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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 3rd November 2024	**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)
Tuesday 5th November	**Weekday in OT**	
	7:00pm	Mass: (Josh & Adelyn Leworthy SI)
Wednesday 6th November	**Weekday in OT**	
	9:30am	Mass: (Holy Souls)
	11:00am: **Funeral Service**	**For Kenneth Harper**
Thursday 7th November	**St Willibrord**	
	9:30am	Mass: (Holy Souls)
	7:00pm	Memorial Mass: For Deceased Brothers of the Catenian Circle
Friday 8th November	**Weekday in OT**	
	9:30am	Mass: (Holy Souls)
Sunday 10th November	4.30pm-5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Sat Evening)	Nancy Dewar-Somerville
	8:00am	Gloria Armitage
	11:00am	People of the Parish

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: 2nd/3rd 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)
Mass Next Weekend: 9th/10th November2024
Vigil: V Clemerson, I Morritt (P Rochester, P Durbin)
8.00am: M Hardacre, C Currie (J Walker, V Burdon)
11.00am: J Tweddle, M Smith (H Fletcher, A Roberts)

Cash Received from the Piety Stall during the week. £160. Cathy and Helen will be selling Raffle tickets after Mass this weekend to help boost funds.

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.

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;
Parents Meeting: Tuesday 10th December 2024
Catechesis for Candidates: Saturday 14th December 2024, Saturday 11th and Saturday 25th January 2025, subject to final agreement. 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.

Pastoral Letter There is a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop this weekend. It is concerning the Assisted Suicide Bill, which is to receive it's Second Reading in the House of Commons later this month. Copies will be available to take home. Please do consider writing to your MP, raising your concerns about this legislation. There are links at the end of the Bishop's Letter. Each Bishop has been asked to promote a **Eucharistic Holy Hour** at the same time in the parishes across England and Wales, with the aim of creating a powerful moment of prayer in our lands, and to promote the intrinsic dignity of every person. This will take place **on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 5:00-6:30pm,** in Church. Please do come along if you are able.

The Sixteen at Leeds Cathedral The Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Schools Scholars of Leeds Cathedral Choir are joined by members of international chamber choir, **The Sixteen,** in a special concert following a weekend of workshops. Featuring music by Durufle and Mozart. Sunday 3rd November at 3pm. Admission free with a retiring collection

Rejoice in Hope Friday 8th November 7pm, St Patrick's Church, Elland, HX3 0PU. Mission Halifax invites you to "Rejoice in Hope" a monthly prayer group. Adoration, praise and worship, prayer, and opportunity for social time. The talk will be on *The Hope of Heaven*. All welcome. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. @missionhalifax

Mary's Angels Mother & Baby Toddler Group
Meeting at St Robert's Centre on 4th and 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 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.
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 we particularly wish to remember, who have died in the past twelve months, or for others we wish to remember.

The Real Living Wage and UK Poverty Saturday 16th November 10:30am-3:30pm in Wheeler Hall, Leeds Cathedral. Come to this free day with national and local speakers and the opportunity to meet with others from across the dioceses of England and Wales. See www.leedsjp.org.uk for more details.

Diocesan Youth Choir Some of the Diocesan Youth Choir will be joining us for the 11am Mass on Sunday 17th November. We look forward to hearing them. 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.

Young Adults: Christian Catholic Connect Group
Meet regularly at St Robert's Centre, Harrogate at 7pm. Next meeting; 5th 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

Retrouvaille Marriage Programme You can help your marriage. Are you angry or frustrated with your spouse? Do you argue…or have stopped talking altogether? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for next programme starting 8th-10th November. Call 07887296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com
More information at www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Online Banking: Finally, after nearly four months of being knocked from pillar-to-post, Fr Ben has at last been able to register with HSBC for online banking for the parish account. Hopefully then, by next week there will be a proper account of offertories and other collections received on the bulletin. Thank you for your forbearance. On a happier note, thanks to the work of Maria and John Gibson, we were able to get our quarterly returns into the diocese earlier this week, within the time schedule. A word of thanks and appreciation to them and to other members of the Parish Finance Committee for their often unnoticed but essential work in and for our parish.

New Bereavement Ministry Training A two-day course for those wishing to learn how to accompany those who are grieving 10:00an 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.

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 or call 01943 607287

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:** 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/
- **Class Teacher KS1 (Maternity Cover) Vacancy.** St Joseph's, Barnoldswick. Fixed term and full time. Start date February 2025. Closing date Friday 22nd November 2024. Further info: https;//www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/