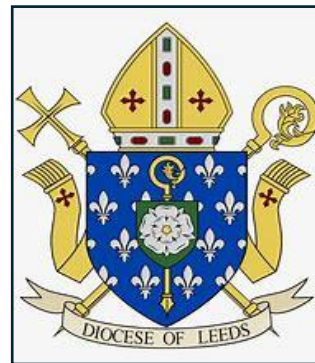




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 20th July 2025

16th Sunday in OT

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

Confessions

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Olive & Ron Schiendorfer (A)

Mass: Catherine Almagro-Abaluyan

Exposition & Benediction

Tuesday 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene

700pm

Feast

Mass: Anne Hainsworth

Wednesday 23rd July

St Briget of Sweden

9:30am

Patron of Europe

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 24th July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am
 7.00pm

Mass: Yorkshire Brethren

Mass: Fr Neil Byrne

Friday 25th July

St James, Apostle

9:30am

Feast

Mass: Josie McDonald (get well)

Saturday 26th July

Ss Joachim & Anne

9:30am

Parents of the BVM

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 27th July

17th Sunday in OT

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

No Confessions today

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Matthew, Jennie Friedels & fam

Mass: In Thanksgiving

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

Contact: Helen Fletcher 07837 928851

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Rotas (Eucharistic Ministry)

Contact: Bradley Gotting 07985 515307

b.gotting@sky.com

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Contact: Paul Fletcher 01423 525216

Safeguarding Representative (Parish)

Contact: Tony Cullen 07785 252253

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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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: 19th & 20th July (16th Sunday in OT)**

Vigil: I Morritt, E Durbin (P Rochester, M Flanagan)

8.00am: C Currie, G Turner (J Tweddle, V Burdon)

11.00am: S Butters, J Tweddle (A Roberts, Volunteer)

Next Weekend 26th & 27th July (17th Sunday in OT)

Vigil: P Allinson, C Antram (No Eucharistic Ministers)

8.00am: M Hardacre, Volunteer (J Walker, M Hardacre)

11.00am: C Bohills, Pam Evans (H Fletcher, Paul Evans)

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.

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope: £408.79
Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £710. The retiring collection for Stella Maris raised £205.11. Thank you.

St Joseph's Church Centenary Mass: Saturday 26th July at 5:30pm. There are lists on the table by the entrance. Please indicate your intention to attend (with numbers in your family group). There is to be a social, with a shared table after the Mass. Please indicate what you may be able to bring (it's not conditional on your attendance!) There is also a list requesting volunteers for setting up, helping serve, and clearing up afterwards.

Significant Dates for your Diaries (Re Church Centenary)

Exposition & Benediction: Today, Sunday 20th July 4-5pm to pray in thanksgiving for the centenary of the opening of our Church, for our needs and for the needs of the parish.

Centenary Mass. 5:30pm Saturday 26th July, celebrated by Bishop Marcus. Social event after Mass.

Centenary Week: 26th July to 3rd August 2025.

Heritage Open Days: 12th-21st September. A national scheme during which the Church will be open for visitors.

Church Centenary Celebrations July 2025: As part of these celebrations the Parish intends to have a display of events of the past 100 years. Photographs, articles or memoirs of family occasions such as baptisms, weddings, First Holy Communion, Confirmations 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 display purposes. Please submit digital copies to: patsyrochester10@gmail.com
For hard copies, please put in an envelope complete with the contact details and leave these in the marked box near the Church entrance. Many thanks.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Are calling on all parishes across the country to join in the fightback and raise awareness of their work at Masses over the weekend of 19th & 20th July. They have sent postcards so that you can express an interest in their work. They are available at the back of Church. You can return these postcards to Fr Ben, as we have been given a prepaid envelope to send any completed cards together to SPUC. Please see the poster downstairs for more information.

Weekly Rosary for Peace: Every Friday at 11am the Rosary is prayed at the Cenotaph in Harrogate town centre for all those who gave their lives in war, and for peace in our world. **All welcome.**

May they rest in peace: We pray for **Jayne Geldart** and **June Bojdo** both of this parish, who have died recently. Funeral details will be announced when confirmed. May God grant them rest and peace, and his consoling grace to their families.

