

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare/Mothering Sunday)

4.00pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions & Exposition
5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass: Edith Walton (RIP)
8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am	Mass: Piotr Szczurek (A)

Tuesday 1st April

Weekday in Lent

6:30pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00pm	Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 2nd April

Weekday of Lent

9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
3:00-4:30pm	First Confession

Thursday 3rd April

Weekday in Lent

9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 4th April

St Isidore

9:00am	Stations of the Cross
9:30am	Mass: Ted Costar (RIP) (A)

Saturday 5th April

Weekday of Lent

9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 6th April

Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00-5:00pm (Sat Evening)	Exposition & Confessions
5:30pm (Saturday))	Mass: Peter Corbett (A)
8:00am	Mass: Donald & Betty MacCormick
11:00am	Mass: People of 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 St Robert's
Club/Centre: 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: 29th & 30th March 2025
Vigil: A Player, E Durbin (P Durbin, P Rochester)
8.00am: A Keith, J Walker (V Burdon, A Hainsworth)
11.00am J Tweddle, M Smith (B Gotting, C Hudson)

Next Weekend 5th & 6th April 2025
Vigil: I Morritt, C Antram (See new rota)
8.00am: G Turner, A Keith (See new rota)
11.00am: Pam Evans, C Antram (See new rota)

A Huge Thank You: I have been overwhelmed by your kindness in formally welcoming me to the parish, and to all who made the Induction liturgy and the party after so special for me. Musicians, Readers, Choir and Organist, Servers, Everyone who provided food for the shared table, and helped with the setting up, serving and clearing up after. A special thanks to Caroline and Valeria who ensured that everything was organised (including me!) Caroline has made and decorated a beautiful cake. We didn't cut into it on Wednesday, as I wanted all the parish to see it at the weekend.

New Offertory Envelopes: Have at last arrived, and they should be available to pick up as you leave Church. We were promised them by the middle of March, and we apologise for the delay, which was beyond our control.

-: 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: are promoting **"The Big Lent Walk"** Walk 200Km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Details downstairs.

Lenten Parish Project Nominations: Nominations have now closed. We have received **five** nominations. The parish finance committee will now look at these, carry out checks for due diligence etc. They will then be shortlisted for voting on by the parish.

Lenten Lectures: Dr Geoffrey Turner, of our parish (and former Head of Theology at Leeds Trinity University) is to give 3 more talks during Lent. This year they focus on the Gospel of Luke. They will be in our Parish Hall on Thursdays at 7pm, on 27th March, 3rd April & 10th April. All welcome, even if you weren't at last week's talk. They are very interesting and informative.

Offertory Collection: Collection Plate: £517.46. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £740. **Walsingham Collection** £185.93. Thank you very much.

Catholic Care Annual Appeal: takes place this weekend. Like many other charities, Catholic Care is facing significant financial challenges and they ask you to give as generously as you are able, to enable them to continue their work in helping those in need across the diocese. If you wish to set up regular planned and Gift-Aided giving to them, Fr Ben has the details you need.

-: HOLY WEEK IN THE PARISH:-

Holy "Maundy" Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm.
Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross:7:00pm
Easter Vigil: Holy Saturday 8:30pm (Please note there is no 5:30pm Vigil Mass that day)
Easter Sunday: Masses as usual at 8am and 11am.

There are lists at the back of Church to sign up to volunteer for all the extras that we need: readers, eucharistic ministers, people to have their foot washed, presenting the newly blessed Oils, etc. Please help make Holy Week work for us all.

Blessing of Easter Baskets (Święcenie pokarmów Wielkanocnych) Will take place on Holy Saturday morning (19th April) in Church at 11am.

Parish Centenary Celebration Group: Next meeting on Wednesday 9th April at 7:30pm in the Hall. All welcome, even if you haven't been before.

Significant Dates for your Diaries (Re Church Centenary)
Centenary Mass: 5:30pm on Saturday 26th July: Celebrated by Bishop Marcus. Social Event after Mass.
Centenary Week: 26th July to 3rd August
Heritage Open Days: 12th to 21st September, A national scheme during which the Church will be open for people to visit.

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.

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 Wednesday 14th May (evening) and Thursday 10th July (evening). To book a place or for more information email: growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

Deanery Day of Renewal: The next renewal day is on Saturday 12th April from 11:30am-3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is Mary Callan. The title of the talk is "Resurrection Women – Men too,"

Blaze Eucharistic Holy Hour: "I have come to set fire on the earth and how I wish it was already blazing!" On Thursday April 3rd, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be continuing a monthly holy hour with Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship music, concluding with Night Prayer. 7:30-8:30pm in St Patrick's Church, Bradford.

"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 Reconciliation "First Confessions": Will take place in Church this Wednesday 2nd April from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Please keep the children, their families and catechists in your prayers.

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 will shortly be available for those who are in at least Year 4, but who are new to the parish or who made their First Confessions elsewhere. All who made their First Confessions either last year, or who will make them on April 2nd, but are in Year 4 will be contacted by email.

SVP: St Vincents: Support Centre: Join us for our Sponsored Walk in and around Wetherby. Sunday 18th May 2025 to raise vital funds for people facing poverty in Leeds. Starting from 12:00pm at St Joseph's Church, LS22 6LL. A 9 mile or a 3 mile country walk for all ages. To register or for more information contact: Leigh Bradley. Email; leighb@svp.org.uk or telephone 0113 248 4126

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer & Healing Service: St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds. Led by Divine Retreat Centre, Ramsgate, Saturday 12th April, 1:30pm. There will be Rosary, worship, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer and Healing. There is free entry but donation to defray the cost will be welcome.

News From the School: What a week it has been! We are *beyond delighted and proud* to share that our school won the *local swimming gala*, beating nine other schools in a thrilling competition with incredibly narrow margins throughout—an *epic victory* that showcased determination and team spirit! Our swimmers are still beaming with pride and the thrill of the win!
Our *Talent Show* was also a huge success, with each class holding auditions before the final acts performed in front of the whole school. The range of talent was amazing, and the children were so supportive of one another.
We also enjoyed Games Week, which was a brilliant display of our children's commitment, creativity, and just how much fun they are to be around! All money raised will go to our two chosen charities: *CAFOD* and *Catholic Care*. A big thank you to everyone who supported their children—whether by helping to create games or by donating money to take part. It all makes a difference, and we are so grateful for your generosity!

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.
- **Deputy Headteacher Vacancy:** St Austin's Catholic Primary School, Wakefield. Closing date: Thursday 17th April at 9am. For further information about the role and school please visit https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/