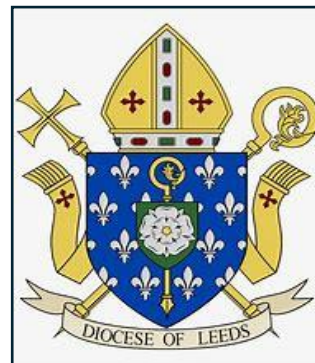




St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd March 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.00pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass: Hugh McEleney (RIP) (A)
8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am	Mass: (SVP) Sick in the Parish

Tuesday 4th March

St Casimir

7:00pm	Mass: Kyrstyna Olszewska (LD)
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Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

9:30am
7:00pm

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Mass: Steve, James & Christopher
Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 6th March

Thursday after Ash Wed

9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
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Friday 7th March

Ss Perpetua & Felicity

9:00am
9:30am

Martyrs

Stations of the Cross
Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 8th March

St John of God

9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
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Sunday 9th March

First Sunday of Lent

4:00-5:00pm (Sat Evening)	Exposition & Confessions
5:30pm (Saturday))	Mass: People of the Parish
8:00am	Mass: (SVP) Sick in the Parish
11:00am	Mass: Mira Flor Abaluyan & Catherine Imie Rose Abaluyan

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

SVP Contact Number: 07350 857356

Readers (and Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass

This Weekend: 1st & 2nd March 2025

Vigil: C Antram, J Cooper (E Durbin, M Flanagan)

8.00am: M Hardacre, C Currie (J Walker, V Burdon)

11.00am H Fletcher, S Butters (P Fletcher, A Roberts)

Next Weekend 8th & 9th March 2025

Vigil: R Currie, P Durbin (D Olszewski, P Rochester)

8.00am: A Leckenby, M Hardacre (A Hainsworth, J Tweddle)

11.00am: M Smith, C Bohills (H Fletcher, B Gotting))

-: PARISH LENT PROGRAMME: -

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 14th March 2025. Envelopes are available for you. 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 of how to sign up are available on a poster downstairs.

Lenten Parish Project Nominations: Nominations are 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. We have received **one** nomination so far.

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, 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.

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: a visible expression of the Universality of the Church.

Offertory Collection: Collection Plate: £493.22. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £740. Thank you.

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.

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 forms are now available. At the back of Church. They will also be available through the school. 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.

Italian Masked Carnival Celebration: Festa in Maschera di Carnevale: in the Parish Hall on Sunday 2nd March from 3-5pm. All welcome. Music, Dancing, Food, non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets £8 adult. £4 for children. Tickets available after Mass.

Parish Centenary Celebration Group: Next Meeting on Wednesday 19th March at 7:30pm. In the Hall. All welcome.

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 8th March from 11:30am to 3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodland's Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker this month is Father Jonathan Hart, parish priest of St Wilfrid's, Ripon.

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.

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.

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 last weekend, 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.

News From the School:

The Book of Kindness is a new initiative our Mini Vinnies have launched to celebrate and record moments of kindness experienced within our school community. We warmly invite parish members, parents, and school visitors to contribute by sharing acts of kindness they have witnessed or received. A submission box will be available in the school entrance, where messages can be left and added to the book, As a school rooted in faith, we believe in nurturing a community of love, service, and gratitude. This book will be a beautiful reminder of how small acts of kindness reflect God's love in our daily lives. If you'd like to leave a message, please visit the school or send your words of kindness via admin@stjosephsharrogate.org . Thank you for your support in helping our children recognise the power of kindness.

"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. Come in costume. Pie & Pea Supper and a dessert provided, but bring your own drinks. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Price £12. See Gill Crowther after 11am Mass for more information.

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.

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

Vacancies

- **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
- **School Social Worker Vacancy:** Salary currently £30,559-£35,235, pro rata dependent on qualifications and experience. Post permanent Part Time or 1x Fixed term 15hrs to cover maternity leave. Location: West and North Yorkshire. You must hold a Social Work Qualification. Closing date: Open until vacancy has been filled.
- **Assistant to Lay Chaplain Vacancy:** Notre Dame Catholic 6th Form College. Start ASAP. Closing date, Monday 17th March. To discuss/arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.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/>