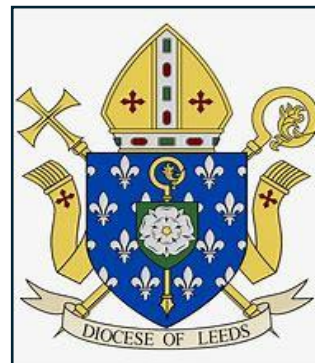




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30-5:00pm
5:30pm (Saturday)
8.00am
11:00am
12:30pm

Vocations Sunday

Confessions
Mass: Nazar Sophie Alsamarai (Baby)
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Seamus McCaul (A)
Baptism: Lotanna Liam Nwaizu

Tuesday 20th May

St Bernadine of Siena

7:00pm

Priest

Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 21st May

**St Christopher Magallanes
& Companions**

9:30am

Martyrs

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 22nd May

St Rita of Cascia

9:30am

Religious

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 23rd May

Friday in Easter

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 24th May

Weekday of Easter

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 25th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Confessions
Mass: The Daly Family
Mass: Winifred Garner (A)
Mass: People of the Parish

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: 17th & 18th May (5th Sunday of Easter)**

Vigil: P Durbin, A Player (P Rochester, M Flanagan)

8.00am: A Leckenby, A Keith (V Burdon, J Tweddle)

11.00am P Fletcher, A Roberts (P & P Evans)

Next Weekend 24th & 25th May (6th Sunday of Easter)

Vigil: V Clemerson, I Morritt (D Olszewski, M Gargan)

8.00am: D Bovo, G Turner (J Walker, M Hardacre)

11.00am: H Fletcher, S Butters (H Fletcher, A-M Perry)

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

Liturgy for National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse: This year's Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse is Tuesday 20th May. There will be a special Liturgical Service in the Cathedral at 2:00pm. The liturgy will comprise the Office of None from the Liturgy of the Hours and prayers for victims and survivors of abuse.

Offertory Collection.: £485.40. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £710. The Retiring Collection for the Priests' Training Fund raised £198.25 in loose plate. A further "25 was received for Holy Family, Gaza bringing the loose plate to £513.39.

Forthcoming Retiring Collections: Sunday 1st June for Catholic Communications (on World Communications Day), and on Sunday 8th June for the retired priests of the Diocese.

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

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.

St Joseph's Parish SVP Conference: There was an appeal for new members of the parish SVP Conference last weekend. The current members will again be available this weekend to speak to after Mass. There will be a **follow-up meeting on Tuesday, after the Evening Mass, in the Parish Hall.** All welcome, even if you haven't already registered your interest.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Christ is Alive Community is organising a virtual "Life in the Spirit" seminar from 3rd-7th June from 8:00-9:30pm with great speakers. Please scan QR code on the noticeboard for registration to get the zoom link. For more information contact 07983 776337

Priestly Vocations Meeting: Following on from the Bishop's Pastoral Letter last weekend, this is a reminder that any man who is even remotely thinking about a vocation to the priesthood is invited to meet with Bishop Marcus and members of the Vocations Promotion Team. Hinsley Hall, Pentecost Sunday, 8th June lasting about an hour, including prayers, talks, Q&A. Under 18s must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Any initial questions to Fr Simon Lodge:

simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

We Believe Festival of Catholic Life: 25th-28th July 2025, celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation and worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees. Tickets available www.webelievefestival.com

Pope Leo XIV: Today Pope Leo XIV celebrates the official/ceremonial start of his pontificate, with the celebration of his **Inaugural Mass** in St Peter's Square. We hold him in our prayers, thank God for his election, and look forward to hearing his teachings and being inspired by his words, witness and example. God bless our Pope!

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.

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: We can't believe we're already nearing the end of another half term! The children are doing extremely well, and we're delighted to welcome new families to our school community – joining the nurturing and calm environment we so greatly cherish.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for the mature and positive way they approached their KS2 SATs this week. Each morning began with a shared breakfast, followed by calming drawing and prayers asking for Mary's blessings and guidance. Their attitude was exemplary, and they rounded off the week with a well-earned celebratory feast and movie on Thursday. Reception had a wonderful trip to Hesketh Farm, where sunshine and blue skies set the scene for a day full of fun and exploration. The children were a credit to the school, their faces full of joy and wonder.

Year 4 took part in life-saving swimming lessons this week – an important and confidence-building experience. Meanwhile, Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying their Brass Band sessions with Mr Ratcliffe from St John Fisher's, and are even taking their instruments home to practise!

A week full of growth, joy, and new beginnings!

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.