

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th May 2025	**Fourth Sunday of Easter**	**Vocations Sunday**
	4:30-5:00pm	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Elizabeth Glaister (LD)
	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Deceased of the Duffin Family
	After 11am Mass	Adoration until approx. 6pm with "Awakening Youth"
Tuesday 13th May	**Our Lady of Fatima**	(Fr Ben at Presbyteral Conference in Hinsley Hall)
	No Service here today	
Wednesday 14th May	**St Matthias (Apostle)**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 15th May	**Weekday in Easter**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 16th May	**Friday in Easter**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 17th May	**Weekday of Easter**	
	9:30am	Mass: Priests of the Diocese
	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 18th May	4:30-5:00pm	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Nazar Sophie Alsamarai (Baby)
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am:	Mass: Seamus McCaul (A)

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: 10th & 11th May (4th Sunday of Easter)
Vigil: J Cooper, R Rouse (See new rota)
8.00am: M Hardacre, J Walker(See new rota)
11.00am C Bohills, Pam Evans (See new rota)

Next Weekend 17th & 18th May (5th Sunday of Easter)
Vigil: P Durbin, A Player (See new rota)
8.00am: A Leckenby, A Keith (See new rota)
11.00am: P Fletcher. A Roberts (See new rota)

Pope Leo XIV: It will not have escaped your attention that we have a new Pope! Robert Prevost, now Pope Leo was born in Chicago. He joined the Augustinian Order, and in that capacity worked on missions in Peru for many years, gaining dual Peruvian nationality in the process. In recent years he has been the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops in the Roman Curia. He is apparently the first Pope to be a member of the Augustinians. Pope Leo XIII, who was Pope from 1878-1903 was a great champion of the Social Teaching of the Church, especially with his Encyclical Letter: Rerum Novarum, which affirmed workers' rights. Pope St Leo I (known as St Leo the Great) was a great thinker and strove with great courage to uphold the Church, famously standing up to the threats of Atilla the Hun. Pope Leo X refused to grant Henry VIII an annulment to his marriage with Catherine of Aragon in the 1530s. We pray for Pope Leo and thank God that we have a Pope once again! The traditional titles of the Pope include "Pontifex Maximus" ("bridge builder," which he referenced in his opening address) and "Servant of the Servants of God." He gives every appearance of being a warm, open, generous, considered, gentle yet ardent, shepherd of the flock. In his opening address he spoke movingly of both peace and love. We extend those graces to him as he begins his ministry as the Successor of St Peter. "Ubi Petrus, ibi Ecclesia" Where Peter is, there also is the Church.
As a side note: Fr Ben was taught by Augustinian missionary monks (the Agustinos Filipinos) for 6 years in Spain whilst training for the priesthood, so feels an affinity with the Augustinian family in the Church.

Pope Francis: The **Book of Condolence** continues to be available in the Atrium of the Church to enable you to record your own prayers, tributes and reflections on Pope Francis

Offertory Collection.: £481.86. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £710. The Retiring Collection (Lenten Project) for Holy Family, Gaza, yielded £488.39 in loose plate. We don't have the figure for the Dona machine but know that quite a few gave by that route too. The final figure will be published when known. Thank you. **Retiring Collection Today:** Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be the annual retiring collection for the **Priests' Training Fund.**

The Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady: will take place on Sunday 25th May at the beginning of the 11am Mass

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.

Parish Centenary Celebration Group: next meeting on Wednesday 28th May at 7pm in the Hall. All welcome, even if you haven't been before.

St Joseph's Brownies: will very soon be celebrating their 60th Anniversary in the Parish. Congratulations to them, and thanks to all the many volunteers over the years who have done so much to keep the group going. As part of their celebrations, they will be having a Parade Sunday at the 11am Mass in May.

Parish Centenary Celebrations July 2025: As part of these celebrations the Parish intend to have a display of events of the last 100 years. Photographs, articles or memoirs of family occasions such as Baptisms, weddings, First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Ordinations would be welcome.
If possible, please send digital copies, however, hard copies are acceptable. Submission of material indicates permission has been given for any display purposes.
Please submit digital copies to:
patsyrochester10@gmail.com
For Hard copies, please put in an envelope complete with contact details and leave these in the marked box at the Piety Stall. Many thanks for your help.

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.

Festa Italiana: The Italian Community "La Buena Notizia" is hosting an afternoon of fun, food, music, dancing, bingo and entertainment. St Joseph's Hall on Sunday June 1st from 12-3pm. All welcome to join in. For more information please email vmese@hotmail.co.uk or buccoliero_rosaria@yoahoo.it

125th Jubilee St Bede's Grammar School, Bradford: To celebrate the jubilee of the school opening, join us for our Symposium Day, Saturday 7th June, 9:30am-4:00pm. Talks, school tours, lunch in the Memorial Library and a chance to reconnect with old friends. Concludes with Mass at 3:00pm. Former students, staff and friends of St Bede's all welcome. To reserve a place, contact jubilee@sbsj.co.uk or Mary Hymas on 01274 941941

Finding God in all Things: Praying with Ignatius of Loyola: A day to explore Ignatian Spirituality through scripture, prayer and reflection. £35pp to include all resources and refreshments and a two-course lunch. 12th June at the Briery, Ilkley. To book, contact 01943 607287 or admin@briery.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

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

Table-Top Sale: St Joseph's Parish Hall, on **Saturday 14th June from 11am to 1:30pm.** One table £8, two tables £15 (one in front of the other) Sellers access from 9:30am, Dealers access from 10:30am, buyers access from 11am. Tables will go quickly, so they will be allotted on a first come, first served basis. Money from the rent of tables will be in aid of St Joseph's Centenary Fund. What you raise from sales is your own. For further information, please contact Elaine Flanagan. Mobile: 07791 500359 or email: elaineflanagan184@btinternet.com

Marriage Help: Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th-22nd June. Tel 07887 296983. www.retrouvaille.org.uk

First Holy Communions 2025: Parents will have received an email regarding the revised schedule for Catechesis in preparation for their child's First Holy Communion.
Thursday 5th June: 15:30-16:45 in Mrs Keith's class in school.
Saturday 7th June: In the Hall 09:45 to 14:00.
Thursday 12th June: 15:30-16:45 in Mrs Keith's class in school.
First Holy Communion Day: Saturday 21st June 2025 with two Masses at 11am and 1:30pm.

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: It has been a joyful and reflective time at school. Our *Mini Vinnies* led a beautiful *Marian Liturgy*, where children brought in flowers to honour Mary, the Mother of the Church. These were then donated to *St. Joseph's Church Flower Team*, *Emmaus House Residential Home*, and other local homes, sharing our acts of kindness with the wider community. We also watched the *Conclave* unfold with great anticipation, and our excitement reached its peak as we heard the words *Habemus Papam* - welcoming *Pope Leo XIV* as our new Holy Father. We have been learning about his hopes for the Church and how we can support his leadership through our prayers, kindness, and care for the earth.
To mark the *80th Anniversary of VE Day*, the whole school came together for a *picnic* and *singalong*, sharing food and songs in a joyful celebration of peace and unity.
Meanwhile, our *Well-being Clubs* have been making the most of the beautiful weather, with children enjoying *Computing Club* in the cool indoors and peaceful *Reading and Colouring* sessions in the *Prayer Garden*—a perfect way to find some calm and creativity during a busy week.

Vacancies: There are many new vacancies around the Diocese, in schools, the Diocesan Music department and in the Curial Offices. Please see notice downstairs for more information on any of these.