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 97500

St Joseph's School PTFA: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School PTFA community is important to us, and we welcome the support of those around us. Are you a friend, relative, member of the Church or wider community and would like to volunteer some time to help the PTFA with fundraising and events? Parents, Carers and Teachers are automatically part of the PTFA, but we are now delighted to accept registration as "Friends" from our community and parish. Please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

Friends of The Briery Summer Fayre: Sunday 20th July 2-4:00pm. You are invited to enter the beautiful house and grounds of The Briery for an afternoon of fun and entertainment. Receive a glass of fizz on arrival, browse and shop at the many stalls: craft cards. Jewellery, Fairtrade, books, cakes, tombola, and then enjoy a delicious cream tea.

Eucharistic Ministers: We do need some additional eucharistic Ministers in the Parish, just for distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. We have become especially short of them at the 8am Mass, where existing ministers are on duty every other weekend. Please consider and pray whether this is a ministry you would be able to help with. For further information please speak with Father Ben after Mass.

Holding Hope – Online Reflection: Leeds Diocese older people's charity **Growing Old Grace-fully** is hosting an hour long Zoom reflection exploring how to hold on to Christian hope as we journey through life. Thursday 17th July 7-8:00pm. Led by Paula Shanks and Mgr Donal Lucey. All welcome. To book a place, please email: growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Vacancies: (for more info see notice downstairs)

- 1) **Catholic Care** are recruiting. Support Worker, £24,892-£26,096 pro rata (based on qualifications and experience) Shift pattern to include weekends and Bank Holidays. Location: Skipton.
- 2) **Parish Youth & Mission Coordinator:** The Parish of St Benedict's Garforth & St Joseph's Sherburn have created an exciting new position to grow faith among youth and young adults together with their families. Min 20hrs per week, hours include evenings and weekends. Salary £25-£30K pro rata. For application pack email office.stbenedict@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. For more information call Fr Henry Longbottom on 0113 2618063. Closing date 17th July.

Encountering Jesus Anew Through the Gospels and Mass: 6-day Preached Retreat led by Fr John Farrell OP at the Briery, Ilkley from 22nd-28th July. Residential and non-residential places available. For more information and to book, see the poster downstairs or contact 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

One & Three Peaks Challenge in Support of St Patrick's Mission: On Saturday August 9th, St Patrick's Mission will be hiking the Yorkshire Three Peaks to support their ongoing ministry in Bradford City Centre. We are grateful for anyone who would like to hike with us, or who would like to volunteer to help on the day or simply donate to the cause! To sign up, <https://www.stpatricksmision.co.uk/event/one-and-three-peak-challenge> or to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spm-peaks25>

Farewell & Bon Voyage: We wish every blessing upon Matthew & Jennie Friedels, and their children Charlotte, Elizabeth and Emily, as they return to America. It has been lovely to have you here in the parish attending the 8am Mass regularly. Also to Anne Hainsworth, who is moving to Skipton., who has been a reader and Eucharistic Minister at the 8am Mass. We will miss you all, but please be assured of our prayers.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic? There will be a course of instruction for people interested in becoming Catholics, starting in the Autumn. Fr Ben has already had enquiries from one person interested in doing so. For those who decide to become Catholics, they will be received into the Church next Easter. Please make yourself known to Fr Ben. He is a Convert himself and was received into the Church whilst a student at Leeds University in 1982.

Thursday Evening Mass: Currently, of the weekday Masses, the Tuesday Evening Mass is the best attended. For an experimental period an extra evening Mass will be offered on a Thursday Evening at 7pm to assess how much demand there would be for a second Mass on a Thursday. It may be that we offer the Mass just when we are on British Summer Time, when we have the lighter nights and people may be more inclined to come out in the evening.

News from the School: Our final week of the school year has been filled with emotion, celebration, and heartfelt gratitude. We said a fond and tearful goodbye to Mrs Barker, who has served the families of St Joseph's with love, humour, and kindness for an incredible 28 years. What will school be without her? Each class performed poems, songs, and even a news skit to celebrate her legacy—she leaves behind a truly special mark on our school family, and we are filled with gratitude. Year 6 also marked their farewell with a beautiful Leavers' Mass and a moving Leavers' Assembly, both full of heart, memories, and love. The staff would like to thank all our families for the kindness and generosity shown—from thoughtful words and warm smiles to cards and gifts. Every child is a credit to their family, and we wish you all a joyful, restful summer. We can't wait to welcome you back in September! We also send our warmest wishes to St Joseph's Church for a joyous centenary celebration next weekend. We hope many of our families will be able to take part in this wonderful milestone for our parish community.