

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 13th April 2025	**Palm Sunday**	
	4.00pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions & Exposition
	5.30pm (Sat Evening)	Mass: People of the Parish
	8.00am	Mass: Margaret Boyle (Birthday A)
	11.00am	Mass: Mira Flor Abaluyan & Catherine Imie Rose Abaluyan
Monday 14th April	**Monday of Holy Week**	
	5:30pm	Reception of Michael Evamy's body into Church.
Tuesday 15th April	**Tuesday in Holy Week**	
	12:00noon	**Requiem Mass for Michael Evamy**
	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 16th April	**Wednesday in Holy Week**	No Mass here at St Joseph's.
Thursday 17th April	**Holy Thursday**	
	7:30pm	**Mass of the Lord's Supper** (watching until 10pm)
Friday 18th April	**Good Friday**	(Day of fasting and Abstinence)
	3:00pm	**Celebration of the Passion**
	7:00pm	**Stations of the Cross**
Saturday 19th April	**Holy Saturday**	**Blessing of Easter Baskets**
	11:00am	**Święcenie pokarmów Wielkanocnych**
	8:30pm	**Easter Vigil**
Sunday 20th April	**Easter Sunday**	
	8:00am	Mass: Mira Flor Camay (RIP)
	11:00am	Mass: In Thanksgiving (Cunado)

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: 12th & 13th April 2025
Vigil: See volunteer list (M Flanagan, P Durbin)
8.00am: See volunteer list (M Hardacre, J Walker)
11.00am See volunteer list (P & P Evans)

Next Weekend 19th & 20thApril 2025: Easter Sunday
Vigil: See volunteer list
8.00am: See volunteer list
11.00am: See volunteer list

Welcome: To any visitors who are joining us for Holy Week this year. We are pleased to have you with us for Holy Week and Easter.

New Offertory Envelopes: Please pick them up this weekend if you haven't already done so. Available on the table near the entrance doors.

Lenten Parish Project Voting: Voting papers are available at the back of Church. Please respect the process and don't vote again if you voted last weekend. A second collection will be taken on the weekend of 3rd & 4th May, since we've already had three retiring collections in a row this Lent.

Lenten Lectures: Have now come to an end. A very big thank you to Dr Geoffrey Turner for leading our reflections on the Gospel of St Luke.

Offertory Collection: Collection Plate: £462.19. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £740.

Collections: A reminder that on Good Friday we will have the customary collection for **The Holy Places** to support the work of the Christian Church in Palestine.
At Easter there is the usual **Easter Offering** to support your Parish Priest, and supplement the small stipend he receives from the diocese.

-: HOLY WEEK IN THE PARISH:-

Holy "Maundy" Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm. The Altar of Repose will be set up in the Parish Hall as usual. People may lend us their larger pot plants for the occasion to help create a "Garden" around the altar. They can then be taken back home anytime after the other services during the rest of the Triduum.
Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross:7:00pm
Blessing of Easter Baskets (Święcenie pokarmów Wielkanocnych) Will take place on Holy Saturday morning (19th April) in Church at 11am.
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.

Easter Flowers: If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of Easter flowers you are reminded of the box on the cupboard in the narthex of the Church where you can do this.

Awakening 2025/Jesus Youth 2025: Will be having an afternoon of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here in St Joseph's Church on Sunday 11th May from after the 11am Mass until approximately 6pm.

Live Simply – Care Deeply: All are welcome to this event to inspire renewal of your parish by living more simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with those experiencing poverty in this Jubilee Year. Saturday 3rd May, Wheeler Hall, Leeds cathedral from 10:30am to 3:30pm. For more info: www.leedsjp.org.uk

Parish Centenary Celebration Group: Next meeting on Thursday 1st May at 7:45pm in the Hall. All welcome, even if you haven't been before.

Parish Fundraiser: Our own **Gloria Lorenzo** who does so much to maintain our lovely containers, pots and flower baskets, and the garden areas around the car park, is going to swim 88 lengths (a mile) during her birthday week (from 14th April) to raise funds for the parish. Please sponsor her. Thank you Gloria for your generosity in taking this up to raise funds for the parish.

Assisted Suicide Bill Action: The Committee Stage of the Assisted Suicide Bill has ended. The Bill is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen the safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. The next reading of the Bill is Friday 25th April. Please take action and contact your MP.

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.

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. **Meet the Pilgrims:** All pilgrims joining are welcome to attend a coffee & biscuit afternoon at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. A great opportunity to meet the team and fellow pilgrims. Nurses & doctors will be available to answer any questions you may have. Sunday 27th April 2-4:00pm.

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

"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 are on sale. 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 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.

Celebration of Married Life: Celebration Mass for Married Life for couples and their families celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries this year. Saturday 17th May, 12noon at Leeds Cathedral. There will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of Church.

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

News From the School: The school is closed for the Easter Holidays. We look forward to hearing their news when they return shortly after Easter. Please keep all involved with our school in your prayers

Vacancies

- **Class Teacher Vacancy.** Barkston Ash Primary School. Start September 2025. Closing date: Friday 25th April. To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Gill Ward 01937 557373. Further info: https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/
- **Assistant Headteacher with Sendco Vacancy:** Maternity Cover 1 year. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Wetherby. Start September 2025. Closing date: Friday 25th April. To discuss or arrange a visit, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Karen Williams, office@stjosephswetherby.com
- **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/
- **Class Teacher Vacancy:** (maternity Cover) St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Tadcaster: Start September 2025. Closing date Tuesday 28th April. Further info: https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/
- **There are many more vacancies. If interested: for more information please see list downstairs near the Church entrance**