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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 25th May 2025	**Sixth Sunday of Easter**	
	4:30-5:00pm	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: The Daly Family
	8.00am	Mass: Winifred Garner (A)
	11:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
Tuesday 27th May	**St Augustine of Canterbury**	**Bishop (Feast)**
	7:00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 28th May	**Weekday in Easter**	
	9:30am	Mass: Mark Smith (1st Anniversary)
Thursday 29th May	**The Ascension of the Lord**	**Holyday of Obligation**
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
	7:00pm	Mass: People of the Parish
Friday 30th May	**Yorkshire Martyrs**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 31st May	**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 1st June	**Seventh Sunday of Easter**	
	4:30-5:00pm	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: For Josif
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am:	Mass: Catherine Almagro

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: 24th & 25th (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)

Next Weekend 31st May/1st June (7th Sunday of Easter)
Vigil: W Considine, P Allinson (P Rochester, E Durbin)
8.00am: J Walker, A Hainsworth (J Walker, V Burdon)
11.00am: P Onuorah, C Bohills (B Gotting, A Roberts)

Children's Liturgy: We are once again appealing for volunteers to join the liturgy team. Previous appeals have not generated any interest. We are now considering whether Children's Liturgy is a viable activity. I'm sure you all agree that the children enjoy their time and benefit greatly from learning about the Gospel in a child friendly way. However, we need your help. Initially all we require are volunteers who can help the younger children with their work. You will not be required to do any teaching unless you volunteer as a leader. Please give this appeal your considered attention and speak to either Alicia Player or Fr Ben after the 11am Mass. You can also contact Alicia on 07804 604948.

Children's Liturgy: There will be no Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass either this weekend or next weekend, due to Bank Holiday and the school being on Half-Term week.

Offertory Collection.: £441.63. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £710. Thank you.

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.

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 Parish SVP Conference: There was an appeal for new members of the parish SVP Conference two weekends ago. There have been several people who have expressed an interest, and we now begin the formal application process with them. Things are looking promising.

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 1st June from 12-3pm. All welcome to join in. For more information please email vmese@hotmail.co.uk or buccoliere_rosaria@yahoo.it

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 from 2:00pm 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

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.

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

Laudato Si Mini Pilgrimage: Saturday 31st May. After 12noon Mass, walk from Leeds Cathedral to Kirkstall Abbey: https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/jubilee/laudato-si-pilgrimages/ Bring a packed lunch. Please contact communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to sign up for this risk-assessed walk.

Catholic History Day: The annual York Catholic History Day takes place on Saturday 14th June at The Bar Convent, York. For more details go to https://dioceseofleeds.org.uk/york-catholic-history-day-2025/

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

Pope Francis: Book of Condolence: will remain open until the end of May if you still haven't written anything in the book, so this is the last weekend that it will remain at the back of Church.

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.

Pentecost Novena for Vocations: Novenas are part of the popular piety of the Church, the oldest Novena being the nine days spent by the Apostles, in company with Our Lady, between the Lord's Ascension and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Bearing this in mind, the Vocations Promotion Team have prepared a Novena to mark this ancient observance, focusing on praying to the Holy Spirit for an increase in priestly vocations in our diocese. It can also be used for our private intentions. We shall pray it publicly at the end of Mass each day of the Novena. Copies of the Novena will also be available to take home.

News From the School: As we head into the final half term, we are so proud of how the children continue to represent our school and families with such positivity. Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on their writing in preparation for their final assessments. They also have a jam-packed few weeks ahead—including Bikeability (cycling safety), swimming lessons, a triathlon, Sports Day, a pilgrimage to St Robert's Church and the cenotaph, trips to the Great Yorkshire Show, Transition Days, and of course, their end-of-year performance!
Year 5 continue to enjoy their brass band experience, making great progress and sharing their enthusiasm with others.
Year 1 impressed us all with a fabulous assembly showcasing their learning about plants—a joyful celebration of growing knowledge!
Two of our Mini Vinnies also represented the school beautifully at the Good Shepherd Mass at the Cathedral—thank you to them for leading with such grace.
We've also welcomed new children into our school family recently, and they've settled in wonderfully.
With just seven weeks left, we look forward to making the most of this final chapter together!

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.