

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 27th July 2025	**17th Sunday in OT**	**Grandparents Sunday**
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	No Confessions today
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: People of the Parish
	8.00am	Mass: Matthew & Jennie Friedels & family
	11:00am	Mass: In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 29th July	**St Martha, Mary & Lazarus**	
	700pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 30th July	**St Peter Chrysologus**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 31st July	**St Ignatius of Loyola**	
	9:30am	Mass: Yorkshire Brethren
	7.00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 1st August	**St Alphonsus Liguori**	**Yorkshire Day**
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 2nd August	**Saturday Memoria of BVM**	
	9:30am	Mass: For the priests of the Diocese
Sunday 3rd August	**18th Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Nazar, Sophie Alsamarai & fam
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am.	Mass: Jenny Geldardt (LD)

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

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: 26th & 27th July (17th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: P Allinson, C Antram (No Eucharistic Ministers)
8.00am: Volunteer, Volunteer (J Walker, M Hardacre)
11.00am: C Bohills, Pam Evans (H Fletcher, Paul Evans)

Next Weekend 2nd & 3rd August (18th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: M Gargan, R Currie (D Olszewski, M Flanagan)
8.00am: A Leckenby, C Currie (Volunteer, J Tweddle)
11.00am: P Fletcher, A Roberts (Volunteer, B Gotting)

St Joseph's Church Centenary Mass: The day has finally arrived! We welcome Bishop Marcus as our Principal Celebrant, at the 5:30pm Mass, and our former Parish Priests, Fr Mark Naughton, Fr Neil Byrne and Fr Stephen Webb. Fr Steven Billington, for whom this is his home parish and where he was ordained, is unfortunately unable to be with us. There is a Shared Table and Bar downstairs in the Parish Hall, where the celebrations will continue. Thanks to all who have brought food, organised the drinks and are helping with the setting up, serving and clearing up afterwards.

Exhibition of the Parish History: In the Church and hall an exhibition of the Parish History has been prepared and will be on display for a while. Thanks to everyone who found things to add to the Parish Archives. Thanks must go especially to Patsy Rochester who has done fantastic work preparing it all, assisted by Anne-Marie Perry. Thanks also to Warren Considine for constructing the easels which we are using, and for hanging the plans of the church which we now have on permanent display in the Parish Hall.

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope: £412.81
Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £710.

Significant Dates for your Diaries (Re Church Centenary)
Centenary Mass. 5:30pm Saturday 26th July, celebrated by Bishop Marcus. Social event after Mass.
Centenary Week: 26th July to 3rd August 2025. Prayers of thanksgiving for the parish will be offered at the end of Mass each day during the week.
Heritage Open Days: 12th-21st September. A national scheme during which the Church will be open for visitors. Once the Centenary weekend is over we will be putting out lists for people to act as stewards and provide refreshments at the times we will be open.

Fountains Abbey Mass for the Feast of St Bernard: Will take place on Wednesday 20th August at 12noon. Principal Celebrant, Fr Jonathan Hart, Parish Priest of St Wilfrid's Ripon. All welcome. Please see notice downstairs for more information.

Summer Laudato Si' Mini-Pilgrimage: All welcome to join our Summer Mini-Pilgrimage on Saturday 9th August. 11:)00am Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Knaresborough & guided walk to St Robert's Cave and Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag. Sign up via communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk More information here: https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/four-seasons-of-creation-laudato-si-mini-pilgrimage-for-summer/

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 27th September: St Robert's Parish are joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. A coach will leave Harrogate at about 6:15am arriving in time for Mass at 12noon followed by procession along the Holy Mile and Benediction in the Abbey Grounds. We will return to Harrogate about 10pm. Packed lunch will be needed, and we are hoping to plan a stop for fish and chips at the seaside on our return journey. Cost is £35 each (including fish and chips). For further details and to secure a place, please email Caroline office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk by 31st August.

Weekly Rosary for Peace: Every Friday at 11am the Rosary is prayed at the Cenotaph in Harrogate. **All welcome.**

May they rest in peace: We pray for **Jayne "Jenny" Geldardt** and **June Bojdo** both of this parish, who have died recently. Funeral details:
Jenny Geldardt: Funeral Service here at St Joseph's, 11am on Thursday 7th August. Committal at Stonefall Crematorium at 12:20pm.
June Bojdo: Requiem Mass here at St Joseph's, 11am on Tuesday 12th August. Committal at Stonefall Crematorium at 12:20pm.

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.

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.

Children's Liturgy: Thank you to those who have recently joined the team of helpers for the Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass. We would like some more volunteers. 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. You will need to complete the Diocesan recruitment process, which will include a DBS check.

Vacancies: (for more info see notice downstairs)

1) **Catholic Care** are recruiting. Social Media and Communications Coordinator. Salary £28,726-£30,163 (pro rata), based at Head Office in Leeds. Closing date 10th August.
2) **Apprentice Assistant to Lay Chaplain Vacancy:** Notre Dame Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start September 2025 or as soon after. Closing date 25th August.
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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 kike with us, or who would like to volunteer to help on the day or simply donate to the cause! To sign up, https://www.stpatricksmission.co.uk/event/one-and-three-peak-challenge or to donate: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spm-peaks25

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.

An Invitation to Join an Outing: Canon Gerard Kearney (Parish Priest at St Aelred's, Harrogate & St Mary's, Knaresborough) invites us to celebrate the life and work of Pope Francis and the 10th Anniversary of the publication of his seminal work, Laudato Si. They will be taking a coach trip to the Laudato Si Centre at Wardley Hall, Salford https://laudatosicentre.org.uk Coach pickup and drop-off from St Aelred's (8:30am) and St Mary's, Knaresborough carparks. Full programme for adults and children at the Laudato Si Centre. We will stop at Banny.s https://bannysbritishkitchen.co.uk/ on the way home for tea. Suggested donation £10. Sign up at the back of St Aelred's Church or email office.staelred@dioceseofleeds.org.uk All most welcome.

St Mark's Way on the National Pilgrimage of Hope: Begins on Saturday 6th September with 8am Mass at Leeds Cathedral. Walk all or part of the way between the Cathedral and the Jubilee Pilgrim Church of St Austin's, Wakefield. See Diocesan website for details of how to sign up.

News from the School: There is no news from the school until they return from the Summer holidays, but we hold all the staff and pupils in our prayers, especially those families who over the summer will be preparing their children to enter the Reception Class when school reopens. We hope and pray that all staff have a well-deserved, wonderful and restorative break. There is much that has been achieved of which they can be proud, and we also can be proud on their behalf. We have a fantastic parish school. We pledge ourselves to keep in our prayers our former Year 6 pupils who have now completed their education at St Joseph's.