

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 6th July 2025	**14th Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Edith Walton (RIP)
	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Christine Fletcher (Birthday)
Tuesday 8th July	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	7:00pm	Mass: Alan Leslie Wright (LD)
Wednesday 9th July	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 10th July	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 11th July	**St Benedict**	**Abbot & Patron of Europe**
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 12th July	**Saturday Memoria of BVM**	
	9:30am	Mass: Eilish Dorrian
Sunday 13th July	**15th Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Kathleen Keanan (RIP)
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am.	Mass: Catherine Almagro-Abaluyan

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: 5th & 6th July (14th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: R Rouse, V Clemerson (E Durbin, M Gargan)
8.00am: M Hardacre, J Walker (J Tweddle, J Walker)
11.00am Pam Evans, C Antram (A-M Perry, A Roberts)

Next Weekend 12th & 13th July (15th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: A Player, W Considine (D Olszewski, P Durbin)
8.00am: A Leckenby, A Keith (M Hardacre, V Burdon)
11.00am: A Roberts, A Player (P & P 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: £319.28 Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £710. The retiring Collection for Peter's Pence raised £140.47 in loose plate and envelope.

Retiring Collection: Next weekend is **Sea Sunday,** and there will be a retiring collection to support the work of **Stella Maris,** the Catholic Mission to seafarers.

Parish 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.

Parish Centenary Celebration Group: next meeting on Wednesday 9th July @ 7:45pmin the Parish Hall.

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

Parish 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 Communions, 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 for your help.

St Joseph's Parish SVP Conference: New members always welcome. It is a valuable part of our outreach to the wider community. Contact telephone number 07350 857356.

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 12th July from 11:30am-3:45pm at St Aelred's Church Hall. Speaker: Rev Olivia Lambert "The Lord is my Shepherd: Exploring the depths of the 23rd psalm"

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

Catholic Care Garden Party: Please join Catholic Care at their Head Office in Headingley on Sunday 13th July for their Summer Garden Party. Enjoy an afternoon of games, delicious refreshments, stalls and more, all in support of their charity. A perfect opportunity to enjoy some sun, connect and make a difference.

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.

St Joseph's School Family Fun Day: Sunday 6th July 2025: Please give this your support. Teas and coffees will be available in the Parish Hall during the event.

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.**

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.

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) **Institute of Our Lady of Mercy, Yeadon:**
   a) **Human Resources Administrator:** Full-time, permanent. Salary circa £25K + benefits
   b) **Senior Finance Officer:** Full time, initially for one year, but envisaged to become permanent. Salary £35-37K + benefits
2) **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.

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 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

Littlethorpe Charity Fete: in aid of Dementia Forward and Leeds Adult Transplant Games. Sunday 13th July 2-4:00pm Littlethorpe Village Hall. See notice downstairs for more information.

The Fisher Singers Summer Celebration Concert: Takes place on Monday 7th July at 7:30pm at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate. Proceeds go to the Harrogate Homeless Project. Tickets £10, under 18s £8. For tickets ring 07958 665410 or 07411258713, and on the door. All welcome.

Family & Social Group Stays at Castlerigg in August: Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic residential youth centre in the Lake District and its opening its doors to family and social groups this August. There are single rooms, twin rooms and large family rooms at very cheap rates. Guests have access to the grounds, chapel, games room, and lounges, with Keswick and the Lakes only a short walk away. For more information: director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com/open

News From the School:

We are heading into the final stretch of the school year, and what a joyful and energetic week it has been!

Year 6 performed their play, *Pirates of the Curry Bean,* to the school this week—and it was met with much applause and laughter! We are incredibly proud of their talent, teamwork, and confidence. Public performances will take place on Monday 8th July at 2:00pm and Tuesday 9th July at 6:00pm. Our sewing and reading volunteers, Friendship Group, and parish community are warmly invited—we know the children would love to see you there!

Key Stage 2 enjoyed a brilliant Sports Day, with pupils sharing how much fun they had taking part. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event, and to the PTFA for the much-appreciated ice pops that helped us all cool down in the sunshine!

Year 1 had a super time at Tropical World in Leeds, exploring the butterflies, meerkats and more—what a fantastic way to bring their learning to life.

With just two weeks left, our children continue to give their very best. We are so proud of them and deeply grateful to our families, staff, and wider school community for their constant support.