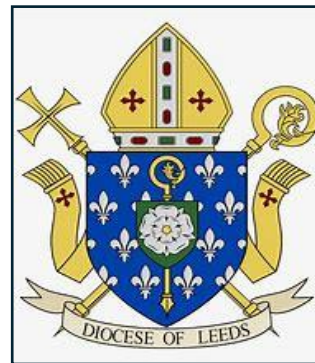




Welcome to **St. Joseph's Catholic Church** **Bilton, Harrogate**



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

4:30-5:00pm
 5:30pm (Saturday)
 8:00am
 11:00am

Confessions
 Mass: Margaret Rose Gilroy (12th Ann)
 Mass: Special Intention (Hardacre)
 Mass: People of the Parish

Tuesday 13th January

7:00pm

Mass: **Memorial Mass for Max Anderson (LD)**

Wednesday 14th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9:30am

Week 1 in Ordinary Time (Year B)
 Mass: Victoria Ek (brain surgery)

Thursday 15th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 16th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 17th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9:30am

Mass: Priests of the Diocese

Sunday 18th January

Second Sunday in OT
 4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)
 5:30pm (Saturday)
 8:00am
 11:00am

Confessions
 Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: Donor's Intention
 Mass: Thanksgiving (Safe Delivery)

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: 10th & 11th Jan (Baptism of the Lord)**

Vigil: P Rochester, P Durbin (M Flanagan, P Durbin)

8.00am: M Hardacre, C Currie (D Bovo, J Walker)

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

Next Weekend : 17th & 18th Jan: (2nd Sunday in OT)

Vigil: R Rouse, V Clemerson (P Rochester, M Flanagan)

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

11.00am: P Onuorah, C Bohills ((P & P Evans)

Join Bishop Marcus in praying for Vocations: Our Lady of Unfailing Hope! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into his harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and the Religious Life within the Diocese of Leeds and throughout the world. Amen!

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope £278.14 Weekly average via Bank and Dona £740.00. **Thank you.**

Hamper Square Prize winners: (Hampers) Most of these have been claimed now, but a few remain. Please see Fr Ben after Mass if you believe you have a prize to pick up. Gill Daly, Oliver Simpson, Danille, Charlotte Adamson, Rachel, Virginie Morris, Sue Butters, Caroline Spratt, Warren Considine, Michelle Todd, Maria Gibson, Caroline Smith, Iris Frost, Raymond Martin, **(Bottles)** Stan Nker/Dunstan Danker, Tom Murphy, John Gibson, Claire, Father Ben, Peter Knowles. Most prizes have now been claimed. Please pick them up before the end of January.

Dates for Confirmation Catechesis (classes)

Saturday 24th January 2026: 10:00am-2:00pm (Parish Hall)

Date for Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Wednesday 4th February 2026 @ 6:00pm

All Church users: Are advised not to switch off or unplug the sockets at the back of the credence table on the sanctuary, as this switches off the WiFi and Internet in the Church and Hall and thus also has the knock-on effect of switching off the Dona machine at the back of Church.

Apology: I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to anyone from the cleaning teams who thought that they were being singled out with respect to the above item in last week's bulletin. I would not deliberately set out to hurt anyone in the parish, as I would hope you all realise. It seems that, inadvertently and unconsciously, some upset was caused, and for this I apologise.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministry Rotas: New rotas for both these ministries are available at the back of Church. Thanks to Paul Fletcher and Bradley Gotting for the work they do in preparing these rotas, and to all those who volunteer to undertake these ministries for the parish.

Congratulations: to Matthew O'Donnell, who was Baptised and Confirmed in the Catholic Faith last Friday. We hold him and his fiancée Valentina in our prayers. They will be getting married in Italy this coming summer.

St Joseph's Friendship Group: Meet most Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please do join us for company, refreshments, quizzes, games, fellowship and the occasional trip out.

Thank You: Maggie, Charlotte and the Anderson family would like to thank everyone for all your words of support during their difficult time. They say it has meant a lot to them, the support you have given to them during the illness and death of Max. May he rest in peace, and rise to glory.

