



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Confessions
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Valeria Burdon
Mass: Catherine Almagro (RIP)

Tuesday 21st January

Weekday in OT
1:45pm
7.00pm

Requiem Mass for Peter Hamblin
Mass: Bernard Frost (5th Anniversary)

Wednesday 22nd January

St Vincent
9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 23rd January

Weekday in OT
9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 24th January

St Francis de Sales
9:30am

Mass: Umberto Burdon

Saturday 25th January

The Conversion of St Paul
9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 26th January

Third Sunday in OT
4:30-5:00pm (Sat Evening)
5:30pm (Saturday)
8:00am
11:00am
12:30pm

Confessions
Mass: Holy Souls
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Private Intention
Baptism of James Deaton

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

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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: 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)

Next Weekend 25th & 26th January 2025

Vigil: J Cooper, R Rouse (P Rochester, M Flanagan)

8.00am: J Walker & D Bove (M Hardacre, A Hainsworth)

11.00am: P Evans, C Antram (B Gotting, P Fletcher)

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: £250.51 Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £810. **Memorial Collection:** In memory of Kevin Turner. Is to be shared between MacMillan, British Heart Foundation and the Parish. Each receive £172.30. Thank you.

Peter Hamblin (RIP): 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.

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.

First Reconciliation: "First Confessions": The proposed date for this is Wednesday 2nd April from 3-4:30pm (The School closes for Easter on 4th April) Parents Meeting 12th March. Preparatory catechesis for the children: Saturday 15th March & Saturday 29th March. Children need to be in at least Year 3 to receive this Sacrament. Enrolment for this will begin soon. In signing up to receive the Sacrament of first Reconciliation, you are also agreeing for your child to proceed to First Holy Communion in Year 4, and Confirmation in Year 6, though the invitation will be renewed for each of the Sacraments.

First Holy Communions 2025: Provisional dates for your diaries for preparation and celebration of First Holy Communions.

Parents Meeting: Wednesday 23rd April 2025, Preparation dates with eh 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. More information and enrolment nearer the time. Anyone in Year 4 or above is eligible to make their First Holy Communion

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

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 Lourdes Fund collection is better suited to the nearest weekend to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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

Short Retreat "time to Meet the God of Surprises" led by Fr Chris Thomas 11th-13th February at The Briery, Ilkley. Fr Thomas leads the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, a retreat centre and the Archdiocese of Liverpool's Centre for Spirituality and Outreach. His retreats promise to be thoughtful, inspiring and perhaps a little challenging! Residential or non-residential places available. Contact the Administrator admin@briery.org.uk 01943 607287 for more information or to book.

Youth 2000 Leeds Retreat: offers young adults (aged 18-35) from across the Diocese the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in a relationship with God. Offering the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. Saturday 15th February, Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, LS18 5HD. Tickets from <https://www.youth2000.org/events>

Workshop for Parish Musicians: Preparing for Holy Week and Easter: Sunday 26th January 2-4pm, Cathedral Chambers (accessed via Wheeler Hall) Meet musicians from across the Diocese to explore liturgical music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Free practical workshop led by Diocesan Choral Directors and composer Teena Lyle. To book email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

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

News from the School: We are delighted to have had a full week back! We would like to welcome Miss Gregson to Year 1. She is looking forward to getting to know the children, staff, and families here at St. Joseph's. The children are really enjoying their PE lessons, especially now the playground is back in action. Wharfe Valley Active (our club provider) have begun this half term's sessions of Lego Club, Dodgeball and Dance of which the children are loving. The school is preparing an exciting programme for the celebrations of the Jubilee year, Pilgrims of Hope. We aim to live the year as Pope Francis wishes, with "deep faith, lively hope and active charity."

Thank you to our Sewing Helpers Y6 (and the adults!) are very grateful for our amazing volunteers who have willingly given up Friday afternoons to help the children sew and decorate their waistcoats. We have made a good start and the only way is up! Thank you once again, your generosity and patience is greatly valued.

Vacancies

- **Catholic Care Chief Executive Officer Vacancy:** Salary £80K-£90K prop rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision and skills for leadership and a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing and delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>, email or speak to Katrina on 0113 388 5400 or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk. Closing date 9th February.
- **Catholic Care Vacancy:** School Social Worker. Salary: SP 18-25 currently £30,559-£35,235, pro rata dependent upon qualifications and experience. Post: Permanent part-time or 1 x Fixed term 15hrs to cover maternity leave. Location: West and North Yorkshire. You must hold a Social Work qualification. Closing date: open until the vacancy is filled.
- **Teacher for Design & Technology:** St John Fisher Catholic Academy, Harrogate. Start February 2025. Closing date, Monday 27th January 2025. Further info: www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/ To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Paula Deacon, office@sjfchs.org.uk