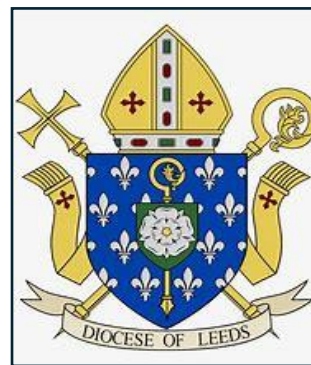




Welcome to
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 17th November 2024	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass: People of the Parish
	8.00am	Mass: Esther Judge (RIP)
	11.00am	Mass: Catherine Almagro (RIP)
Tuesday 19th November	7:00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 20th November	Weekday in OT	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 21st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 22nd November	St Cecilia	
	9:30am	Mass: Sacred Heart (In Thanksgiving)
Saturday 23rd November	St Clement I, Pope	
	9:30am	Mass: Nicholas Barry (LD)
Sunday 24th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass: For Joseph
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Catherine Almagro (RIP)

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

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: 16th/17th November 2024

Vigil: W Considine, P Allinson (M Flanagan, D Olsewski)

8.00am: A Leckanty, M Hardacre (J Tweddle, J Walker)

11.00am P Evans, C Antram (A-M Perry, B Gotting)

Mass Next Weekend: 23rd/24th November 2024

Vigil: E Durbin, C Devlin (P Durbin, P Rochester)

8.00am: D Bove, A Leckanty (V Burdon, A Hainsworth)

11.00am: A Roberts, A Player (P Evans, P Evans)

Piety Stall Raffle, Winning Numbers: The winning numbers from last weekend's raffle are 119, 89, 81, 74, 118, 62, 12 and 64. Cathy will be at the stall to present you with your prize.

Helping at St Joseph's: There are lots of ways you can help at St Joseph's. In the left-hand column of this bulletin there is a list of organisers who run many volunteer teams and are always pleased to welcome new recruits, and newcomers to the parish.

Christmas Hamper Squares: It's that time of year again when we hold one of St Joseph's main fundraisers in the run up to Christmas. You bring seasonal goods to make up Christmas Hampers and then we ask you to buy tickets to win them back again – a con really!! Please bring your donations of bottles, Christmas puddings, chocolates, biscuits and anything else that is good at Christmas with you to Mass and leave them in the Church entrance. Santas helpers will then whisk them away to magic into hampers. Ticket squares will be on sale at all Masses (£3 each, or two for £5) from the start of Advent = Sunday 1st December. The draw will take place after the 11am Mass on Sunday 22nd December.

St Joseph's Christmas Family Party: Save the date: Saturday 21st December. From after the Vigil Mass until approximately 9pm. An evening of free fun for all the family with entertainment from **Tom**. Licensed bar (card or cash) and Shared Table. Please put your name down on the lists in the Church entrance for your contributions to the Feast and how many are in your party (adults and children) for the fun.

Catholic Care Christmas Appeal: We know the preparation for Christmas can be a busy time so this is a reminder that we are starting our Christmas Appeal for donations to support struggling families this Christmas. Collectively over 700 food parcels/toys were supplied last year to those most in need, and we estimate that the numbers may be higher this Christmas. Items we need are: cereal, pasta, rice, noodles, porridge, tinned meats/tuna, tinned fruit/vegetables, tea/coffee/sugar, jam/marmalade, biscuits. Also New Toys for children aged 3+. Boxes are available for you to leave your donations.

Confirmations 2025 We have now been given a date for Confirmations.: 4th February 2025. The provisional dates we have for the preparatory meetings are as follows; The provisional dates we have for the preparatory meetings are Parents' Meeting: **Wednesday 8th January 2025 6pm**
Preparatory Catechesis for Candidates: On Saturdays: **11th January 2025, 25th January 2025, and 1st February 2025.**
All days run from 10am-2pm.
More information will be given soon, including enrolment for Confirmation.

Please note, the recent bulletin had a misprint of dates in for Confirmation meetings and days.

First Reconciliation ("First Confession") 2025. The proposed date for this is Wednesday 2nd April 2025 from 3-4:30pm. (The school closes for Easter on 4th April) Provisional dates for the preparatory meetings are:
Parents Meeting: 12th March 2025
Preparatory Catechesis for the candidates: Saturday 15th March and Saturday 29th March 2025.
More information to follow, but this is to give you the likely dates, subject to final confirmation.

