

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd November 2025	**All Saints**	(transferred from Saturday)
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	No Confessions today
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Holy Souls
	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Seamus McCaul (RIP)
Tuesday 4th November	**St Charles Borromeo**	**Bishop**
	No Mass here today	
Wednesday 5th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 6th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:15am	Mass: Holy Souls
	7:00pm	Mass: for Deceased Catenians of Harrogate District Circle
Friday 7th November	**St Willibrord**	**Bishop**
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 8th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 9th November	**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**	**Remembrance Sunday**
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Alan Leslie Wright (RIP)
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am.	Mass: Mira Flor Abaluyan (RIP)

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: 1st & 2nd November (All Saints)
Vigil: P Allinson, C Antram (M Flanagan, P Durbin)
8.00am: Volunteer, A Keith (M Hardacre, J Walker)
11.00am: P Onuorah, C Bohills (C Hudson, A Roberts)

Next Weekend 8th & 9th November (Lateran Basilica)
Vigil: M Gargan, R Currie (P Rochester, M Flanagan)
8.00am: C Currie, G Turner (V Burdon, J Tweddle)
11.00am: M Smith, P Fletcher (P & P Evans)

Offertory Collection: An update will be provided next weekend. Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £740. Thank you

All Saints: Sunday 2nd November is the transferred Solemnity of All Saints, thus Monday 3rd November will be the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed ("All Souls") this year.

Sunday 9th November: Will be the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, and will also be commemorated as **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.** The 11am Mass will start with the traditional 2 minutes silence, and will be offered as a Mass for the War Dead.

APF/Mill Hill: Would people please bring in any Red Boxes they have for emptying and reissuing.

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.**

This Weekend: We welcome Mgr Donal Lucey who will be saying the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses for us.

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.

Dates for Your Diaries:
Thursday 6th November @ 7:00pm: Mass for Deceased Catenians of the Harrogate District, here at St Joseph's.
Tuesday 25th November @ 7:00pm: Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners, here at St Joseph's, with special reference to those who have died in the last twelve months, but for all who have died and whose memories we hold dear. Memorial candles will be lit for all who have died since January 2020.

Mary's Meals: currently work in 16 of the world's poorest countries, feeding over 3 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. They are asking you to donate any **left over foreign currency or obsolete UK currency** that you may have lying around. Just bring any foreign or old coins/notes to Church in the next few weeks and put them in the box on the sideboard at the back of Church. Envelopes are available for you to put your notes and coins in. The money raised from this initiative will help Mary's Meals bring hope to more desperately hungry children across the globe. Every 10p is enough to provide a hungry child with a nutritious meal in school. Fr Ben has already put in a large number of foreign and obsolete British coins which have been given in the collections over many years here at St Joseph's. I'm sure we all have loads of useless coins like these lying around at home. Search them out and put them to good use. There are leaflets available with more information about the work of the Mary's Meals charity.

Confirmations 2026: Confirmations are likely to take place in February 2026 (date subject to confirmation!) If your child is currently in Year 6 at St Joseph's School and was enrolled for First Reconciliation in Year 3 and First Holy Communion in Year 4, you should, have received during this past week, an email asking you to let us know that you would like your child to be Confirmed. If you are relatively new to the parish and your child didn't make First Reconciliation and/or First Holy Communion here, and is now in at least Year 6 at school, forms are available at the back of Church from next weekend. Please fill them in and return them to Father Ben.
Dates for Confirmation Catechesis (classes)
Thursday 27th November 6pm (In Church) Parents meeting.
Saturday 6th December: 10am-2pm (Parish Hall)
Thursday 18th December: 3:45-4:45pm Prayer Session
Saturday 10th January 2026: 10am-2pm (Parish Hall)
Saturday 24th January 2026: 10am-2pm (Parish Hall)
Date of Confirmation: Subject to Confirmation, but likely to be a weekday evening in February at St Robert's Church.

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/

Feminine Genius Retreat Day: This one day retreat will be held on Saturday 15th November at Leeds Trinity University and led by the New Eve Foundation with the Diocesan Faith Formation Team. Aimed at unmarried women aged 18-35, cost £25. Please email faithformation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information or to book your place.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Volunteers Information Evening: Ever thought of going on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes volunteering as a nurse or as part of the hospitality team, but want to know more? You are invited to an information evening about the roles and pilgrimage. Hinsley Hall, Monday 1st December at 7:00pm. For more information, please email Phil Marshall on lourdees.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07766 148375. To register interest please email recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or simply turn up on the evening.

November Dead List Envelopes: Are now available at the back of Church, together with notes you can insert listing who you would like included in the list this year. Please hand the envelopes in to Fr Ben personally.

Bradford Catholic Players: Their production this year is "Elf: The Musical" and runs at Yeadon Town Hall Theatre from 5th-9th November 2025. Tickets from £10. Book your seats today. See notice in Church entrance for more information. Tickets are available via the following sources: ticketsource.co.uk/bradfordcatholicplayers bcptickets@live.co.uk or 07799 770129.

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.

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: 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

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal Discipleship Days: Please join the Franciscan Friars)CFRs) at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "Called to Holiness: The Second Vatican Council after 60 Years." Upcoming dates December 6th, January 10th, February 7th, March 7th and May 2nd. The days includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a reflection on the Second Vatican Council documents, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, concluding around 4:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

Friends of the Holy Land: As you know, this charity have been the beneficiaries of our Crib Offerings, and were also the means by which we sent our Lent Offerings/Memorial Collection for Pope Francis, to Holy Family Church in Gaza. For more information and their latest Impact Report, please see https://issuu.com/fhloffice/docs/impact_report

Diocese of Leeds Community Choir: Welcomes all parish musicians, choir parents, friends and all school/Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals will take place at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown, Leeds 2:00-3:30pm on 2nd and 16th November working towards singing a Mass at leeds cathedral on Sunday 30th November. Music will include pieces by Mozart and Bruckner. For more information email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

News from the School: We hold everyone associated with St Joseph's School in our prayers as they have been on their Half-Term Break. So much has been achieved once again since the school reopened at the beginning of September, and the school is a real "jewel in the crown" of our parish community: The whole community can justifiably be proud of what the children and their teachers achieve in such a caring and nurturing environment. You will receive a more detailed update in the normal format once Fr Ben returns from holiday.