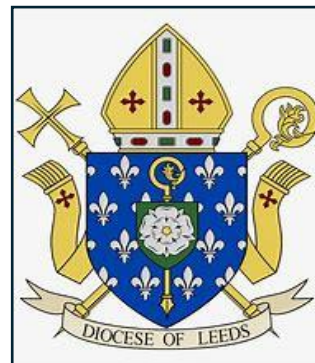




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 16th March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Confessions & Exposition
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: (SVP) Sick in the Parish
Mass: Mira Flor Abaluyan (RIP)

Tuesday 18th March

St Cyril of Jerusalem

6:30pm
7:00pm

Doctor of the Church

Stations of the Cross
Mass: Anna Ceci (RIP)

Wednesday 19th March

St Joseph

9:30am
7:00pm

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass: Foundation Mass
Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 20th March

Weekday in Lent

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 21st March

Weekday in Lent

9:00am
9:30am

Stations of the Cross
Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 22nd March

Weekday in Lent

NO MASS THIS MORNING

Fr Ben is training Deacons at Hinsley Hall today)

Sunday 23rd March

Third Sunday of Lent

4:00-5:00pm (Sat Evening)
5:30pm (Saturday)
8:00am
11:00am

Exposition & Confessions
Mass: Elizabeth Glaister (LD)
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Georgina McCall (A)

<p>Regular Events and Contacts APF Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes Contact: Liz Walker 07816 288125</p> <p>Bereavement Support Contact Fr Ben who will arrange for a member of the Bereavement Support team to contact you.</p> <p>Brownies Wednesday evenings in term-time 6.00pm - 7.15pm Contact: 3rdbiltonbrownies@gmail.com</p> <p>Catenians Second Tuesday, 7.30pm at St Robert's Club/Centre: Contact: John Tolan 01423 884690</p> <p>Children's Liturgy Group Contact: <i>Pending Appointment</i></p> <p>Choir: 11am Mass Contact: Gill Crowther 01423 817885</p> <p>Church Cleaning Teams (More Volunteers Needed!) Contact: Valerie Clemerson 07815 976912</p> <p>Church Flower Team Contact: Helen Fletcher 01423 525216</p> <p>Church Tea & Coffee Team (11am Mass) Contacts: Anne Roberts 07867 788552 Annemarie Perry 07722 091465</p> <p>Friendship Group Tuesday Afternoons in the Hall - 1.30pm –2.45pm</p> <p>Gift Aid Organiser Contact: John Tweddle 01423 523332</p> <p>Journey in Faith (RCIA) Tuesdays as announced. (November - Easter) Contact: Fr Ben 01423 504124</p> <p>Parish Hall Bookings Contact: Elaine Flanagan 07791 500359 elaineflanagan184@btinternet.com</p> <p>Piety Stall Contacts: Helen Fletcher 07837 928851 Cathy Hudson 07790 814819</p> <p>Rotas (Counters) Contact: Liz King 07771 711714</p> <p>Rotas (Eucharistic Ministry) Contact: Bradley Gotting 07985 515307 b.gotting@sky.com</p> <p>Rotas (Readers) Contact: Paul Fletcher 01423 525216</p> <p>Safeguarding Representative (Parish) Contact: Tony Cullen 07785 252253 psr.tcullen@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</p> <p>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Headteacher: Mrs G Delahay 01423 562650</p> <p>St John Fisher Catholic High School Headteacher: Mr S Mort 01423 887254</p> <p>SVP Contact Number: 07350 857356</p>	<p>-: PARISH LENT PROGRAMME: -</p> <p>Stations of the Cross: Will be celebrated on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm and on Fridays at 9am. Booklets are available (near the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham) to allow people to pray them privately. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Will take place from 4:00 to 5:00pm on Saturday Evenings during Lent, with Confessions available throughout the period.</p> <p>CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 14th March 2025. Please return your envelopes today. You can also make online donations. You can Gift Aid your donations to CAFOD using the form attached to the envelopes. Poster downstairs with more information. CAFOD are also promoting “The Big Lent Walk” Walk 200Km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Details downstairs.</p> <p>Lenten Parish Project Nominations: Nominations will close at the end of today, Sunday 16th March. 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. We have received four nomination so far.</p> <p>Lenten Lectures: After last year's talks on “Introduction to the Bible,” Dr Geoffrey Turner, of our parish (and former Head of Theology at Leeds Trinity University) is to give 5 more talks during Lent. This time they will focus on the Gospel of Luke, They will be in our Parish Hall on Thursdays at 7pm, on 20th March, 27th March, 3rd April & 10th April. All welcome, even if you weren't at last week's talk.</p> <p>Lenten Day of Reflection: Saturday 29th March. Fr dennis Cassidy will lead an exploration on the Lenten theme of forgiveness and healing at the Briery Reyreat centre, Ilkley. £42pp to include morning coffee, a two-course lunch and afternoon tea. Booking essential. Please call 01943 607287 or email: admin@briery.org.uk</p> <p>Can You Help Your Parish? Please take one of the information sheets 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.</p> <p>Novena to St Joseph: Continues this week, leading to the celebration of our Patronal Feast on 19th March. Masses that day will be at 9:30am and 7.00pm. There is a box at the front , near St Joseph's statue for your novena intentions.</p> <p>Offertory Collection: Collection Plate: £306.16. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £740. Thank you Retiring Collection next week. National Collection for the Shrine at Walsingham.</p> <p>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 at 7pm. There will be a social evening in the Hall after, with a shared table. A list for catering is available. Thanks already to those who have signed the list.</p> <p>First Reconciliation: “First Confessions”: The date for this is Wednesday 2nd April from 3-4:30pm (The School closes for Easter on 4th April) Preparatory catechesis for the children: Next session on Saturday 29th March.</p> <p>Parish Centenary Celebration Group: Next Meeting on Wednesday 19th March at 7:30pm. In the Hall. All welcome.</p>
<p>Readers (and Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass</p> <p>This Weekend: 15th & 16th March 2025 Vigil: P Rochester, V Clemerson (P & E Durbin) 8.00am: D Bove, A Leckenby (J Walker, V Burdon) 11.00am C Antram, P Fletcher (P & P Evans)</p> <p>Next Weekend 22nd & 23rd March 2025 Vigil: R Rouse, W Considine (P Durbin, P Rochester) 8.00am: J Walker, D Bovo (V Burdon, M Hardacre) 11.00am: A Player, H Fletcher (Pam Evans, C Hudson)</p>	

