



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 29th December 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
The Opening of the Jubilee Holy Year in the Diocese

4.00pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)

Confessions

5.30pm (Sat Evening)

Mass: Canon Ronald McFadden

8.00am

Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am

Mass: Catherine Almagro

Tuesday 31st December

Christmas Octave
9:30am

Mass: Fr Chris Willis

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Mary, Mother of God
9:30am

Mass: Doreen Frost (LD)

Thursday 2nd January

Ss Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen
9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 3rd January

The Holy Name of Jesus
9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 4th January

Christmas Weekday
9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 5th January

The Epiphany of the Lord
4:30-5:00pm (Sat Evening)
5:30pm (Saturday)
8:00am
11:00am

Confessions

Mass: Margaret Rose Gilroy (A)

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Catherine Almagro (RIP)

Regular Events and Contacts

APF Mill Hill 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: 11am Mass

Contact: Gill Crowther 01423 817885

Church Cleaning Teams (More Volunteers Needed!)

Contact: Valerie Clemerson 07815 976912

Church Flower Team

Contact: Helen Fletcher 01423 525216

Church Tea & Coffee Team (11am 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

Parish Hall Bookings

Contact: Elaine Flanagan 07791 500359

elaineflanagan184@btinternet.com

Piety Stall

Contacts: Helen Fletcher 07837

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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

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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 (and Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass

This Weekend: 28th & 29th December 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)

Next Weekend 4th & 5th January 2025

Vigil: I Morritt, C Antram (P Durbin, E Durbin)

8.00am: M Hardacre, C Currie (J Walker, A Hainsworth)

11.00am: C Antram, P Fletcher (H Fletcher, P Evans)

Christmas Hamper Squares Thank You: £605 was raised in cash through this fundraiser. A very big thank you to all who sold squares, and to John Tweddle who organised it. Thank you also to everyone who donated items for the hampers. Hamper Winners: Tracy Gill, Carol Williams, Helen Mayhew, Margaret Smith, Peter Somerville, Charlotte, Anne-Marie Murras, Peter Field, Valerie Clemerson.

Thank You: To all who helped get things ready in the Church for Christmas: the cleaning teams, the flower teams, the choir, our Organist Gill, our Servers. For those who organised our lovely Carol Service and Nativity last Sunday.

Commencement of the Ordinary Jubilee 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. There are to be Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches in every deanery. Ours in Harrogate Deanery are St Wilfrid's in Ripon, and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Crag in Knaresborough. The Jubilee Indulgence may be gained by making pilgrimage to these Churches.

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.

Confirmations 2025: Dates of Meetings:

Parents Meeting: Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 6pm

Preparatory Catechesis for Candidates: Saturday 11th January, Saturday 25th January and Saturday 1st February. All days run from 10am to 2pm.

Confirmations Will take place at St Robert's, Harrogate on the evening of Tuesday 4th February 2025.

Offertory Collection:

Collection Plate: £ 516.31

Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £810

Collection for Friends of the Holy Land at Carol Service £66.70

Thank You from Father Ben

This week marks the completion of four months in the parish. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given me, not just over the Christmas period but throughout these past months, for all your prayers and good wishes. The Christmas Services, your very kind gifts and very generous Christmas Offering have brought home to me how cherished I already am by the parish community. It has been quite an emotional roller-coaster for me, after so many years out of parish ministry. This was my first parish Christmas since 2009! I have been keeping Fr Stephen especially in my prayers during this season as he celebrated his first Christmas in his new parish. I'm sure he will have been holding all you in his prayers too.

Crib Offerings: As usual these will be donated to the Friends of the Holy Land Charity in support of the humanitarian relief-work they undertake in communities in the Holy Land, the West Bank and Gaza. Box available at the front of Church, near the Lectern. £52 was donated on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day.

Christmas Flowers for Church: It is not too late to make a donation towards the cost of the beautiful flowers we have in Church over the Christmas season. There is a box at the back of Church.

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 Ratcliffe) on 18th December, (she died in Spalding, but the family are well known in the parish) and Kevin Turner, who died recently, who was very active in the parish for many years. Kevin's funeral will take place here on 16th January, and there will be a wake in the Parish Hall after the Service. Also Giulia Lis, whose funeral will take place at Stonefall Crematorium on 2nd January 2025, at 1:40pm. 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.

Parish Party: Another thank you, to all who contributed and who came to our great Parish Party after Mass last Saturday Evening, and especially to the charming and talented Tom Kowalski for providing our entertainment. We covered our expenses and made £42.40 profit.

News from the school: St Joseph's School is currently closed for the Christmas Holidays. News to follow next week. They are still looking for more volunteers to help with the next item on the bulletin. They have had three volunteers so far, but more would be great!

Plea for Sewing Help Y6 is in need for 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