
**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
**Bilton, Harrogate**



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## SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) No Confessions today  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (for Joseph)  
8.00am Mass (People of the Parish)  
11.00am Mass (Catherine Almagro RIP)

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Ss Simon & Jude,  
Apostles**

No Mass today

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Weekday in OT**

9:30am

Mass: (Ted Costar RIP)

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Weekday in OT**

9:30am

Mass: (For the Priests of the Diocese of Leeds)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**All Saints (Holyday of  
Obligation)**

9:30am

7:00pm

Mass: Anna Ceci (LD)

Mass: (People of the Parish)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Commemoration of the  
Faithful Departed**

9:30am

12:00noon

Mass: (Holy Souls)

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions  
5.30pm (Sat Evening) Mass (Holy Souls)  
8.00am Mass (People of the Parish)  
11.00am Mass (Seamus McCaul)

## REGULAR EVENTS & CONTACTS

### APF Red Mission Boxes

Contact: Liz Walker 07816 288125

### Bereavement Support

Contact Fr Ben who will arrange for a member of the Bereavement Support team to contact you.

### 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: *Pending Appointment*

### 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 Ben 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 28851

Cathy Hudson 07790 814819

### Rotas (Eucharistic Ministry)

Contact: Bradley Gotting 07985 515307

[b.gotting@sky.com](mailto:b.gotting@sky.com)

### Rotas (Readers)

Contact: Paul Fletcher 01423 525216

### Safeguarding Representative (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

### Readers & (Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass:

#### This Weekend: 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Vigil:** J Cooper & R Rouse (P Rochester & M Flanagan)

**8.00am:** A Hainsworth & G Turner (V Burdon, & J Walker)

**11.00am:** C Antram & P Fletcher (P Evans & P Evans)

#### Mass Next Weekend: 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

**Vigil:** P Durbin & A Player (D Olsewski & E Durbin)

**8.00am:** C Currie & A Hainsworth (J Tweddle & M Hardacre)

**11.00am:** A Player & H Fletcher (B Gotting & C Hudson)

**Welcome** to Fr Bill Ryan who will be celebrating our Masses this weekend.

**Offertory and Retiring Collections** These figures will be included on the bulletin when Fr Ben returns from his break.

**Coffee and Refreshments** A reminder that these are available in the Parish Hall after the 11am Mass. All are very welcome to come along, especially if you are new to the parish, or a visitor.

**Parish Lift** We are experiencing problems with the lift as it descends. Engineers have looked at it, and it will be fully repaired soon. The ride is a bit jerky at present, but we are assured it is actually safe to use. Just be prepared for a less comfortable journey than usual.

**Glasses for Ethiopia** There is a box at the back of Church to donate your redundant spectacles to support charity work in Ethiopia. Please donate just the spectacles. The cases are not needed.

**Donation from St Joseph's School (PTA)** I wish to acknowledge and thank St Joseph's PTA for a donation of £210 which the parish received from the proceeds of the Family Fun Day held at the school on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**Fr Ben** returns late on Tuesday, so normal service will be resumed on Wednesday morning. Hopefully by then the access to online banking will finally be sorted. This problem has been experienced by most of the priests who have moved parishes this summer/autumn, and has probably prematurely aged all of us, and those working in the Finance Office in the Diocese!

### All Saints Day: A Holyday of Obligation

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November is the Solemnity of All Saints Day, and therefore a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9:30am and 7pm.

### All Souls Day (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed).

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Not a Holyday of Obligation, but a day when many choose to come to Mass to pray for their loved ones, who have gone before us in faith. Masses will be celebrated at 9:30am and 12noon on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**November Dead List Envelopes** Are now available at the back of Church so you can have your deceased relatives and friends included in the November list masses throughout the coming year, and to make the customary offering for these masses to be said. Please hand completed envelopes directly to Fr Ben, who will collate the list for this year. At the end of November. The list will be published and put on the noticeboard next to the Sacristy door, as usual.

### Mary's Angels Mother & Baby Toddler Group

Meeting at St Robert's Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November, 16<sup>th</sup> December & 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025. 1:30-3pm. Please do join us for friendship, fun and refreshments. All free! Any enquiries, please phone Katherine on 01423 734828. Dads and grandparents welcome too.

