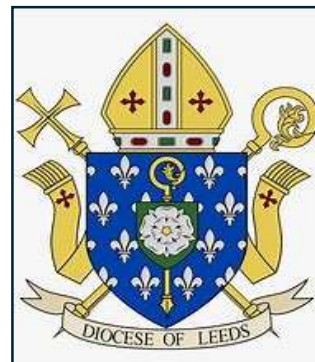




St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9th February 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.00pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)

Confessions

5.30pm (Sat Evening)

Mass: Canon Philip Fitzgerald (RIP)

8.00am

Mass: (SVP) Helen Holcroft (in

Thanksgiving

11.00am

Mass: People of the Parish

Tuesday 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

7.00pm

Mass: Eva & Stefan Novak

Wednesday 12th February

Weekday in OT

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 13th February

Weekday in OT

9:30am

Mass: Gavin Burdon (LD)

Friday 14th February

Ss Cyril & Methodius

Patrons of Europe

9:30am

Mass: Mami Nouet (LD)

Saturday 15th February

Weekday in OT

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 16th February

Sixth Sunday in OT

4:30-5:00pm (Sat Evening)

Confessions

5:30pm (Saturday))

Mass: Jack Blackburn (Birthday Int)

8:00am

Mass: People of the Parish

11:00am

Mass: (SVP) Sick in the Parish

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 (Counters) Contact: Liz King 07771 711714

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: 8th & 9th February 2025

Vigil: V Clemerson, I Morrith (P & E Durbin)

8.00am: G Turner, A Keith (A Hainsworth, M Hardacre)

11.00am S Butters, J Tweddle (A Roberts, B Gotting)

Next Weekend 15th & 16th February 2025

Vigil: W Considine, P Allinson (M Flanagan, D Olszewski)

8.00am: A Hainsworth, G Turner (J Walker, J Tweddle)

11.00am: C Bohills, Pam Evans (Paul Evans, A-M Perry)

Confirmations: Congratulations to the 29 young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday Evening at St Robert's, Harrogate. A huge **THANK-YOU** to their catechists for preparing them for this day, and to their families for the support you have given your children. A thanksgiving Mass Intention for you all will be celebrated at the **11am Mass on Sunday 23rd February. During the Mass Confirmation Certificates will be presented to the children.** We hope that as many of the families as possible can be at that Mass.

Can You Help Your Parish? Please look at the insert in this weekend's bulletin, and prayerfully consider, and respond to the invitations contained within it, if you possibly can. A box is available at the back of Church for your replies. We also especially wish to encourage our ethnic communities and newer parishioners to engage with this process. This parish is everyone's home, and we love how diverse it has become: a visible expression of the Universality of the Church.

Offertory Collection: Collection Plate: £311.22 Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £740. **Retiring Collection today for the Lourdes Fund.** Those of you who give by numbered envelopes will find them dated in January.

Fr Ben's Induction as Parish Priest: will be conducted by Bishop Marcus here in St Joseph's on the evening of Wednesday 26th March. Time to be confirmed, but likely to be 7 or 7:30pm

Centenary Celebration Committee: As you know we are celebrating the centenary of the opening of our beautiful Church this year. Bishop Marcus is coming on Saturday 26th July. We would like to form a small committee to help plan some lovely, inclusive celebrations then and throughout our centenary year. Please speak with Fr Ben if you would like to help the parish in this way. First meeting on Tuesday 27th February 7:30pm

First Reconciliation: "First Confessions": The 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 very 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.

First Holy Communions 2025: 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 very soon. 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

Refreshments: Are served after the 8am and 11am Mass on Sunday. All welcome, especially if you are visitors or new to the Parish. It's a good way to get to know us.

Lenten Charity Project Nominations: Nominations are now invited for which charity will be the beneficiary of our Lenten almsgiving as a parish this year. Nominations should be written on no more than 1 side of A4, put in a sealed envelope and handed to Fr Ben. They will then be anonymised, shortlisted by the Finance Committee, and put to a vote in the parish.

Lenten Lectures 2025: After last year's talks on "Introduction to the Bible," Dr Geoffrey Turner, of our parish, is to give 5 more talks during Lent. This time they will focus on the Gospel of Luke, beginning with "How to Read a Gospel". They will be in our Parish Hall on Thursdays at 7pm, starting on 13th March, then on 20th March, 27th March, 3rd April & 10th April.

Tuesday Friends: A reminder of this weekly meeting in our Parish Hall. All welcome to come along for companionship, friendship and fun. Meet 1:30-2:45pm.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 4th to Thursday 10th July 2025. Bookings are now open. The theme is "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope," to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Hope. Early booking strongly recommended. In anticipation of higher than usual numbers, transfers will be offered to and from Stansted Airport once the Leeds flight is full. Please book via the Tagney website or by phone directly with Tagney Tours. Further information is available via the Diocesan website. Leaflets about the Lourdes Pilgrimage this Holy Year are available at the back of Church.

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>

Next Sunday: We will be joined at the 11am Mass by a group of around 45 Catenians from the Salford & Leigh Circle who are staying at Nidd Hall for the weekend. Do make them welcome. There may well be extra demand for refreshments after Mass.

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.

Silver Swans Ballet Sessions: In St Joseph's Church Hall every Thursday from 10.30-11.30am. £7 per session. Silver Swans teachers are trained specifically to teach a range of abilities and people over 55. These open, accessible and low impact classes are set to beautiful classical music. Contact Mary Fielding 07970 962341 or Michelle Vink 07739 975000.

News from the School: We are incredibly proud of our Y6 pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation— their joy was truly contagious! It was a wonderful celebration of faith and commitment. This week, our *Pupil Parliament* led their second British Values assembly on *The Rule of Law*, helping children understand how rules keep us safe and support us in working together. They also conducted a playtime survey and interviewed pupils to explore ways to improve our school community. A special thank you to the wonderful ladies who have patiently, kindly, and gently (basically demonstrating all the Fruits of the Holy Spirit!) helped Y6 sew their waistcoats—our gratitude has no bounds! Finally, please see a photograph of *Pilgrims of Hope* display where the hopes of every child is featured.



Vacancies

- **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.
- **Support Worker Vacancy:** Catholic Care. Based in Skipton, SP 4-7 £24,404-£25,584 (pro rata depending on experience) 34 hours per week. For further details please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>
- **Deputy Headteacher vacancy:** St Edward's Catholic Primary School, Boston Spa. Start: September 2025. Closing date: Tuesday 4th March. To discuss or arrange a visit, please contact stedwardsadmin@st-edwards.leeds.sch.uk
- **Assistant to Lay Chaplain Vacancy:** Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: ASAP. Closing date Monday 24th February. Further info: please visit <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies>. To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Vicky Winterburn v.winterburn@notredamecoll.ac.uk
- **Hinsley Hall Duty Manager/Receptionist Vacancy:** Benefits include free meals on duty/car parking. More details and an application form at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies. Closing date Monday 17th February 2025.