

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

St Joseph's Catholic Church
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Diocese of Leeds Registered Charity No: 249404

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th May 2025	**Third Sunday of Easter:**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Sat Evening)	Exposition & Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Sheila Hird (A)
	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Mira Flor Abaluyan
	4:00-5:00pm	Exposition, Rosary, Vespers
Tuesday 6th May	**Weekday in Easter**	
	No Service here today	
Wednesday 7th May	**St John of Beverley**	
	No Service here today	
Thursday 8th May	**Thursday in Easter**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 9th May	**Friday in Easter**	
	9:30am	Mass: Birthday Intention
Saturday 10th May	**St John of Avila**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 11th May	**Fourth Sunday of Easter**	**Good Shepherd Sunday**
	4:30-5:00pm	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Elizabeth Glaister (LD)
	8:00am	Mass: Dec'd of Duffin Family
	11:00am:	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: 3rd & 4th May (3rd Sunday of Easter)
Vigil: C Devlin, P Rochester (See new rota)
8.00am: C Currie, D Bovo (See new rota)
11.00am S Butters, J Tweddle (See new rota)

Next Weekend 3rd & 4th 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)

Pope Francis: Requiescat in Pace: We continue to hold the memory of Pope Francis in our prayers, and commend him to the grace and mercy of God. This Sunday marks the final day of the "**Novemdiales"** of official mourning, so there will be Exposition of the Blesed Sacrament, Rosary, Evening Prayer and Benediction from 4:00-5:00pm to bring this period of mourning to an official conclusion.

A Book of Condolence is available in the Atrium of our Church to enable you to record your own prayers, tributes and reflections on Pope Francis.

The Retiring Collection today: is our delayed **Lenten Charity** almsgiving, **Holy Family Church, Gaza,** being the beneficiary. It has, in essence, become a memorial collection for somewhere very close to Pope Francis's heart.

The Conclave: Our focus now shifts to the Conclave to elect the Successor to Pope Francis. The Conclave starts on Wednesday afternoon. Please remember the Cardinals in your prayers. One particular way to do this and perhaps feel a little closer to the events is to go to the website **Adopt a Cardinal.** You will be assigned, at random, a Cardinal to pray for during the Conclave: not that they become Pope, but just as a focus for your prayer. You just pray that they will remain healthy during the Conclave, and will be filled with a spirit of discernment and courage to let the Holy Spirit guide them in their choice. Fr Ben has done this in the last two Conclaves, and in his previous parish, and received a lot of positive feedback of how engaged it helped people feel. Just for information, Fr Ben got Cardinal Angel Rossi from Argentina to pray for this time.

Offertory Collection.: £478.10. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £710. The Collection taken at the Easter Basket Blessing was £214:13. Coffee £30.00, Votives £62.42. Receipts for First Holy Communion course books: £218.00 Thank you.

Retiring Collection Next Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be the annual retiring collection for the **Priests' Training Fund.**

"Singalong" To commemorate and celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. All invited to this parish celebration on Saturday 10th May after the evening Mass. You may come in 1940s costume 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 (Organist) after the 11am Mass, or at the Piety Stall.** Do give this event your strong support and encourage others to come. A lot of effort has gone into organising this event.

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 Wednesday 28th May at 7pm in the Hall. All welcome, even if you haven't been before.

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.

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, has swum a mile. By being sponsored for this, together with other fundraising efforts she has raised a magnificent **£665** which is for our parish Centenary Fund. Thank you Gloria for your generosity and tireless efforts in taking this challenge up, and raising so much or the parish.

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

VE Day-80 Mass at Leeds Cathedral: Please join us in celebrating this important anniversary with Mass at 5:30pm on Thursday 8th May. All welcome.

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.
Saturday 10th May: In the Hall 09:45-14:00.
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.

Deanery Day of Renewal: The next Deanery Day of Renewal will be on Saturday 10th May from 11:30am to 3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is Fr Terry McGrath, and is entitled "What does it mean to be the Church?" Fr Terry is a Missionary of St Francis de Sales, known to many, as he has lived and worked in Harrogate for many years.

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:
This week, our Pupil Parliament led a meaningful British Values assembly on Individual Liberty, highlighting the importance of treating everyone with respect and equality. Their message reminded us all that true freedom includes kindness and fairness to others. We are so grateful to our families for their generosity in supporting the Harrogate Foodbank – Reception and Year 6 were delighted to play together for their extra break for helping to fill the trolley!
Some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed taking part in a Tchoukball Festival under glorious sunshine, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm. Meanwhile, members of *Year 5* have been taking part in *Bikeability*—a valuable programme designed to develop cycling proficiency and increase *road safety awareness*.

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.