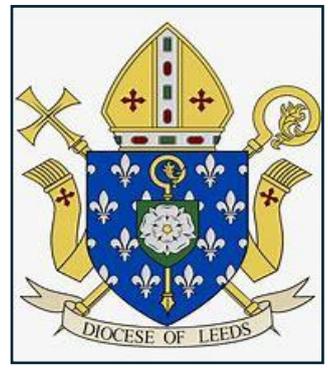




Welcome to
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 24th November 2024	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Last Week in Ordinary Time	
	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)
Tuesday 26th November	Special Memorial Mass for Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends	
	7:00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 27th November	Weekday in OT	
	9:30am	Mass: Special Intention
Thursday 28th November	Weekday in OT	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 29th November	Weekday in OT	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 30th November	St Andrew, Apostle	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 1st December	First Sunday of Advent	
	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass: Ken & Mary Harper (RIP)
	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: 23rd/24th November 2024

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

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

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

Mass Next Weekend: 30th Nov & 1st Dec 2024

Vigil: C Antram, J Cooper (M Flanagan, E Durban)

8.00am: J Walker, D. Bovo (J Tweddle, M Hardacre)

11.00am: S Butters, J Tweddle (C Hudson, A Roberts)

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.

Children's Liturgy: Please remember to sign the sheet (on the table to the right as you enter the building) if your child is attending Children's Liturgy. If you have not already filled a registration form with your child's details, please ask for a form from the Catechists in the Hall before Mass. You do need to have filled in a registration form before your child can attend.

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 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.

Christmas Carol Service: This annual service will be held this year on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm in Church. The next four Children's Liturgy Sessions on Sundays will be used to enable the children to learn and rehearse the Christmas songs that they will sing as part of the service. If you would like your children to take part in the singing during the Carol Service you will need to sign and return a consent form available at the back of Church.

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.

Natalia Insieme: Today, Sunday 24th November: 12noon-3pm
The Italian Community, La Buena Notizia, is glad to invite you to a Christmas Event in St Joseph's Parish Hall. There will be music, drinks, food, tombola, raffles and entertainment. Proceeds in support of the Samaritans.

Offertory Collection:

Collection Plate: £486.70

Standing Order & Dona. (Weekly Average) £810

Received from the Piety Stall: £195 in cash. Thank you

Marian Morning of Prayer: Saturday 30th November 10:00am. Led by Fr Leonard May at St Mary Magdalene Church, Morrell Street, Maltby, S66 7LH. Details on notice board or contact Helga Rushton on 07891 029092

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.

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.

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.

News from the School

On behalf of the entire school, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for the unwavering support of the PTA's initiatives. Thanks to our families' generosity and involvement, the PTA has presented the school with a generous cheque that will allow us to purchase new filming equipment. This timely gift is not only a wonderful addition to our school but also a significant blessing as we prepare to film the nativity plays and Y5 production this year. A special thank you to the PTA for their hard work and dedication in making this possible. Together, we continue to create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our children to thrive.

Y6 had a lovely time on Wednesday on an outing to the Everyman cinema as part of the IntoFilm Festival. Y4 led their class assembly with such confidence – well done to all. We're so proud of what you are achieving. Christmas rehearsals are all go and the children's singing is beautiful. The Mini Vinnies have collected charity nominations for who we will support this Advent.

APPLY FOR YOUR CHILD'S 2025 RECEPTION PLACE

For instructions how to apply:

www.stjosephsharrogate.org/admissions

NYCC Deadline for applications is 15th January 2025.

Please feel free to pass on details to family & friends if they would like to arrange a visit to our wonderful school. All faiths and none are welcome.

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.

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

- **Headteacher Vacancy:** Headteacher St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Barnoldswick. Start April 2025. Closing date Monday 2nd December. Further details <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/>
- **Catholic Care Director/Chief Executive Officer Vacancy.** Salary over £70K pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision/skills for leadership, a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing/delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk. Contact Katrina on 0113 388 5400