



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



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th January 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.00pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass: Holy Souls
8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am	Mass: Private Intention
12.30pm	Baptism: James Deaton

Tuesday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas

7.00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
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Wednesday 29th January

Weekday in OT

9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
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Thursday 30th January

Weekday in OT

9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
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Friday 31st January

St John Bosco

9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
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Saturday 1st February

Weekday in OT

9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
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Sunday 2nd February

**The Presentation of the
Lord (Candlemas)**

4:30-5:00pm (Sat Evening)	Confessions
5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: John Hough (A)
8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
11:00am	Mass: Elfrieda Erna Dora Nokes (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

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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: 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)

Next Weekend 1st & 2nd February 2025

Vigil: P Durbin, A Player (D Olszewski, M Flanagan)

8.00am: A Keith, J Walker (J Tweddle, V Burdon)

11.00am: A Roberts, A Player (C Hudson, H Fletcher)

Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate: Now served in the Church entrance after the 8am Mass. You can stay and chat, or take your drink and leave, whichever you prefer. All welcome.

"Pilgrims of Hope" Holy/Jubilee Year 2025: There are 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: Date of Meeting:

Saturday 1st February. The day run from 10am to 2pm.

Confirmations Will take place at St Robert's, Harrogate on the evening of Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7pm.

Offertory Collection:

Collection Plate: £498.87 Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £810. **Crib Offerings (& collection at Carol Service)** £219.80 (for Friends of the Holy Land), **Piety Stall:** £160 in cash.

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 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. More information and enrolment nearer the time. Anyone in Year 4 or above is eligible to make their First Holy Communion

St Joseph's, Bilton SVP Conference: The SVP Conference in the Parish is now active with new members. We have been financially supporting single people, families and children in food and fuel poverty. We have also contributed to SVP activities at St Vincent's Centre Leeds, to the Prison Chaplaincy teams in our district and the SVP Appeal for South Sudan. We are hoping to begin Parish visiting later in the Spring. If you want to know more about the Parish SVP do use the Conference mobile number and/or if you know someone in need, please call 07350 857356

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 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

New Bereavement Ministry Training: The next training course will be at The Briery in Ilkley on Saturday 22nd March and Saturday 5th April from 9:45am-4pm each day. For more information or an application form please contact The Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care Team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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>

Silver Swans Ballet Sessions: In St Joseph's Church Hall, every Thursday 10:30-11:30am. £7 per session. Silver Swans teachers are trained specifically to teach a range of abilities and ages over 55. These open, accessible and low-impact classes are set to beautiful classical music from TV and film. Contact Mary Fielding 07970 962341, Michelle Vink 07739 975000.

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.

Thank You from Catholic Care: For playing your part in Catholic Care's Christmas Appeal 2024 and for your incredible generosity. Together with a grant from the National Lottery, Catholic Care was able to support 734 families through creative family sessions and pantries held at schools and in the community with food, toiletries and toys for those children who may otherwise have not received a Christmas gift. Some people chose to make a financial donation instead, and in total £2,700 was received from across the Diocese, which will help fund pantries and community markets in 2025.

News from the School: Our Y6 Well-being clubs are thriving, bringing joy to pupils across all year groups through games, dance, colouring, and reading. A big well done to our Y6 Sports Leaders, who successfully ran a Y3 sports club this week! Our sewers came for their second visit to Y6 who are developing lovely relationships with our guests. Y2 delighted us with a special assembly before we launched the Jubilee Year's *Pilgrim of Hope*. Each class contributed artwork featuring their personal hopes for the year, which will come together as part of a beautiful larger picture—a ship sailing with our collective hopes. Thank you to all involved for making this week so memorable!

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 8th February from 11:30am to 3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker this month is David Bolton. Title of the talk is "Candlemas and Prophecy." Exploring the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Luke 2:22-39 and the prophecies of Simeon and Anna.

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.
- **Assistant Headteacher Vacancy:** St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Horsforth. Start April 2025. Closing date 7th February 2025. (bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org.uk) To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Helen Tye at h.tye@stmaryshorsforth.org