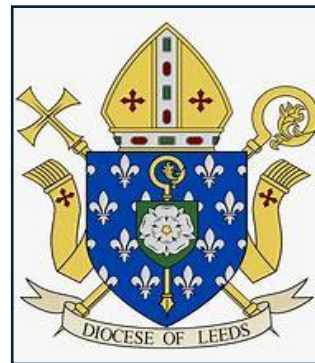




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th January 2026

Second Sunday in OT

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

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

Tuesday 20th January

St Sebastian
7:00pm

Martyr
Mass: May Griffiths (A)

Wednesday 21st January

St Agnes
9:30am

Martyr
Mass: Bernard Frost (A)

Thursday 22nd January

St Vincent
9:15am

Deacon & Martyr
Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 23rd January

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 24th January

St Francis de Sales
9:30am

Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Mass: Umberto Burdon (Birthday)

Sunday 25th January

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

Confessions
Mass: For Mary & Family
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Ana-Maria Wilson & Family

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: 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)

Next Weekend : 24th & 25th Jan (3rd Sunday in OT)

Vigil: A Player, W Considine (D Olszewski, M Gargan)

8.00am: J Walker, Volunteer (J Walker, G Turner)

11.00am: M Smith, P Fletcher (B Gotting, A-M Perry)

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 £254.15 Weekly average via Bank and Dona £740.00. Crib Offerings £321.62, Coffee £15.00, Flowers £16.00, Votive candles £98.78 **Thank you.**

Retiring Collection today: To support the Poor Missions (parishes in England and Wales which do not have sufficient funds to support themselves financially) This was delayed from last weekend.

Hamper Square Prize winners: (Hampers) There is a list downstairs of prizes yet to be claimed from this. Please collect them by 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

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.

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.

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

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.**

Saint John Fisher's Ceilidh: Friday 13th February @ 7pm. You are warmly invited to an evening of music, dancing and celebration at St John Fisher's, Harrogate. Tickets are £12.50 Adults, £7.50 Children (under 16). Family ticket £35 (2 adults, 2 children) Price includes a curry. Licensed bar and raffle on the evening. Proceeds will go to the School Lourdes Fund. Email: Lourdes@sjfchs.org.uk for further information and to book tickets.

"Peace Be With You!" A Retreat Day: Saturday 31st January at The Briery, Ilkley. All are invited to join Wharfedale parishioners for a day of prayer and reflection for the start of the year. 10am-3:30pm. £35 including a two course, home cooked lunch and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact Beth 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

Sausage Roll Sunday: The refreshments after the 8am Mass on Sunday 25th January will include sausage rolls from Kendalls butchers in addition to the usual refreshments.

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

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.

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.

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

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 on Monday 26th January.

St Joseph's, Bradford, 6:30pm Tuesday 27th January.

St Austin's & English Martyrs, Wakefield 7pm Wed 28th Jan.

Leeds Cathedral, 5:30pm Thursday 29th January.

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 Twedde on 07836 271646 for further information.

News from the School: It has been another vibrant and purposeful week at St Joseph's!

Year 6 enjoyed an inspiring visit to Temple Newsam, where they explored the fascinating details hidden within the historic house — from creature carvings in the light fittings and mouldings to the intricate plant-themed wallpaper. These artistic features inspired the children to create their own chalk drawings, clay sculptures, and printed patterns, linking beautifully with their art and history curriculum. They were equally captivated by the rich history of the house and asked many thoughtful questions throughout the day.

Back in school, our Pupil Parliament delivered a fantastic assembly on the British Values, clearly linking them to the Protected Characteristics of the Equality Act 2010. They reminded us of the importance of knowing our rights and recognising how we can stand up for others, especially those who face discrimination. Their confident delivery and powerful message left a lasting impression.

In music, Year 5 began their Brass Band lessons, led by the talented staff from St John Fisher Catholic High School. The workshops are part of a wider partnership, and the Brass Brigade project has recently been recognised with the Brass Bands England "Band Project of the Year" Award, celebrating excellence in music education and community engagement. Year 6 also had their first sewing session this week with our wonderful volunteers, beginning the process of creating their waistcoats. It was a busy, creative afternoon full of focus, laughter, and teamwork — the time flew by!

All of our pupils have been working incredibly hard this term and we are so proud of the creativity, respect and curiosity shown by them this week. Thank you, as always, to our staff, volunteers, and families for your ongoing support.

 Sewing Volunteers Needed!

As part of an exciting project in the spring term, Year 6 have begun to design and create 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 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!).