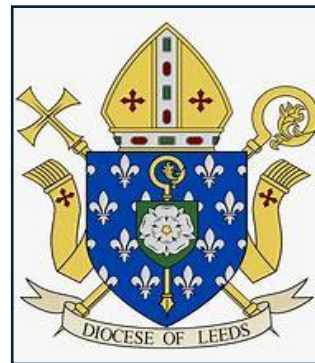




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 28th September 2025

26th Sunday in OT

No Confessions here today

5:30pm (Saturday)

8:00am

11:00am

Mass: Damian Hough (2nd Anniversary)

Mass: Donald & Betty MacCormick

Mass: People of the Parish

Tuesday 30th September

St Jerome

7:00pm

Priest & Doctor of the Church

Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 1st October

St Therese of Lisieux

9:30am

Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 3rd October

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am

Cafod Harvest Fast Day

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 4th October

St Francis of Assisi

9:30am

Founder of the Franciscans

Mass: For the priests of the Diocese

Sunday 5th October

27th Sunday in OT

4:30-5:00pm

5:30pm (Saturday)

8:00am

11:00am.

Confessions

Mass: For Elspeth

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Holy Souls

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: Alicia Player

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: 27th & 28th Sept (26th Sunday in OT)

Vigil: R Currie, J Cooper (D Olszewski, P Rochester)

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

11.00am: A Roberts, A Player (H Fletcher, C Hudson)

Next Weekend 4th & 5th October (27th Sunday in OT)

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

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

11.00am: S Butters, J Tweddle (P & P Evans)

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope: £292.83

Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £740. Thank you!

Welcome to Fr Bill Ryan who is saying the Saturday Evening Mass for us this weekend.

Retiring Collection Today: For Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. If you have any Red Boxes at home, could you please bring them in for emptying.

Cafod Harvest Family Fast Day: Friday 3rd October. Please take one of the envelopes away with you (available at the back of Church) and return during the weekend of 4th and 5th October. If you are a tax-payer, please fill in and enclose the GAD form with your offering, which will enable Cafod to reclaim the tax on your donation. **Cafod World Gifts cards are available too.** Cards are available with more information. Discover more at: cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

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.**

Heritage Open Days: Thanks to so many who volunteered to help with this. We have had lots of positive feedback from our visitors, and gained some useful additional information and materials concerning our parish history.

Sausage Sandwich Sunday: 19th October: After the successful bacon butty Sunday, we will serve sausage sandwiches after the 8am Mass on 19th October. Vegetarian and Vegan sausages will be available if requested. Please place your order on the list on the table near the church entrance.

SVP: The SVP are appealing for small electrical items: They will take kitchen appliances, microwaves, slow-cookers, kettles, steamers, mixers and coffee makers. Domestic appliances: lamps, irons, heaters, hairdryers, straighteners, music players and televisions. Members of our own parish SVP conference will accept them before and after Mass.

Can You Help the Parish? Forms are available at the back of Church to enable you to either volunteer or express an interest in helping the parish in all sorts of different ways. We are particularly keen to have more volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy (at the 11am Mass), and are especially in need of new volunteers for readers and eucharistic ministers at the 8am Mass) You will have seen elsewhere in recent bulletins the need to have new members on the Parish Finance Committee. Please put the forms in the wooden box at the back of Church when you have completed them.

Roof Leak: Last Saturday there was a leak in the roof to the left of the statue of Our Lady at the front of the church. This is being looked into as to the cause and the remedy. The wall was saturated last weekend. It could be a problem with the flashings or the troughs, or possibly that the downpipe got blocked with debris washed into it by the heavy rain, which then backed-up and flooded that part of the roof. More information to follow.

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 11th October: 11:30am to 3:45pm. In St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is David Bolton. Title of the talk is "The Mystical Gifts of the Saints. Bible Foundations, Catholic and Celtic Saints and Modern Mission.

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 Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA)

Survivors' Survey: As part of a thematic audit of survivor engagement, the CSSA is actively seeking insight from those who have lived experience of abuse and is carrying out a public call for information. This is an opportunity for anybody with information to share with the CSSA (anonymously if you wish). To find out more about the CSSA's current public call for information, and how you can complete a survey visit their dedicated webpage <https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/>

Caritas Leeds: "Hope Does Not Disappoint." Saturday 18th October 10:00am-2:00pm, Hinsley Hall, Leeds. 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 venture by the Vicariate for Education and Catholic Care.

How Do We Sustain Hope in Today's World? Saturday 11th October, 10am to 2pm at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. 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.

Reawakening Blessed Hope for Catechists: On Saturday 4th October from 10:00am to 3:00pm there will be a day for Catechists at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. There will be an opportunity for prayer, reflection and networking. Join us to reflect on the hope Christ gives us in this Jubilee Year. All catechists are welcome to join this free event. Booking is essential. Please email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book your place.

40 Days for Life: Prayer, fasting and (current "buffer-zone-law-compliant) peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. 7am-7pm from 24th September to 2nd November. More information here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/40-days-for-life-2025/> Contact Chris via 07815 681343 & 40daysforlife@gmail.com

Family and Group Stays at Castlerigg Manor this October Half Term: Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups during October Half Term (October 27th-31st) A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Open Days: Come and visit St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School to see the joy, learning, and love that fills our classrooms each day. Our Open Days are for families with children starting Reception in September 2026.

- Friday 10th October 9.30am – 11.00am
- Tuesday 14th October 1.30pm – 3.00pm

PTFA Bingo Night: Adults only. Saturday 11th October, St Joseph's Church Hall. Will open at 6:45pm for a 7:30pm start. Tickets are £10. Can be purchased online. Anyone willing to help with the evening if they do not wish to play bingo would be greatly appreciated. We are still after a caller. Please email: pta@stjosephsharrogate.org

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 his intention to stand down at the end of this 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.

Journeying as Older People: Wednesday 10th October 10:00am-2:00pm, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. Diocese older people's charity **Growing Old Grace-fully** is hosting this event offering a chance to reflect on our own journey into later life, as Pilgrims of Hope, and exploring where to find God in our own life. To book a place: growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Annual Batley Torchlight Procession: Fr Eamon Hegarty and the parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on **Monday 6th October at 7:30pm**. The procession will start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and end at the nearby St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic Faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments afterwards.

Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Relics of St Jacinta and Francisco: On Monday 13th October at Leeds Cathedral from 10:30am until 7:00pm. Please see the full programme at the church entrance or the Cathedral website.

Priestly Vocations Discernment Meetings: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6:30pm-8:15pm: 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 attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promotor, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

News from the School:

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising a fabulous Family Fun Day! We are also very grateful to the parish community for your continued support—it was wonderful to see so many families and familiar faces enjoying the day together. This week, we held a special Welcome Blessing for our Reception Class. The children were joined by their Year 6 buddies, who sat proudly beside them as we prayed for a joyful start to their time at St Joseph's. It was a beautiful moment of belonging and celebration. Our Pupil Parliament led an informative Fairtrade Assembly, highlighting this year's focus on tea and how our everyday choices can help promote fairness for farmers around the world. Year 5 also delivered a brilliant class assembly, showcasing their learning, teamwork, and the strength of character that shines throughout their class. Well done to all involved!