Motor Neurone Disease Association: Bake sale for the Yorkshire Dales Branch. Friday 22nd November 2024 2:00-5:00pm at Pannal Village Hall. See notice for more information.

Mary's Angels Mother & Baby Toddler Group

Meeting at St Robert's Centre on 18th November, 16th December & 6th & 20th 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.

First Holy Communions 2025

Provisional dates for your diaries for preparation and celebration of First Holy Communion in the parish next year.

Parents Meeting: Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Preparation dates with the children: On Saturdays: 26th April, 10th May and 7th June 2025.

First Holy Communion Day Saturday 21st June 2025, with two Masses at 11am and 1:30pm

All subject to final confirmation. More information, and enrolment nearer the time.

November Dead List Envelopes Are still 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. Fr Ben would like to be able to collate the list in time for the Special Mass for the Dead on 26th November (the next item on the bulletin)

Special Evening Mass to Pray for our deceased

Parishioners, Family and Friends will be held at the scheduled Tuesday Evening Mass at 7pm on Tuesday 26th November. During the Mass, candles will be lit for all those whose funerals have been recorded in our Parish Register since January 2020 (47 in total) The new November Dead List will be presented at the altar during this Mass.

Diocesan Youth Choir Some of the Diocesan Youth Choir will be joining us for the 11am Mass this weekend. Please pray for the work of the Diocesan Youth Choirs. We can boast of the largest Catholic schools' choral service programmes in the country in our Diocese.

Assisted Suicide Bill Second Reading 29th November:

Lord Alton has through a group called **Not Dead Yet** sent postcards to all the parishes to facilitate communicating with your MP. All you need to do is fill in the card, put a stamp on it, and post it. Not Yet Dead is a network of disabled people who oppose legalising assisted suicide. For more information visit www.notdeadyetuk.co.uk

Young Adults: Christian Catholic Connect Group

Meet regularly at St Robert's Centre, Harrogate at 7pm. Next meeting; 19th November for homemade cake and Lectio Divina. See notices for more information, newsletter or to join their WhatsApp group please email davidmonteith@hotmail.co.uk

News from the School

We were delighted to watch our Reception class's first assembly – what a treat. They spoke so clearly and with great confidence. Well done! We all showed great respect on Remembrance Day within our classes, and Y6 had a special trip to Stonefall Cemetery with a CWGC guide who taught us about the heroic stories of the WWII casualties who are buried here.

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 11th and 18th 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. We have two parishioners who have completed this course, and Fr Ben can put you in contact with them to find out more.

Offertory Collection:

Collection Plate: £450.40

Standing Orders & Dona (Weekly average) £810. Thank you.

Safeguarding Sunday: Today is Safeguarding Sunday. Churches from diverse backgrounds and traditions will unite again to emphasise the importance of safeguarding. It offers a moment to reflect on our church's safeguarding journey, acknowledge past mistakes, and demonstrate a commitment to creating safer cultures for the future. It allows churches to highlight and give thanks for the safeguarding work within their communities. It's a chance to remind everyone of the crucial role they play in creating safe, healthy environments. Thanks especially to our own Parish Safeguarding Rep: Tony Cullen.

Natalia Insieme: Sunday 24th November 12noon-3pm

The Italian Community, La Buena Notizia, is glad to invite you to a Christmas Event at St Joseph's Parish Hall. There will be music, drinks, food, tombola, raffles and entertainment. Proceeds in support of The Samaritans.

Growing Old Grace-Fully Online Sessions:

Leeds Diocese older people's charity Growing Old Grace-fully next online session is **Finding Hope in Community and Parish Life**, Tuesday 19th November 2:30-3:30pm. To attend email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

The Annual Lourdes Dinner Dance: will take place on Friday 28th February 2025 at the Met Hotel in Leeds. Tickets are £40 each or £375 for a table of ten. Ticket price includes a reception drink, a 3 course dinner and entertainment throughout the night. Please contact Phil Marshall for tickets or more info on 07766 148375 or at philmarshall@hotmail.com

Advent events at The Briery: Advent Day of Recollection:

Saturday 7th December £40 per person, including a two course lunch. Also **Advent Preached Retreat** from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th 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

Vacancies

- **Catholic Care Vacancy.** Mental Health Outreach support worker, £24,404-£25,584 (pro rata) 23 hours per week. Based in Leeds. For further details and how to apply visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest/vacancies/> or email your CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk
- **Catholic Care Vacancy.** Registered Children's Home Manager, £45,718-£49,768, (depending on qualifications and experience) Based in Keighley. For more information visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>

