

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd February 2026	**First Sunday of Lent**	
	4:00-5:00pm (Saturday)	**Confessions & Exposition**
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: People of the Parish
	8:00am	Mass: Holy Souls
	11:00am	Mass: Czeslaw Karbowniczek
Tuesday 24th February	**Weekday of Lent**	
	7:00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 25th February	**Weekday of Lent**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 26th February	**Weekday of Lent**	
	9:15am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 27th February	**Weekday of Lent**	
	9:00am	**Stations of the Cross**
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 28th February	**Weekday of Lent**	
	9:30am	Mass: In Thanksgiving for Prayers answered
Sunday 1st March	**Second Sunday of Lent**	
	4:00-5:00pm (Saturday)	**Confessions & Exposition**
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Holy Souls
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Mira Flor Abaluyan (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.	**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

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 –3:00pm.
Contact: Tracy Wilby 07395 877187

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: 21st & 22nd February (1st Sun in Lent)
Vigil: C Devlin, P Rochester (M Flanagan, P Rochester)
8.00am: M Hardacre, J Walker (J Tweddle, J Walker)
11.00am: Pam Evans, C Antram (B Gotting, Pam Evans)

Next Weekend: 28th Jan & 1st March (2nd Sun of Lent)
Vigil: J Cooper, R Rouse (D Olszewski, P Durbin)
8.00am: D Bovo, A Keith (C Hudson, D Bovo)
11.00am: A Roberts, A Player (H & P Fletcher)

the Religious Life within the Diocese of Leeds and throughout the world. Amen!

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope £222.95 Weekly average via bank and Dona £740. Piety Stall £ (cash) £68.00 **Thank you!**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: This Friday is the annual Lent Fast Day. Please take one of the Cafod Envelopes home with you, and return it next weekend. There is a slip with the envelope to enable you to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer.

Date for FIRST RECONCILIATION (First Confessions): is now set for Wednesday 25th March from 3-40pm. The dates for catechesis in the parish hall will be Saturday 7th March and Saturday 21st March from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Enrolment forms are available at the back of Church. Your child needs to be in at least Year 3, and you should have received an application form via St Joseph's School if your child is a pupil there. Please get your applications in ASAP now. Children need to be in at least Year 3 to make their First Confessions.

Parent's Evening for First Reconciliation: Will be in Church on **Wednesday 4th March at 6:00pm.** You will then receive the workbooks for your children, and we ask for a £10 donation to cover the cost of these books and other materials used.

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 Frist Confession yet, please take one of the enrolment forms from the back of Church, and return to Father Ben ASAP. Children need to be in at least Year 4 to make their First Holy Communions

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.

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.**

Lent at St Joseph's Church:
Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 9:00am
Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4-5:00pm on Saturday afternoons.

Mass For Healing: In the Chapel of the Bar Convent, 17, Blossom Street, York. 24th February at 11:45am with Fr Dominic Miskip, Canon Michael Loughlin and Fr Jo Michael. Contact Fiona Hill on 01904 464900 or fiona@stbedes.org.uk

Vacancies: List of current vacancies is available to consult downstairs.

Pyjama Appeal: Virginie Morris writes: My 9 year old daughter, Elspeth, was recently a patient in Leeds general Infirmary (LGI) for stomach surgery, She has had

Parish Lenten Project 2026: Nominations have closed for the Lenten Project. We have received nominations: Maggies

many hospital stays in the LGI and Harrigate, for a variety of illnesses and conditions since she was born. I consider myself a Veteran of being well prepared for these stays now.

However, sometimes, parents cannot always be fully prepared. An emergency may mean they are unable to pack a bag, so have no pyjamas or toiletries for their child. I witnesses this recently during Elspeth's stay. Some children didn't have pyjamas with them, and it isn't always possible for parents to pop home to bring them back to the hospital.

I am hoping to raise enough donations of pyjamas to ensure that all children will have a more comfortable and dignified stay whilst in hospital. I am asking you to consider gifting a **NEW** pair of pyjamas for either a boy or girl aged from 1-16 years. A clean pair of pyjamas will make such a difference to a child's hospital stay. Thank you in advance for contemplating donating a pair of pyjamas for a child's stay in the LGI.

Those of you who attend the Saturday Evening Mass will know Virginie and Elspeth. There will be a box at the back of Church for you to put any donated pyjamas in.

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 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.

The Fisher Singers: with orchestra and soloists present **Mozart's Requiem Mass & Coronation Mass,** conducted by John Longstaff. Saturday 28th March at 7:30pm. At St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate, HG1 2EY. Tickets £15/£8 for under 18s. Tel 07958 665410 or 07411 258713. Also available at the door.

The Diocese of Leeds Community Choir: Welcomes all parish musicians and parishioners, all choir parents and friends, and all school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals work towards singing at mass at Leeds Cathedral. Rehearsals will take place from 2:30pm-4:00pm on 22nd February, 8th, 15th and 22nd March at Immaculate Heart Church, Moortown. To sign up please email office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

Walk in Father Brown's Footsteps: Saturday 28th March. 3rd annual diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage for priestly vocations. From St Anne's, Keighley to Sacred Heart, Ilkley and Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary. Follow the Ilkley Moor route walked by G.K.Chesterton and Fr John O'Connor, the Leeds priest who inspired "Father Brown." Sign up pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. More details: https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/walking-pilgrimage-for-vocations-in-father-browns-footsteps/

Bishop John Crowley 3-Day Preached Retreat: 17th-19th March at The Briery in Ilkley. You are invited to join Bishop Crowley for a short retreat during Lent entitled "Rest and you will see, see and you will love, love and you will give praise (St Augustine) £230 fully inclusive or £110 non-residential. For booking or more information phone the administrator: 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

Centres, SVP, Aid to the Church in Need and Holy family Church, Gaza.

An information sheet about each of the nominees is enclosed with the bulletin. It also includes place for you to vote for your preferred project. If one receives a 50% majority after counting the votes, then that will determine the winner. If that isn't achieved then a transferrable vote system will be applied until a winner emerges. So please number your preferences from 1-4 with 1 representing your most preferred project. You are not obliged to use all four votes if one nominee is of no interest to you. The result will be announced next weekend, so please cast your vote **TODAY.** Retiring collections for the winner will be held on the following three Sundays.

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

Young Catholic Artist Award 2026: Sponsored by the Catholic Union Charitable Trust. **Forgiveness – What does this look like to you"** is the theme. The winner will be announced before the end of the academic year., and will receive a cash prize. Parents, guardians or teachers of primary school aged children wishing to submit an entry should complete the application form and scan pictures to info@catholicunion.org.uk with the title Catholic Youn Artist Award by 22nd May 2026. More information downstairs.

SVP and CAFOD work experience: The SVP and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st-26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply here: https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026. Applications close on 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

FLAME 2027: The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join 10,000 young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at the DVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday 6th March 2027. Aimed at young people in Year 9+, including university students and young adults. Passes are currently at the super early bird rate of £75 perp person, which includes return coach travel to/from the Diocese., until 31st July 2026. Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours.

Oline Gospel Meditations: Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing. These are on Thursday from 7:30pm to 8:15pm. The "doors" open at 7:15 for a chat and introductions. All are welcome. Register for the link by email: admin@briery.org.uk

News from the School: The school have been on their Half-Term holiday this past week. A well-earned break after so many achievements since returning after the Christmas break. We give thanks to God for all that is achieved in the parish thanks to the work in our parish school. We hold them in our prayers, and look forward to hearing the news next weekend.