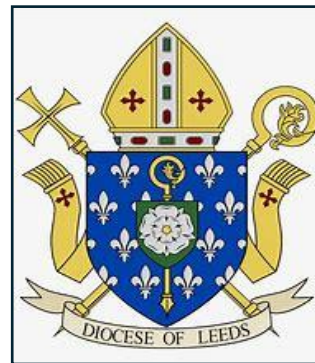




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 3rd August 2025

18th Sunday in OT

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

Confessions

Mass: Nazar, Sophie Alsamarai & fam
 Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: Jenny Geldardt (LD)

Tuesday 5th August

Dedication of the Basilica

700pm

of St Mary Major

Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 6th August

The Transfiguration

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 7th August

St Sixtus II & Comps.

11:00am
 7.00pm

Martyrs

Funeral Service for Jenny Geldardt
 Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 8th August

St Dominic

9:30am

Founder of the Dominicans

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 9th August

St Edith Stein

9:30am

Patron of Europe

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 10th August

19th Sunday in OT

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

Confessions

Mass: Alan & Ann Siddall (Diamond Wedding)
 Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: June Bojdo (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

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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: 2nd & 3rd August (18th Sunday in OT)**

Vigil: M Gargan, R Currie (Two volunteers please)

8.00am: A Leckenby, C Currie (Volunteer, J Tweddle)

11.00am: P Fletcher, A Roberts (Volunteer, B Gotting)

Next Weekend 9th & 10th August (19th Sunday in OT)

Vigil: C Devlin, P Rochester (E Durbin, M Gargan)

8.00am: D Bovo, M Hardacre (J Walker, V Burdon)

11.00am: H Fletcher, S Butters (P & P Evans)

Thank You: I have received many messages of thanks for how well the Centenary Celebration went. I put a whole page of thank Yous in the booklet last weekend (copies still available if you would like one as a souvenir) I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making this parish what it is, and how you have made me feel welcome here over the past year. As you know, I was on extended sick leave before I came here, and you have been very kind and gentle with me.

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: £414.23

Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £710.

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

Donation: In connection with the Centenary Celebrations, the Church has received a substantial donation from the Considine family in memory of Sidney Considine, one of our first parishioners, and his wife Betty. Sidney was almost certainly at the first Mass celebrated in St Joseph's in 1925.

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.

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 Thursday 7th August. Committal at Stonefall Crematorium
June Bojdo: Requiem Mass here at St Joseph’s, 11am on Tuesday 12th August. Committal at Stonefall Crematorium

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 Festival: For anyone interested in attending this year, it is on 22nd August 2025. Go onto their website for more information.

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.
- 3) **Assistant to Lay Chaplain Vacancy:** Notre Dame Sixth Form College. Start September 2025 or as soon after. Closing date 25th August.

Letter from Fr Neil Byrne: Fr Neil wrote a beautiful letter to the parish which we received shortly after the Centenary Celebration. It is on the wall above the hymn book stand at the back of Church for all to read.

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.stpatricksmision.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 on 14th August: 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 the following note of thanks from the school. In the last week of term, the house captains led their houses on a pilgrimage around the school grounds to honour and reflect on our house saints: St John Fisher, St Margaret Clitherow, St Hilda and St Bede. Many thanks to the flower team at Church, Helen & Paul Fletcher, for the beautiful house-coloured floral arrangements, and to Alicia Player for her support in creating such a prayerfully powerful experience for all involved.