

Welcome to

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Bilton, Harrogate

St Joseph's Catholic Church
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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 7th September 2025	**23rd Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Stephen, James, Christopher & family
	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: In Thanksgiving (Cunado)
Tuesday 9th September	**St Peter Claver**	
	7:00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 10th September	**Mass for New School Year**	
	9:30am	Mass: People of the Parish (for the forthcoming Sunday)
Thursday 11th September	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 12th September	**The Most Holy Name of Mary**	
	9:30am:	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 13th September	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	Mass: Riccardo Burdon
Sunday 14th September	**The Exaltation of the Cross**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: John Gilroy (A)
	8:00am	Mass: Olive Schiendorfer (A)
	11:00am.	Mass: Catherine Almagro-Abaluyan & Mira Flor Abaluyan
	12:30pm	Baptism of Alana-Sofia Fletcher

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
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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: 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)

Next Weekend: 13th & 14th Sept (The Holy Cross)
Vigil: E Durbin, M Gargan (P Rochester, P Durbin)
8.00am: Colm Currie, G Turner (V Burdon, M Hardacre)
11.00am: J Tweddle, M Smith (H Fletcher, C Hudson)

Exhibition of the Parish History: Now includes two boards of photographs from the centenary Mass and subsequent celebration in the parish hall.

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope: £346.20 Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £742. Next Sunday there is a Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service. 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.

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 THIS weekend
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.

Gift-Aid Letters: The diocese has now provided letters detailing the donations and tax reclaimed for all those who gift-aid their donations. It would be very expensive to post out to everyone and not everyone needs this information for their Tax Returns. However, if you do, please contact John Tweddle on 07836 271646

Rosary for Peace: Is prayed at 11am every Friday at the Cenotaph in the town centre. All welcome.

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: from lamps, irons, heaters, hairdryers, straighteners, music players and televisions. 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.

St Joseph's Centenary Fund: The Centenary Fund was launched in 2022 specifically to meet the costs of the work on our stained-glass windows and hopefully a bit more to help celebrate the centenary of our church. As things stand the cost of the repair, restoration and conservation has exceeded what we raised and has been met from parish funds. A summary of the account is shown below.
Cost of Stained-glass work: £19,645
Cost of centenary exhibition etc. £696
Grants received £1,500. Centenary Fund Income £14,205 (including a £1,000 donation, Gloria's fundraising, profits from the VE celebration and recent donations from La Buena Notizia) The deficit stands at £4,637. The Parish Finance Committee reviewed the matter and decided to leave the Centenary Fund open until at least the end of the year. A tab is available on the Dona machine to enable further donations (which can be Gift-Aided) especially during the Heritage Open Days. Please consider if you are able to donate towards our Centenary costs.

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

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.

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.

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.

Best of Broadway Musical Night at Al Bivio: Harrogate Catenians are inviting parishioners to a musical evening at Al Bivio (Hornbeam Park) on **Saturday 20th September.** An authentic Italian 3-course meal is included. Please contact John Tweddle (07836) for menu details and bookings. Tickets £45 per person.

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

Journeying as Older People: Wednesday 10th October 10am-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

News from the School: We've had a wonderful first week back at St Joseph's, and it has been heartening to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes. There is a real sense of enthusiasm and joy around school, with children enjoying their new classrooms and getting to know their teachers.
Those new to our school have been warmly welcomed, and we've placed a strong focus this week on connection and belonging - helping every child feel part of our school family. Across the school, children have been learning about our school vision, "Let all that you do be done in love," and exploring the lives of their class saints. Year 6 are especially excited, as their class saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be canonised this Sunday. They are looking forward to celebrating this joyful occasion with a special class party on Monday.
We are looking forward to our Reception children beginning their first week with us in smaller groups, gently getting to know the school and their new routines.
We're off to a fantastic start and are looking forward to the term ahead with hope and love.

Latest Vacancies in the Diocese: (More details downstairs) Headteacher vacancy (St Joseph's, Brighouse), and two posts with Catholic Care