

Welcome to

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Bilton, Harrogate

St Joseph's Catholic Church
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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th October 2025	**27th Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: For Elspeth
	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Holy Souls
Tuesday 7th October	**Our Lady of the Rosary**	
	7:00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 8th October	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 9th October	**St John Henry Newman**	
	9:15am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 10th October	**St Paulinus of York**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 11th October	**Pope St John XXIII**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 12th October	**28th Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: People of the Parish
	8:00am	Mass: Thomas Edward Sewerby (LD)
	11:00am.	Mass: Jenny Roberts (3rd Anniversary)
	12:30pm	Baptism of Isabelle Kathryn Smith

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: 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)

Next Weekend 11th & 12th October (28th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: R Rouse, V Clemerson (M Flanagan, D Olszewski)
8.00am: J Walker, A Leckenby (M Hardacre, J Tweddle)
11.00am: C Bohills, P Evans (A Roberts, A-M Perry)

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope: £578.27 Standing Orders & Dona (weekly average) £740. The retiring collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday raised £138,36. Donations to the Centenary Fund £125.50. Votive candles £107.47, Coffee £20.00, Flowers £12.50. Thank you!

Cafod Harvest Family Fast Day: Friday 3rd October. It is now time to return your envelopes with your contributions. they can be put in with the offertory bags or placed in the box at the back of Church. Cafod envelopes are still available at the back of Church. 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

Retiring Collection: The next one will be on the weekend of 18th & 19th October, for the Association of the Propagation of the faith/World Mission Sunday. 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.**

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.

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: A week 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. We should be able to give more information shortly. It is being actively investigated.

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.

PTFA Bingo Night: Adults only. Saturday 11th October, St Joseph's Church Hall. Will be open from 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

Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary & the Relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco: On Monday 13th October at leeds Cathedral from 10:30am to 7:00pm. Please see the full programme on the notice at the Church entrance or consult the Cathedral website.

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 Ministry Rota: We are coming close to the issue of a new rota for Eucharistic Ministers. If you know of particular weekends that you are not available, please let Bradley Gotting know asap. We are also in need of some new Eucharistic Ministers, especially for the 8am Mass.

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.

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

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

St Wilfrid's Way: Our tenth annual diocesan "camino" between Leeds Cathedral and Ripon will be walked on Friday 10th & Saturday 11th October. Could all pilgrims planning to join at any stage of either or both days of the pilgrimage please register their interest by emailing communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. More information at https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/pilgrimages/

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: We are delighted to share that our Macmillan Coffee and Cake Sale raised over £400 for this incredibly worthy cause. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who baked, donated, or supported in any way – your generosity is a true reflection of the kindness within our school and parish community.

This week, we wanted to express our gratitude to our wonderful team of reading volunteers. The children always treasure these moments, and it's a joy to see their love of reading nurtured through such special time shared together.

Our Mini Vinnies led a thoughtful and moving Harvest Celebration of the Word, reminding us all that "everyone should have a place at the table." Through scripture, prayer, and song, we reflected on the importance of gratitude and sharing what we have. The children reminded us of God's abundant gifts and the responsibility we have to care for others in our local and global community.

We were overwhelmed by the generous response from families to our Harvest collection for the Harrogate & District Foodbank. Donations filled our trolley, and the Mini Vinnies will soon be visiting the Foodbank to learn more about this essential service and report back to the school community.

It's also been a busy week for football tournaments, with several teams representing the school. We are so proud – not only of their skills on the pitch but of the sportsmanship, teamwork, and character they showed throughout. Well done to all involved!