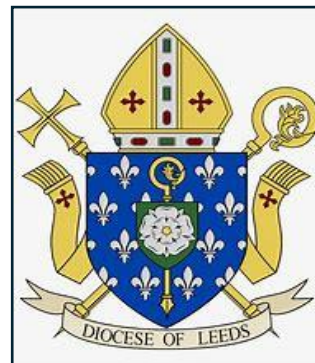




Welcome to **St. Joseph's Catholic Church** **Bilton, Harrogate**



St Joseph's Catholic Church
www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk
Diocese of Leeds Registered
Charity No: 249404

Parish Priest: Fr Ben Griffiths
 St Joseph's Presbytery
 281 Skipton Road Harrogate HG1 3HD
Tel: (01423) 504124

e-mail: benjamin.griffiths@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

8.30pm (Sat Evening)
 8.00am
 11.00am
 12.30pm

Easter Vigil

Mass: Mira Flor Camay
 Mass: In Thanksgiving (Cunado)
 Baptism of Kaiden Jarvik Rofail

Tuesday 22nd April

Tuesday in Easter Octave

7:00pm

Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 23rd April

Wednesday in Easter Octave

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 24th April

Thursday in Easter Octave

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 25th April

Friday in Easter Octave

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 26th April

Saturday in Easter Octave

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 27th April

Second Sunday of Easter

4:30-500pm (Sat Eve)
 5:30pm (Saturday)
 8:00am
 11:00am:

Low Sunday

Confessions
 Mass: Edith Walton (RIP)
 Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: Rafael David (First Ann)

<p>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>Welcome: To any visitors who are joining us for Easter We are pleased to have you with us, and awe are blessed to have you here. We wish everyone a peaceful, joyful and holy Easter.</p> <p>Thank you: To all who have helped in so many ways to make Holy Week happen in the parish: Servers, Cleaners, Musicians, Flower arrangers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, who lent us their plants to create the “garden” around the Altar of Repose, and everyone who has volunteered with all the extra things which have been needed this past week</p> <p>New Offertory Envelopes: Please pick them up this weekend if you haven't already done so. Available on the table near the entrance doors.</p> <p>Lenten Parish Project Voting: Once the order of choices was taken into account Holy Family Gaza emerged as the project which won the greatest support, narrowly beating the Harrogate Homeless project. A Retiring Collection will be taken in two weeks time to support the chosen project.</p> <p>Offertory Collection: Collection Plate: £381.87. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average): £740.</p> <p>Collections: At Easter the collection is the usual Easter Offering to support your Parish Priest, and supplement the small stipend he receives from the diocese. I thank you in anticipation, and also for your many kindnesses, prayers and Easter greetings and gifts.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April: Will be celebrated at St Robert's Church, Harrogate. 2:00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity to go to Confession. 3:00pm Prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction. Please come along for all or part of it and receive the graces and blessings from Our Lord promised to us through St Faustina. All very welcome.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Readers (and Eucharistic Ministers) at Mass</p> <p>This Weekend: 19th & 20th April 2025 (Easter Day) Vigil: See volunteer list 8.00am: See volunteer list (J Walker, V Burdon) 11.00am See volunteer list (P & P Evans)</p> <p>Next Weekend 26th & 27th April 2025: Low Sunday Vigil: P Allinson, R Currie (P Rochester, M Flanagan) 8.00am: A Hainsworth, G Turner (V Burdon, J Walker) 11.00am: A Roberts, A Player (C Hudson, A Roberts)</p>	

Parish Centenary Celebration Group: Next meeting on Wednesday 30th April 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, should have been contacted by email during the past week. If you haven't received an email, please fill in the form and give it to Father Ben

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
- **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**