

Welcome to

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Bilton, Harrogate

St Joseph's Catholic Church
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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 31st August 2025	**22nd Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: John Colgan (LD)
	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Catherine Imie Rose Abaluyan
	12:30pm	**Baptism of Elisa Townend**
Tuesday 2nd September	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	7:00pm	Mass: Donor's Intention
Wednesday 3rd September	**St Gregory the Great**	**Apostle of England**
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 4th September	**St Cuthbert**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
	No evening Mass	
Friday 5th September	**11:00am**	**Requiem Mass for Philip Rouse**
Saturday 6th September	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	Mass: For the Priests of the Diocese
Sunday 7th September	**23rd Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Steven, James, Christopher & family
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am.	Mass: In thanksgiving (Cunado)

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: 30th & 31st August (22nd Sunday in OT)
Vigil: V Clemerson, I Morritt (P & E Durbin)
8.00am: G Turner & J Walker (Volunteer, M Hardacre)
11.00am: C Antram, H Fletcher (C Hudson, P Evans)

Next Weekend: 6th & 7th September (23rd Sunday in OT)
Vigil: W Considine,P Allinson(M Flanagan, D Olszewski)
8.00am: Volunteer, A Keith (J Walker, J Tweddle)
11.00am: A Player, P Onuorah (Paul Evans, A-M Perry)

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: £452.77
Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £742. Thank you!

Welcome: to Fr Steven Billington who will be concelebrating the 8:00am Mass this Sunday before his departure for Rome to take up his new appointment as Spiritual Director of the Beda College in Rome. Please keep him in your prayers as he undertakes this vital work to help in the spiritual formation and support in the training of priests in the English speaking world.

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 in response to the grant we were awarded to help fund the restoration of our stained-glass windows.

Bacon Butties after 8am Mass: We are having bacon butties in the Hall on Sunday 14th September after the 8am Mass. If you are going to be with us, please put your name on the list in the entrance of the Church. It will help us know how much bacon we will need. If you are a vegetarian there will be veggie sausages available, or if you need gluten free or vegetarian options please indicate on the form. The "breakfast" is free, but any donations will go towards funding the 8am coffee mornings. Hope to see many of you.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 27th September: It is particularly appropriate to attend this Holy Year, since the theme of the year is "Pilgrims of Hope." Pilgrim Mass at the Catholic Shrine 12noon. 2:30pm Procession into the Village along the Pilgrim Way. 3:30pm (approximately) Vespers and benediction in the Grounds of the Medieval Priory. The coach from St Robert's is now full.

Church Grounds Clean-Up weekend 5th-7th September
There is quite a bit of work 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 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 to provide refreshments for the labourers. Please sign up on the list in the entrance or contact John Tweddle on 07836 271646

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

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.

Deanery Day of Renewal: The next deanery day of renewal will be on Saturday 13th September 11:30am to 3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is Fr Chris Thomas. The theme of his talk is "Human and Alive."

Priestly Vocations Discernment Meetings: Time for prayer, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6:30pm-8:15pm. 19th September (Hinsley Hall), 17th October (Hinsley Hall) 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19th December (Hinsley Hall) Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact the Vocations Promotor, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Caritas Leeds: "Hope Does Not Disappoint" Saturday 18th October 10am-2:00pm, Hinsley Hall. A morning of prayer, reflection and discussion to help us renew our commitment to putting Catholic Social Teaching into action in our parishes, schools and communities. Buffet lunch. To register your interest: phone 0113 261 8040 or email: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk This is a joint initiative by the Vicariate for Education and Catholic Care.

Permanent Diaconate Mass: As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4th October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12noon Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the Permanent Diaconate in our Diocese. Clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend this celebration, especially men who are discerning their possible vocation to the diaconate. Let us take this opportunity to pray for our permanent deacons and for vocations to the diaconate in our diocese.

Parish Retreat Weekend: "Blessed are the Peacemakers." 19th to 21st September at The Briery, Ilkley. Spaces are available for individuals to join this parish weekend. For more information and to book, contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

How Do We Sustain Hope in Today's World? Saturday 11th October, 10am to 2pm at Hinsley Hall. A one day retreat on hope with Fr Luis Orlando Perez Jimenez SJ. Organised by SPARK Social Justice. See www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk for more details – sign up as required as spaces are very limited.

SVP: The SVP are appealing for goods: Flyers are available listing the sort of items that are suitable. Members of our own parish SVP conference will accept them before and after the weekend masses on 6th, 13th and 20th September. See contacts list if you require more information.

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.

Rosary for Peace: Is prayed every Friday at 11am by the Cenotaph in Harrogate Town Centre. All 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.

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

Cathedral Choir Fundraising Concert: Join the Senior Girls Choir of Leeds Cathedral for a concert raising funds for the Diocesan Schools Singing Programme. Thursday 18th September at 7pm in Leeds Cathedral – including Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater." Tickets £10 available on the door or at https://dolmusic.uk/stabat-mater-2025

Vacancies:

1) **Catholic Care Cook Vacancy**: Salary £24,892 to £26,096 pro rata. Post: permanent. Part time. 12hours a week. Location: based in Bradford. Interview date flexible to suit candidate. Please contact recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk for an application form.
2) **Catholic Care Recruitment** – Registered Manager (Adults with learning disabilities) Salary £40,303. Post-fulltime Location: based in services across West & North Yorkshire. Closing date 19th September. Please see website for details: www.catholic-care.org.uk

News from the School: The Mass to start the new school year will take place on Wednesday 10th September at 9:30am in Church.