### Mass of Thanksgiving for the Permanent Diaconate

You are invited to join Bishop Marcus and the Permanent Deacons of the Diocese to a Mass of Thanksgiving and Promotion of the Diaconate in our Diocese at 5:30pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Leeds Cathedral.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025

**Confirmation 2025** We are waiting to hear the date of Confirmation next year, it is likely to be in early February. The provisional dates we have for the preparatory meetings are Parents' Meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 6pm  
Preparatory Catechesis for Candidates: On Saturdays: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025, and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025.  
All days run from 10am-2pm.  
More information will be given soon.

Those new to the Parish will need to collect an Enrolment Form from Fr Ben following any Mass in November and December. A copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate will need to be provided.

**First Reconciliation ("First Confession") 2025.** The proposed date for this is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 from 3-4:30pm. (The school closes for Easter on 4<sup>th</sup> April) Provisional dates for the preparatory meetings are:  
Parents' Meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 6pm  
Preparatory Catechesis for the candidates: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025.  
Both days run from 10am-2pm.

More information to follow. Enrolment forms for the Sacramental Programme (which covers all three Sacraments) will be available following Masses from Fr Ben in February. If your child was baptised in another parish, please provide a copy of the certificate.

### First Holy Communion 2025

Provisional dates for your diaries for preparation and celebration of First Holy Communion in the parish next year. Parents' Meeting: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 6pm  
Preparation dates with the children: On Saturdays: 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025. All days run from 10am-2pm.

**First Holy Communion Day** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025. More information nearer the time.

Those new to the Parish will need to collect an Enrolment Form from Fr Ben following any Mass in March and April. A copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate will need to be provided.

### Young Adults: Christian Catholic Connect Group

Meet regularly at St Robert's Centre, Harrogate at 7pm. Next meeting; 5<sup>th</sup> November for Adoration, Evening Prayer and Social. See notices for more information, newsletter or to join their WhatsApp group please email [davidmonteith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidmonteith@hotmail.co.uk)

**Spiritually Accompanying People with Dementia** Leeds Diocesan Charity Growing Old Grace-fully latest online session, led by Rev Dr Joe Cortis, will explore how to spiritually support those living with dementia. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 7pm. To attend email [growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**New Bereavement Ministry Training** A two-day course for those wishing to learn how to accompany those who are grieving 10:00am to 4:00pm on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at The Briery in Ilkley. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care Team at [epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). We have two parishioners who have completed this course, and Fr Ben can put you in contact with them to find out more.

**Zoom Gospel Meditations.** The Briery host a weekly hour of meditation/reflection focusing on the following Sunday's readings, providing an opportunity for shared reflection in small groups. Reflections begin at 7:15pm for a welcome/chat. All are welcome to attend. To find out more, and to receive the link, email [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk) or call 01943 607287

**Advent events at The Briery: Advent Day of Recollection:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December £40 per person, including a two course lunch. Also **Advent Preached Retreat** from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December., entitled "Advent – A Time to Meet the God of Surprises." £215 fully inclusive, £100 non-residential. For more information, or to book, contact the Administrator at the Briery in Ilkley on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**Forty Days for Life** Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside the MSI Abortion Facility, Barrack Road, Leeds. 25<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> November. To get involved as a prayer partner, or as a vigil volunteer, please contact Chris Redding on 0781 568 1343 or email [40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com)

### News from the School

What a busy end to a very busy half term!  
'History to Life' visited Year 6 for an immersive, hands-on World War II experience. The children dived into history by handling authentic objects, discovering how people lived and fought, and even exploring the games they played during that era. It was an unforgettable day of learning and fun!  
Our children have worked incredibly hard over the half term to follow the school's golden rules: everyone has the right to learn, the right to respect, and the right to be safe.

### Thank you

A special thank you to our faithful reading volunteers who come to hear and encourage our children to read. You make such a difference, and we are so grateful to have you.

### Sewing Volunteers

We are also seeking sewing volunteers/angels as the new group of Year 6 children will be sewing waistcoats. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the school if you're available on Thursday afternoons 14:00-15:15. Call 01423 562650 or email [admin@stjosephsharrogate.org](mailto:admin@stjosephsharrogate.org)

**Open Day – St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harrogate** on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm-3pm. We warmly invite prospective parents to visit our vibrant and nurturing primary school.

### Vacancies

- **Catholic Care Vacancy:** Registered Children's Home Manager, £45,718-£49,768 (depending on qualifications and experience) Pay award pending. The position attracts a "Golden Hello" of £500, followed by a further £500 on successful completion of the probationary period. Full time, based in Keighley. See <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>