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. Although bookings remain open with Tagney Tours, the Leeds flight is full. Seats are available from Stansted (coach transfer Hinsley Hall to/from Stansted) leaving 3rd July – a day before the main flight from Leeds (an extra night at no extra cost) If this flight becomes fully booked, Tagney will try and arrange flights from another UK airport but this may involve coach transfers to/from Lourdes as well as the UK. Please book ASAP if you want to join the pilgrimage.

Fisher Singers: Concert Saturday April 5th 2025 @ 7:30pm
At St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate HG1 2EY. Haydn Imperial "Nelson" Mass & Mozart's Solemn Vespers. Tickets available by phoning 07958 665410/ 07411 258713 or can be purchased on the door. £15 for adults and £8 for under 18s and full-time students.

St John Fisher's School PTA Quiz night: Gather your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours and book your place at the Fisher's Fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 28th March from 7pm. Tickets £10 includes an Indian meal. Teams can be made up of a maximum of six people. Booking link <https://sjfchs.sumupstore.com/>

Doorways of Hope (Online Event): Leeds Diocese older people's charity **Growing Old Grace-fully** is hosting a programme of 3 hour-long online events on the theme of hope, to be led by Paula Shanks and Mgr Donal Lucey. Dates are Tuesday 18th March (afternoon), Wednesday 14th May (evening) and Thursday 10th July (evening). To book a place or for more information email: growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Someone backed into a car in the car park at Saturday evening Mass two weekends ago, and did not report it to the owner of the car. PLEASE do not make us have to examine the CCTV footage from the car park. You will be traced if necessary! You may give your details anonymously to Father Ben in a sealed envelope, who will pass it on to the owner of the car which was damaged.

Diocese of Leeds Community Choir Concert: Sunday 30th March at 4pm at Immaculate Heart Church, Moortown, Leeds. Admission free with a retiring collection. The debut concert of the Community Choir will feature music by Mendelssohn, Stanford and Rutter, directed by Michael Burt.

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

"Singalong" To commemorate and celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. All invited to this parish celebration on Saturday 10th May after the evening Mass. You may come in 1940s costumes if you wish, but it is optional. Pie & Pea Supper and a dessert provided, but bring your own drinks. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Price £12. Available from Gill Crowther (11am Mass) or at the Piety Stall.

First Holy Communions 2025: Dates for your diaries for preparation and celebration of First Holy Communions. Parents Meeting: Wednesday 23rd April 2025. Dates for Preparation Sessions with the Children: On Saturday 26th April, 10th May and 7th June 2025. **First Holy Communion Day: Saturday 21st June 2025** with two Masses at 11am and 1:30pm. Enrolment forms are now available. Anyone who signed up last year for First Reconciliation in this parish are in our records and the family will soon be receiving an email asking you to state that you wish them to make their FHC this year, so you won't need to take a form. For those who made their First Reconciliation elsewhere or have still to make it as well as their FHC (and are now in at least Year 4) please take one of the blue forms, and return it ASAP to Father Ben.

News From the School: This week, we have had a fantastic time celebrating *British Science Week*! The theme '*Change and Adapt*' sparked curiosity and excitement across the school, with every class taking part in hands-on science experiments. Key Stage 2 had a brilliant experience during *Step into the NHS Day*, learning about the many careers in healthcare and how science plays a vital role in helping others. We ended the week with a spectacular Science Fair, where children proudly showcased their own scientific inventions. It was inspiring to see their creativity and problem-solving skills in action – our future scientists are certainly thriving! Meanwhile, our Well-being Clubs continue to be a great success. Computer Club has been buzzing with excitement as children explore coding and creative digital projects, while Reading Club provides a calm and cosy space to relax and enjoy stories together. It's wonderful to see children engaging in activities that bring them joy and support their well-being.

Vacancies

- **Pastoral Worker for Older People Vacancy:** Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford is recruiting a part-time pastoral worker for older people, for 10hrs per week. More details at www.marymotherofgod.org.uk Closing date is Friday 4th April.
- **Special Educational Needs Class Teacher Vacancy:** St John's Catholic Specialist School, Boston Spa. Start September 2025. Closing date 21st March. Further info and an application pack: Contact karen.holt@stjohns.org.uk
- **Diocese of Leeds Music Vacancy:** Seeking a talented Assistant Director of the Schools Singing Programme. An excellent opportunity for a choral leader with a desire to nurture creativity. dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk/vacancies
- **Various teacher vacancies:** St John Fisher's, Harrogate. Start ASAP. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Adademy-Vacancies/> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Paula Deacon: office@sjfchs.org.uk
- **Caritas Leeds Co-Ordinator Vacancy:** Salary £11,250. Post 15hrs a week. Initial fixed contract for two years. Working across the Diocese of Leeds. Closing date 1st April. To apply please visit <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest/vacancies/>