Diocesan Vacancies: Details of many vacancies across the diocese can be found on the wall above the table near the main door into 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

Rosary For Peace: Is prayed every Friday at 11am at the Cenotaph in the town centre, in commemoration of those who gave their lives in war, and for peace in the world. **All welcome.**

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 January 10th, February 7th, March 7th and May 2nd 2026. The days include Rosary, Holy Mass, a reflection on the Second Vatican Council documents, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, concluding around 4:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

Crib Offerings 2025: The Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust (BCHT) is a charity providing end of life care to people in Bethlehem, the city of Our Lord's Nativity. Professor Phil Hopkins KHS is Professor of Anaesthesia at the University of Leeds and a parishioner of St Joseph's, Wetherby. He is Chair of the Trust's Board of Trustees. The Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust is the first, and still the only, palliative care service in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Now entering it's third year, the service is currently supporting well over 100 patients of all faiths and none, and building compassionate communities across Bethlehem. But the need is far greater. Funds are only spent on delivering palliative care. The Trust urgently need financial support to maintain and expand their services and reach all those who are still going without care. They will be the beneficiaries of our Crib Offerings this year, as urged by Bishop Marcus. Most of the Crib figures have now been moved, but the ox and ass remain this weekend as a reminder that we are now in "Ordinary Time" and Christ is to be found not in the manger, but in our hearts. This is the last weekend you will be able to make Crib Offerings for the Bethlehem Hospice. Further information about BHCT is available at <https://bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org/>.

Irish Night Fundraiser: In aid of the **Little Sisters of the Poor** rebuild fund> February 27th 2026 at the Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds, commencing at 7:30pm. Irish meal, soda bread and Irish dessert. Irish music & dancing. Auction, raffle and football card. Tickets on sale in Irish Centre and also contact Sister Christina email: funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

Lourdes Nurses Volunteer Appeal: Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3rd-9th July 2026)? Please contact: Lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join our team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience, and many nurses return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

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.

Relics of St Gerard Majella: Are touring the Diocese: He is popularly invoked as patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along and pray and receive blessings: Venues: St Patrick's, Huddersfield: 7pm Monday 26th January
St Joseph's, Bradford: 6:30pm Tuesday 27th January
St Austin's & English Martyrs, Wakefield: 7pm Wed 28th January
Leeds Cathedral: 5:30pm Thursday 29th January

Information Session for the Permanent Diaconate: For the attention of men aged between 35-55 years who may be considering a calling to an ordained ministry. There is to be an informal information session on the diaconate on Saturday 24th January at Hinsley Hall between 10:30am and 12:30pm. For further information see details on the flyer or contact Deacon Joe Cortis on joseph.cortis@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

News from the School: Happy New Year! We've had a fantastic start to the spring term here at St Joseph's! The children have returned with excellent attitudes to learning, and it's been wonderful to see such focus, enthusiasm, and energy across all classrooms.

This week, we launched our Reading Buddy System in a whole-school assembly. Classes have been paired together so that children across different year groups can enjoy books, build friendships, and support one another as readers. This links beautifully with the National Year of Reading 2026 – a national initiative celebrating the joy of reading and encouraging schools, families, and communities to make reading for pleasure a shared priority once more.

On Friday, the whole school gathered together in church to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The children's behaviour was outstanding, and their singing filled the church with joy — a truly special way to begin the term.

We are very grateful to Mrs Crowther and members of the parish choir for supporting us with the music and making the celebration so uplifting.

Here's to a wonderful term ahead — full of curiosity, kindness, and connection.

Sewing Volunteers Needed!

As part of an exciting project in the spring term, Year 6 will be designing and creating their own waistcoats, and we are in need of volunteers to help with sewing support. If you can spare an **afternoon** (or more!), we'd be very grateful. The dates are:

- **Friday 16th January 13:30-15:00**
- **Friday 23rd January 13:30-15:00**
- **Friday 6th February 13:30-15:00**
- **Friday 13th February 13:30-15:00**

Please contact the school office (or Amy Keith) if you can help—no need to be a sewing expert, just willing to lend a hand (and thread a needle!).