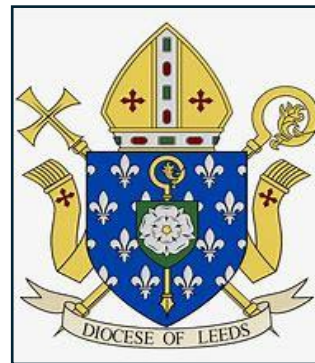




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



St Joseph's Catholic Church
www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk
 Diocese of Leeds Registered
 Charity No: 249404

Parish Priest: Fr Ben Griffiths
 St Joseph's Presbytery
 281 Skipton Road Harrogate HG1 3HD
Tel: (01423) 504124
e-mail:

benjamin.griffiths@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 25th January 2026

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

Tuesday 27th January

St Angela Merici
 7:00pm

Virgin
 Mass: Donor's Intention (Birthday)

Wednesday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas
 9:30am

Priest & Doctor of the Church
 Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 29th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 30th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 31st January

St John Bosco
 9:30am
 12:00noon

Priest & Salesian Founder
 Mass: Holy Souls
 Wedding: Klejdi Muca & Kirsty O'Reilly

Sunday 1st February

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

Confessions
 Mass: John Hough (A)
 Mass: Holy Souls
 Mass: People of the Parish

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: 24th & 25th Jan (3rd Sun 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)

Next Weekend: 31st Jan & 1st Feb (4th Sunday in OT)

Vigil: I Morritt & E Durbin (P Rochester, E Durbin)

8.00am: A Keith, D Bovo (J Tweddle, V Burdon)

11.00am: C Antram, H Fletcher (H Fletcher, A Roberts)

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 £358.69 Piety stall £90.00 in cash. **Thank you.**

Retiring Collection next weekend: To support the Diocesan Lourdes Fund.

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.

Date for Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Wednesday 4th February 2026 @ 6:00pm

Confirmation Certificates and Shared Table

Confirmation certificates will be presented at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday 8th February.

Families will gather in the parish hall afterwards for a small shared celebration.

Date for FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Saturday 6th June. You can expect to receive an email if your child made their first Confession here last year. If that took place elsewhere, or your child hasn't made their First Confession yet, please take one of the enrolment forms from the back of Church, and return to Father Ben ASAP. First Confessions: children need to be in at least Year 3, and Year 4 is the normal age for First Holy Communion.

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.

Nomination Process for our Lenten Project: Forms will be available for this next weekend, so start thinking about what charity we will support this year.

Children's Liturgy: Parents are reminded that they should sign their children in for the Children's Liturgy each week, so the Catechists know who they will have attending the group. The list is on the table near the main entrance to the Church. This is embedding best practice from a safeguarding perspective.

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

SVP Over 60s Party: St John Fisher's High School are hosting a party for over 60s on **13th February from 1:340-3:40pm**. Please let Fr Ben or an SVP member know if you intend to come, and also whether you require a lift. An SVP Member will make themselves known at the end of each Mass this weekend.

Vivaldi's Gloria with Gabrieli Roar: Saturday 7th February 7:45pm, Leeds Cathedral. Hear Vivaldi's ever popular Gloria in a vibrant performance by Gabrieli Roar, bringing together Gabrieli's professional singers and orchestra from choirs across the Diocese of Leeds Schools Singing Programme. The programme opens with baroque favourites by Monteverdi and Purcell, showcasing music written nearly 350 years ago, and still thrilling young singers today. Tickets available <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gabrieli/baroque-masters-with-gabrieli-roar/e-xpbxzv>

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 Tweddle on 07836 271646 for further information.

Marian Morning of Prayer for Peace: Saturday 31st January 10:00am at St Mary Magdalene Church, Morrell Street, Maltby, S66 7LH. A New Year begins and a new renewal of our love and faithfulness to Jesus and Our Lady. Please join us on the day to pray, listen and learn from Our Lady's message with the help of Fr May (who has recently celebrated his 100th Birthday) Mass at 10am. Bring a packed lunch. Any enquiries: Tel: Helga Rushton on 07891 029092.

News from the School: This week, we were delighted to welcome new children to our school family. It was heartening to see the kindness, thoughtfulness, and empathy shown by our pupils in helping them feel at ease so quickly. We're so glad they have joined us!

Our Pupil Parliament continued their excellent series of British Values assemblies by exploring the meaning of Tolerance. They shared how tolerance means respecting the differences of others — their beliefs, cultures, backgrounds and opinions — and how it helps create a kind and inclusive school community. The children reflected on how we can show tolerance every day through our words, actions, and listening to others with understanding, even when we don't agree. It's an important value that helps everyone feel safe, welcome, and valued. We also celebrated the children who have shown the Virtue of Faith over the past three weeks. Each class nominates someone who has lived out this virtue through trust, prayerfulness, courage and hope. It's always a proud moment to see how deeply the children recognise and celebrate virtues in one another.

Year 6 had another joyful and productive afternoon with our sewing volunteers, continuing work on their waistcoat project. We are incredibly grateful to our volunteers for sharing their time, talent, patience and care — these afternoons are a highlight of the week!

What a wonderful way to end another week of learning, friendship and faith at St Joseph's!

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 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!).