



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4.00pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)
5.30pm (Sat Evening)
8.00am
11.00am
4:00pm

Confessions
Mass: For Josif
Mass: Tom Murray (A)
Mass: People of the Parish
Christmas Carol Service

**Tuesday 24th December
(Christmas Services)**

Christmas Eve

5:30pm (Children's Mass)
7:30pm (Vigil Mass)
11:30pm

Mass: Holy Souls
Mass; People of the Parish
Carols & Readings leading into

**Wednesday 25th December
(Christmas Services)**

Christmas Day

12:00 Midnight Mass
8:00am (Christmas Dawn)
11:00am (Christmas Day)

Mass: Christmas Gift (MF)
Mass: Holy Souls
Mass: Catherine Almagro RIP

Thursday 26th December

St Stephen

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 27th December

St John

9:30am

Mass: Lena Ford

Saturday 28th December

The Holy Innocents

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 29th December

The Holy Family

4:30-5:00pm (Sat)
5:30pm (Sat)
8:00am
11:00am

Confessions
Mass: Canon Ronald McFadden
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Catherine Almagro (RIP)

<p>REGULAR EVENTS & CONTACTS</p> <p>APF Red Mission Boxes Contact: Liz Walker 07816 288125</p> <p>Bereavement Support Contact Fr Ben who will arrange for a member of the Bereavement Support team to contact you.</p> <p>Brownies Wednesday evenings in term-time 6.00pm - 7.15pm Contact: 3rdbiltonbrownies@gmail.com</p> <p>Catenians Second Tuesday, 7.30pm at Ascot House Hotel Contact: John Tolan 01423 884690</p> <p>Children's Liturgy Group Contact: <i>Pending Appointment</i></p> <p>Choir (11.00am Mass) Contact: Gill Crowther 01423 817885</p> <p>Church Cleaning Team (More Volunteers Needed!) Contact: Valerie Clemerson 07815 976912</p> <p>Church Flowers Team Contact: Helen Fletcher 01423 525216</p> <p>Church Tea & Coffee Team (11.00am Mass) Contacts: Anne Roberts 07867 788552 Annemarie Perry 07722 091465</p> <p>Friendship Group Tuesday Afternoons in the Hall - 1.30pm –2.45pm</p> <p>Gift Aid Organiser Contact: John Tweddle 01423 523332</p> <p>Journey in Faith (RCIA) Tuesdays as announced. (November - Easter) Contact: Fr Ben 01423 504124</p> <p>Parish Hall Bookings Contact: Elaine Flanagan 07791 500359 elaineflanagan184@btinternet.com</p> <p>Piety Stall Contacts: Helen Fletcher 07837 928851 Cathy Hudson 07790 814819</p> <p>Rotas (Eucharistic Ministry) Contact: Bradley Gotting 07985 515307 b.gotting@sky.com</p> <p>Rotas (Readers) Contact: Paul Fletcher 01423 525216</p> <p>Safeguarding Representative (Parish) Contact: Tony Cullen 07785 252253 psr.tcullen@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</p> <p>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Headteacher: Mrs G Delahay 01423 562650</p> <p>St John Fisher Catholic High School Headteacher: Mr S Mort 01423 887254</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Christmas Carol Service: on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm in Church. The Children's Liturgy Sessions on Sundays will be used to learn and rehearse the Christmas songs that children 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.</p> <p>Christmas Masses: The times of our Christmas Masses. 5:30pm Christmas Eve: Children's Mass 7:30pm Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass 12:00 Midnight: Midnight Mass of the Nativity of the Lord. (with Carols and Readings from 11:30pm) 8:00am and 11:00am: Christmas Day</p> <p>Christmas Rotas for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers: These are available for signing in the Sacristy (altar servers) or on the board next to the Sacristy door (Readers and Eucharistic ministers)</p> <p>Commencement of the Jubilee Holy Year 2025: The Holy Father Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme of which is Pilgrims of Hope. In every diocese across the world, the beginning of the Jubilee Year is to be marked by the celebration of Mass in each Cathedral on 29th December. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the 11am Mass at Leeds Cathedral on that day. Everyone welcome.</p> <p>Jubilee Year Prayer Vigil: St Mary's, Batley will be hosting a Prayer Vigil entitled "Crucem, Hostia et Virginem" (The Cross, the Host and the Virgin Mary) on the First Friday of each month in 2025. There will be an opportunity for Confession, Adoration, Mass and receiving the Jubilee Indulgence. Friday 3rd January 2025 at 6pm.</p> <p>Confirmations 2025 We have now been given a date for Confirmations.: 4th February 2025, at St Robert's. The dates we have for the preparatory meetings are as follows; 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. If your child made their First Confession and First Holy Communion here, you have already signed up for notification regarding Confirmation. If those sacraments took place elsewhere, please fill in the blue form available at the back of Church, and hand it to Fr Ben. PLEASE GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN BY THE END OF TODAY.</p> <p>Offertory Collection: Collection Plate: £ Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £810</p>
<p>Readers & (Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass:</p> <p>This Weekend: 21st & 22nd Dec 2024 Vigil: R Rouse, W Considine (D Olszewski, P Durbin) 8.00am: A Hainsworth, G Turner (J Walker, V Burdon) 11.00am H Fletcher, S Butters (H Fletcher, P Fletcher) Mass Next Weekend: 28th & 29th Dec 2024 Vigil: A Player, E Durbin (P Rochester, M Flanagan) 8.00am: C Currie, A Hainsworth (J Tweddle, V Burdon) 11.00am: M Smith, C Bohills (C Hudson, A Roberts)</p>	

