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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 12th January 2025	**The Baptism of the Lord**	
	4.00pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass: For Josif
	8.00am	Mass: Rosemary Kinnear (RIP)
	11.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
Tuesday 14th January	**Weekday in OT**	
	7:00pm	Mass: M McEleney & Baby Esther Moxon
Wednesday 15th January	**Weekday in OT**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 16th January	**Weekday in OT**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
	12noon	**Funeral Service for Francis Kevin Turner**
Friday 17th January	**St Antony**	
	9:30am	Mass: Mary Dapre (LD)
Saturday 18th January	**Weekday in OT**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 19th January	**Second Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Sat Evening)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday))	Mass: For People of the Parish
	8:00am	Mass: Valeria Burdon
	11:00am	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 928851
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 (and Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass

This Weekend: 11th & 12th January 2025
Vigil: P Allinson, R Currie (D Olszewski, M Flanagan)
8.00am: A Leckenby, M Hardacre (M Hardacre, J Tweddle))
11.00am A Player, H Fletcher (A Roberts, A-M Perry))

Next Weekend 18th & 19th January 2025
Vigil: C Devlin, P Rochester (E & P Durbin)
8.00am: D Bove, A Leckenby (J Walker, V Burdon)
11.00am: J Tweddle, M Smith (P & P Evans)

Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate: will now be available in the Church entrance after the 8am Mass. There is no charge for this. You can stay and chat, or take your drink and leave, whichever you prefer. All welcome.

"Pilgrims of Hope" Holy/Jubilee Year 2025: The Holy Father Pope Francis opened 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. 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. The Cathedral in Leeds is also somewhere you may go to gain the Jubilee Indulgence throughout the Holy Year

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. First Fridays at 6pm

Confirmations 2025: Dates of Meetings:
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: £ 378.07 Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £810. Votive Candles £72.07, Flowers £24. Thank you

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. A further £93.60 was donated last weekend. Total now £212.30. The box will be taken away after the Masses this weekend.

Recent Deaths: Of your charity, please pray for the following parishioners who have died recently:
Kevin Turner: His funeral will take place here at St Joseph's on Thursday January 16th. At 10:30am Kevin's coffin will depart from Church for a Private Committal at Stonefall Crematorium. The Funeral Service will then take place in St Joseph's at 12noon. After the service there will be a wake in the Church Hall, to which everyone is invited.
Peter Hamblin: He and his wife, Mary, moved to Saltburn around 7 years ago. His Requiem Mass will take place here at St Joseph's at 1:45pm on Tuesday January 21st, celebrated by Canon Lawrie Hulme.

Christmas Flowers for Church: It's not too late to make a donation towards the cost of the beautiful flowers we had in Church over the Christmas Season. There is a box at the back of Church for this purpose.

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

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.

Retiring Collection for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund: Which was originally set for next weekend, has now been delayed at Bishop Marcus' request to 8th and 9th February. The Bishop is aware of the strains that family finances are under in January, and the Lourdes Fund collection is better suited to the nearest weekend to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Healing Service: The next Healing Service in the Parish of Our Lady of Kirkstall will be on 16th January at 7pm at St Mary's, Horsforth. A beautiful opportunity to pray for healing for yourself and others, whether physical, psychological or spiritual. Everyone welcome, including non-Catholics and people of no faith. All that is needed is an openness to Jesus.

CAFOD Jubilee Year Events: CAFOD is offering an online introduction to the Jubilee Year on Saturday 18th January with special guests to help us become tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout the Holy Year. Register at https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year

Open Information Session on the Diaconate: Are you inquisitive about the Ministry of a Deacon? Then you are invited to attend an open information session at Hinsley Hall on Saturday 8th February 10:30am-12pm. For more information and to register please contact david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Little Sisters Fundraising Event: On Friday 28th February at the Leeds Irish Centre, Tara Suite. 7:30pm. Tickets £25. Meal of soda bread, Irish Stew and Dessert. Also Irish Band & Dancing, sing-along, auction and raffle. All proceeds to go to the rebuilding of Mt St Joseph's. Contact details. Sr Christina. Email: funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

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.

Catechists for First Confession, FHC and Confirmation. We could really do with some new volunteers to help our established catechists for these sacraments. Full training and support will be given to follow the Diocesan Programmes for these Sacraments. Contact Amy Keith (8am Mass), Alicia Player (11am Mass) or speak with Fr Ben after Mass.

Online resource for Readers at Mass: Three short videos on "Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary: A Refresher for Readers" have been produced by the Diocese to form a simple and concise guide and provide some useful "DOs and DON'Ts" to help people who exercise this important ministry of Reading at Mass. Access videos via the Cathedral YouTube Channel: www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk

Train to Teach: Are you interested in training to teach in a Catholic School? St Anthony's Catholic Partnership are recruiting now for September 2025. If you would like further details please contact Hannah Taylor on h.taylor@stanthonysleeds.org.uk or 0113 2776944

News from the school: This week brought an unusual start to the new term as extreme weather conditions, including icy roads and pavements, meant we had to close for two days. We are very grateful to our families for their understanding and positivity during this time. Once we were able to reopen, everyone was delighted to be back together and ready to begin the new year.
Although our planetarium visit has been rescheduled to the end of January, we're thrilled to get back on track with our learning and look forward to the exciting weeks ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Plea for Sewing Help Y6 is in need for volunteers who would be willing to give up Friday afternoons (13:30 – 15:00) 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. (17, 24th, 31st January and 7th February 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! Please note the addition of February. The original 10th was cancelled due to the irregular week of school due to extreme weather conditions.

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 please visit http://www.catholic-care.org.ul/recruit/latest-vacancies/ or email your CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk