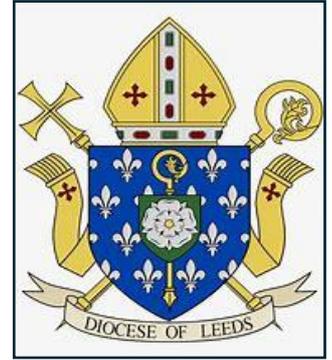




Welcome to
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 16th November 2025	33rd Sunday in OT 4:30-5:00pm (Saturday) 5:30pm (Saturday) 8.00am 11:00am	World Day of Prayer for the Poor Confessions Mass: Mrs Laura Li Mass: People of the Parish Mass: Richard Hengeller (LD)
Tuesday 18th November	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul 7:00pm	Bishop Mass: For successful operation
Wednesday 19th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time 9:30am	Mass; Holy Souls
Thursday 20th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time 9:15am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 21st November	Presentation of the BVM 9:30am 12:30pm	Mass: Holy Souls Mass for Deceased Clergy at Leeds Cathedral
Saturday 22nd November	St Cecilia 9:30am	Martyr Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 23rd November	Christ the King 4:30-5:00pm (Saturday) 5:30pm (Saturday) 8:00am 11:00am.	Youth Sunday Confessions Mass: Edith Walton (RIP) Mass: People of the Parish Mass: Catherine Almagro (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: 15th & 16th November (33rd Sunday)**

Vigil: C Devlin, P Rochester (D Olszewski, M Gargan)

8.00am: M Hardacre, Volunteer (J Walker, J Tweddle)

11.00am: C Antram, H Fletcher (B Gotting, A-M Perry)

Next Weekend 22nd & 23rd November (Christ the King)

Vigil: J Cooper, R Rouse (P Rochester, E Durbin)

8.00am: A Leckenby, C Currie (Volunteer, V Burdon)

11.00am: A Player, P Onuorah (H Fletcher, A Roberts)

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope £388.83. Weekly average via Bank and Dona £740.00

Retiring Collection Next Sunday: The Feast of Christ the King is Youth Sunday, so there will be a retiring collection to support our Diocesan Youth Service. Leaflets are available explaining more about what the Youth Service provides.

CAFOD's World Gifts Catalogues: Are available at the back of Church to take away if you are looking for alternative gifts for family and friends.

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.**

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.

Date for Your Diaries:

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 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.

The Gift of Jesus: Advent Unwrapped: Exploration of the liturgical season of Advent. A day of reflection led by Fr Dennis Cassidy at The Briery, Ilkley on Saturday 6th December. £25 including a soup lunch and dessert and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact the Administrators on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

Women of Hope: An Advent Weekend Retreat: 12th to 14th December at The Briery, Ilkley. As the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee year comes to an end, join us for a weekend unwrapping gifts from scripture, with music and art. Contact as above.

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 early February 2026, and will be celebrated here in St Joseph's Church. We are not having Deanery wide Confirmations at St Robert's this year.

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

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 lourdes.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.

Family Retreat Day: Families are welcome to a Retreat Day at St Stephen's Church, Skipton, on Sunday 30th November, 12noon to 3:30pm (9Parish Mass 10:30am). There will be a soup lunch provided, input for parents and children, and family activities and prayer. Please let us know if you are coming along by emailing office.ststephen.skipton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk and let us know the ages of the children attending.

Online Rosary for the Diocese: Come together online to pray a Rosary for the needs and intentions of the Diocese using Microsoft Teams. Fridays 21st November to 19th December, 2:30pm. Please see events page on the Diocesan Website for dates/joining instructions.

Catholic Care Christmas Appeal: see notice downstairs for more information as to how you can help.

The Italian Community Christmas Celebration: is taking place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 23rd November. There will be lots of food and fun. Details are on the poster downstairs. There will be a tombola for adults and children and a raffle to buy the sensory kit to support patients with autism and learning disabilities when they attend A&E in Harrogate General Hospital. Raffle tickets on sale after Mass.

New Cleaning Rota: Is now available at the back of Church. Thanks to all our volunteer cleaners for the great work you do!

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 (JCFRs) 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.

News from the School: This week has been full of heartwarming moments and meaningful reflection at St Joseph's. Reception Class gave their very first assembly, and it truly melted the hearts of everyone watching. In only their tenth week of school, they showed remarkable confidence and courage, speaking clearly in front of over 200 people! They also attended their first school Mass alongside their Year 6 buddies. Many people commented on how reverent and respectful the children were throughout - such a beautiful way to begin their liturgical journey at St Joseph's. Year 6 visited the Commonwealth War Graves at Stonefall Cemetery, where they learned about the stories of those buried there. The visit left the children with a deep sense of gratitude and respect for the lives and sacrifices of the fallen. To mark Anti-Bullying Week, children across the school came in odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Each class took part in lessons and discussions focused on this year's theme: "Power for Good" as part of the national initiative led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. We are proud of how our pupils continue to grow in kindness, empathy, and respect for others.