Christmas Flowers for Church: You can help with this in one of two ways. You can make a donation in the flower box at the back of Church (on the sideboard) or purchase and bring a poinsettia to Church which will be incorporated in our Christmas displays. You can bring your poinsettias any time from next weekend, and they can be left outside the Church door if nobody is around.

Polish Community Christmas Get-Together: Sunday 29th December from 4pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. A Christmas Social, with quiz and a shared table. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Gosia on 07539 276304

Date for your Diaries: Saturday 26th July 2025. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the 5:30pm Mass for us as we commemorate the centenary of the First Mass being celebrated in our beautiful church. This will lead into a social event for the rest of the evening.

Safeguarding Conference Saturday 8th February 2025 at Hinsley Hall (62, Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX) from 10am-3pm. Talks include hearing from victims and survivors; on Dementia Friendly Churches: When are you ready: Hydrant Programme. Opportunities to share good practice. To book a place please email safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Lunch will be provided. Please let us know when booking if you have any dietary requirements.

Diocese of Leeds Community Choir Open to all. No experience necessary. Singing music by Faure, Mendelssohn and Rutter. Join for free. Rehearsals Sunday 19th January, 2nd and 9th February and 23rd March. Rehearsals are from 2-3:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Moortown. Concert 30th March. Contact office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk Tel 0113 244 8634

Recent Deaths:

Of your charity, please pray for the following, who have died recently. Elizabeth Anne Grunwell (nee Radcliffe) on 18th December, (she died in Spalding, but the family are well known in the parish) and Kevin Turner, who died last weekend, who was very active in the parish for many years. Also Giulia Lis, whose funeral will take place at Stonefall Crematorium on 2nd January 2025. May the Lord grant them all a place of light, happiness and peace, and bestow his healing and comforting grace upon all who mourn)

First Friday Mass and Eucharistic Healing Service. St Aidan's Church Mirfield, Friday 3rd January 2025 at 7pm

Handmaids Women's Group Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 3rd January 2025 at Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds from 7-8:30pm

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 As we approach the final week of what has been an incredibly busy and productive term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the hard work and achievements of our school community. The children have worked tirelessly and are undoubtedly ready for a well-deserved break – as are the staff! Good luck to Mrs Wilkins who is going on Maternity leave and Mrs Gryziec who will be leaving at the end of term, we extend our best wishes to them. We thank them for their hard work at St Joseph's. On behalf of the entire staff, I wish you and your families a very merry, peaceful, and holy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the new year

Plea for Sewing Help Y6 is in need of volunteers who would be willing to give up Friday afternoons (13:30 – 15:00) after Christmas to help the children sew and decorate their waistcoats. There will be 4 weeks and if you can make one or all, we would be most grateful. (10th, 17, 24th, 31st January 2025).

Please contact the office on 01423 562650 or admin@stjosephsharrogate.org

Thank you to those who have already contacted us – that is super of you!

Vacancies

- **Facilities Assistant Vacancy.** St Mary's, Menston. Start: as soon as possible. Closing date. Monday 6th January. Further info: Bishop Wheeler Academy Trust – Trust & Academy Vacancies (bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org) To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Jo-Anne Hughes jahughes@stmarysmenston.org
- **Headteacher Vacancy:** St Ignatius Catholic Primary School, Ossett. Start September 2025. Closing date Friday 10th January 2025 at 9am. Further info and to apply: Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust careers page. Candidates are most welcome and encouraged to arrange a visit to the school by appointment. Please contact Mrs Walters on 01924 271625
- **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