

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 17th August 2025	**20th Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Edith Walton & Mary Ganley
	8.00am	Mass: Mira Flor Abaluyan (RIP)
	11:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	12:30pm	Baptism of Alba-Grace Wilson
Tuesday 19th August	**St John Eudes**	**Priest**
	7:00pm	Mass: Anna Danys (Special Int)
Wednesday 20th August	**St Bernard**	**Abbot & Doctor of the Church**
	12noon	**Mass at Fountains Abbey**
Thursday 21st August	**St Pius X**	**Pope**
	9:30am	Mass: David King (RIP)
	7:00pm	Mass: Yorkshire Brethren
Friday 22nd August	**The Queenship of the BVM**	
	9:30am	Mass: Steven, James, Chris & family
Saturday 23rd August	**St Rose of Lima**	
	9:30am	Mass: Dolores & Don Ormand (Diamond Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 24th August	**21st Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Mrs Anna Li
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am.	Mass: Canon Lawrie Hulme (Golden Jubilee)

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: 16th & 17th August (20th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: J Cooper, Volunteer (P Rochester, M Flanagan)
8.00am: J Walker, A Leckenby (M Hardacre, Volunteer
11.00am: P Onuorah, C Bohills (P & H Fletcher)

Next Weekend 23rd & 24th August (21st Sunday in OT)
Vigil: P Durbin, A Player (D Olszewski, M Flanagan)
8.00am: A Keith & D Bovo (J Tweddle, V Burdon)
11.00am: M Smith, P Fletcher (A-M Perry, A Roberts)

Exhibition of the Parish History: In the church hall there is 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 this and the Parish Archives. Hopefully we will soon be able to add a board of photos from the Centenary Celebration on 26th July. We will soon have added an additional board with pictures from the Centenary Mass and the "Do" afterwards.

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope: £330.69
Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £742. Thank you!

Heritage Open Days: 12th-21st September. A national scheme during which the Church will be open for visitors. We will need at least four volunteers for each session that the Church is open. Two to act as stewards, and two to serve refreshments. Sessions will be Friday 12th September and Saturday 13th September 10:30am to 2:30pm, Sunday 14th September 2:00pm-5:30pm, Monday 15th September, 10:30am-2:30pm, Friday 19th September 10:30am to 2:30pm, Saturday 20th September 10:00am to 3:00pm, Sunday 21st September 2:00pm-5:00pm. List available downstairs for people to volunteer. If you can only cover part of a session that is also fine. Our participation in the national scheme of Heritage Open Days comes about because of the grant we were awarded to help fund the restoration of our stained-glass windows.

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. Information also available at https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/events

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.stroberts@dioceseofleeds.org.uk by 31st August.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: During August, the Rotas may not accurately reflect who is present in Church, so please be prepared to step up and help if it turns out that the person named on the rota is not present. If we are aware someone is away, we will try to grab someone before Mass, but we can't guarantee that we will have done so.

Sale of jams, chutneys and tomatoes: Raised approximately £150 towards funding the Miraculous Medals to be distributed to children in our deanery primary schools. Val Burdon and gloria Lorenzo wish to have on record their thanks for your generous response.

Rosary for Peace: Is prayed every Friday at 11:00am at the Cenotaph in the town centre (near Betty's). **All welcome.**

Mary's Meals: Have asked if we can collect foreign and out of date UK currency (notes and coins) for them. Info to follow soon.

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.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2025: Taking place at Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd to Monday 25th August. The Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. The festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more. Register at youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025. Tickets are also available for families and groups. For more information email events@youth2000.org

Vacancies: (for more info see notice downstairs)

1) **Apprentice Assistant to Lay Chaplain Vacancy:** Notre Dame Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start September 2025 or as soon after. Closing date 25th August.
2) **Assistant to Lay Chaplain Vacancy:** Notre Dame Sixth Form College. Start September 2025 or as soon after. Closing date 25th August.
3) **Site Manager Vacancies:** The Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust is recruiting Site Managers for three primary schools. Permanent (30-37hrs/week) Closing date 22nd August.

Church Grounds Clean Up Weekend 5th to 7th September: There is quite a bit of work to do to clear the north side of St Joseph's from ivy and other accumulated rubbish. There are also some discarded tables at the back which need dismantling, and other rubbish to clear out of the garage and other stores on the site. With this in mind, calls are made for volunteers to join the Working Party over the weekend. Any time you can spare, even one or two hours will be appreciated. We will also need helpers to run the kitchen and provide refreshments for the labourers. Please sign up on the list in the entrance or contact John Twedddle on 07836 271646

Parish Finance Committee Vacancy(ies): As required by Canon Law, St Joseph's has an active Finance Committee which over the years has advised and helped the Parish Priest with the running of our parish. A long-serving member has announced their intention to stand down at the end of the Financial Year after many years' service, and replacement(s) are sought. This is very much a hands-on role with members expected to take over the management of Church maintenance projects. If you are interested please contact Fr Ben or John Tweddle on 07836 271646 for further information.

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.

Leeds Cathedral Guided Tour: A free guided tour will take place on Saturday 23rd August. Starting at 1:30pm, lasting about an hour. No booking required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

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.

March For Life2025: Join March for Life UK, Saturday 6th September in London. The right to life underpins every other right and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. For more information: https://www.marchforlife.co.uk or email: info@marchforlife.co.uk

Margaret Silf Day of Recollection: Prolific writer and retreat leader Margaret Silf's next retreat day is entitled "Finding solid ground in times of turbulent change." Wednesday 17th September at the Briery, Ilkley. £50 including all resources, refreshments and a home-cooked two-course lunch. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

News from the School: There is no news from the school during the Summer Vacation, but please keep all staff and pupils in your prayers during their well-earned summer holiday. Please hold in your prayers those who received their A Level, AS Level and BTech results last week, and who will receive their GCSE results this week.