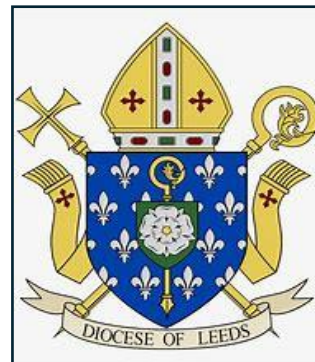




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th January 2026

**Second Sunday after
Christmas**

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

Confessions
 Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: Praying for God's blessing
 Mass: Colin Le Brocq (LD)

Tuesday 6th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:30am
 7:00pm

Holyday of Obligation

Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: Fr Simon Bradbury

Wednesday 7th January

St Raymond of Penyafort

9:30am

Priest

Mass: Victoria Ek (brain surgery)

Thursday 8th January

Thursday after Epiphany

9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 9th January

Friday after Epiphany

9:30am
 5:00pm

Mass: Holy Souls
 Mass: during which Matthew
 O'Donnell will be Baptised and
 Confirmed in the Faith

Saturday 10th January

Saturday after Epiphany

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 11th January

The Baptism of the Lord

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

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

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: 3rd & 4th Jan (2nd Sunday after Xmas) Vigil: R Currie, J Cooper (D Olszewski, P Durbin) 8.00am: C Currie, G Turner (V Burdon, Volunteer) 11.00am: P Fletcher, A Roberts (P & P Evans) Next Weekend Baptism of the Lord Vigil: P Rochester, P Durbin (See new Rota) 8.00am: M Hardacre, C Currie (See new Rota) 11.00am: H Fletcher, S Butters (See new Rota)	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 (21st December): £570.81 (28th December) £452.49. Weekly average via Bank and Dona £740.00. I would also like to acknowledge a £200 donation to the Centenary Fund. Thank you. The Epiphany of the Lord: on Tuesday is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated here at St Joseph's at 9:30am and 7:00pm. Christmas "Hamper Squares" Raffle: A very big thank you to all who participated in the Hamper Square Raffle, provided goods to fill the hampers, the hampers themselves, and all who volunteered to help sell the hamper squares. The final total raised will be notified when we get it, but it will be over £600. 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. Dates for Confirmation Catechesis (classes) Saturday 10th January 2026: 10:00am-2:00pm (Parish Hall) Saturday 24th January 2026: 10:00am-2:00pm (Parish Hall) Date for Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation: Thursday 4th February 2026 @ 6:00pm Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 10th January 2026 from 11:30am to 3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is Breda McStay. The title of the talk is "Speak Lord your servant is listening." Church Cleaning Teams: Are advised not to switch off or unplug either of 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. 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.
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,	A Message from Fr Ben: I just wish to record my thanks to you all for the work you do to keep our parish thriving. Some things are very visible, but much happens behind the scenes too. We have a beautiful church, but it is the living stones of

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 its 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. 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.

the church which make the parish, and without everything that you give and inspire and pray for, we would have nothing other than an unusually decorated building! Thank you for the many gifts, cards and good wishes you have given me over Christmas. I also want to thank you for your generosity with respect to the Christmas Offering. I hope you had wonderful Christmas celebrations with your families, though for some, that will have been tinged with sadness, as we are aware at this time of year of absences from the table, perhaps for the first time. I wish you every blessing in the New Year. As I said at the Christmas Masses, it is my duty to pray for you as your Parish Priest, but it is also a great pleasure so to do. You are wonderful people, and it is a joy to be your pastor, guide and spiritual leader. Please pray for me, and pray for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese, and indeed from our parish! God bless you all!

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: The school Have been on their well-earned Christmas Holidays and will be returning on Monday. We thank God for all the work which has been done during the first term, and we look forward to many more fantastic things to come throughout the Spring Term. In the meantime, please keep the school's request for the following in mind:

☺ **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 a morning (or more!), we'd be very grateful. The dates are:

- **Friday 16th January**
- **Friday 23rd January**
- **Friday 6th February**
- **Friday 13th February**

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

As we close the term, we offer our sincere thanks to all members of our school and parish community for your continued support, kindness, and generosity.

We wish you all a **blessed and peaceful Christmas**, filled with love, light, and joy.

Let all that you do be done in love.