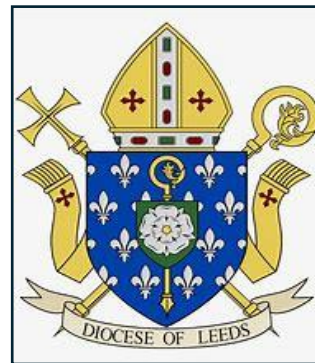




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th February 2026

Fifth Sunday in OT

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

Confessions
Mass: Jack Blackburn (Birthday An)
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Georgina McCaul (Birthday An)

Tuesday 10th February

St Scholastica

7:00pm

Virgin. Foundress of Benedictine Nuns and Sisters.
Mass: Catenian Intentions
Mass will be with the Catenians from across the District.

Wednesday 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 12th February

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 13th February

Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 14th February

Ss Cyril & Methodius
9:30am

Patrons of Europe
Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 15th February

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

Confessions
Mass: Burns Family
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Royston Kean

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

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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: 7th & 8th Feb (5th Sunday in OT)**

Vigil: P Allinson, C Antram (M Flanagan, D Olszewski)

8.00am: G Turner, M Hardacre (D Bovo, J Walker)

11.00am: A Player, P Onuorah (P Fletcher, C Hudson)

Next Weekend: 14th & 15th Feb (6th Sunday in OT)

Vigil: M Gargan, R Currie (E & P Durbin)

8.00am: C Currie, D Bovo (V Burdon, G Turner)

11.00am: J Tweddle, M Smith (P Evans, 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 £227.06. Weekly average via bank and Dona £740. **Thank you!**

Retiring Collection today: To support the Diocesan Lourdes Fund.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Congratulations to our 25 young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation here last Wednesday. Confirmation certificates will be presented at the 11:00am Mass today. Families will gather in the parish hall afterwards for a shared-table celebration for the Confirmandi. **The normal teas, coffees and refreshments will also be available for all as usual.**

Date for First Reconciliation (First Confessions): is now set for Wednesday 25th March, time to be confirmed, but it will be after school. 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.

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.

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 tickets

Festa di Carnevale: Italian Carnival: All are welcome to this annual celebration in the parish hall on Sunday 15th February from 3:00-5.00pm. There will be music, dances, games and prizes. A buffet and drinks will be provided. Entry tickets are £4 per child and £8 per adult. Children under 2 have free entry. Come in costume, and with a mask if you wish, but it isn't obligatory. Just come and have fun!

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

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 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.

Children's Liturgy: There is **NO** children's liturgy at the 11am Mass today because of the Presentation of Confirmation Certificates. There will be Children's Liturgy as normal on Sunday 15th February.

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 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.

SVP Over 60s Party: The party which was scheduled to take place on the afternoon of 13th February at St John Fisher's Catholic High School has had to be postponed, as the school is no longer available that afternoon.

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 14th February 11:30am to 3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is Frances Mary Callan. The talk will be "he came as witness." John the Baptist in the Fourth Gospel.

New Volunteers for Collection Counting: We could do with some more volunteers to go on the counting rota. Full training will be given to not only count the collections, and get the bag ready to deposit at the bank. Please see Fr Ben after Mass if interested.

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

Parish Lenten Project 2026: We invite nominations for our Lenten Parish Project for this year. Any nominations will be considered and shortlisted by the Parish Finance

Committee. Please put your submission (no more than one side of A4) in an envelope, and hand it to Father Ben. Voting will take place the Sunday before Lent, and collections will be held after Mass on three Sundays in Lent. We need to establish sound audit trails for our donations, so only charities which are Registered with the Charity Commission will be considered. The aims of the charity also need not to be incompatible with the teachings of the Church and the stated objectives of the Diocese of Leeds in their own Charitable Registration with the Commission.

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 Young Artist Award by 22nd May 2026. More information downstairs.

The Oratory of St Joseph: Catholic Men's Group for ages 21-35: A New joint venture by the Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough to help young men grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Group prayer, guest speakers (see schedule downstairs), social time and supper, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. 6:30-8:30pm 26th February, 26th March, 30th April, 28th May. More information available downstairs or contact benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

News from the School: This week has been filled with joy and celebration as many of our Year 6 pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation, surrounded by the love and support of the school and parish community. The children have prepared prayerfully and with purpose, and have truly risen to the responsibility with humility, reverence, and joy.

To mark the occasion, Year 6 delivered a powerful assembly of song and drama, beautifully illustrating how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to live out the Fruits of the Spirit in our everyday lives — making the ordinary, extraordinary. It was a moment of pride for everyone present and a witness to the faith flourishing in our school.

Elsewhere across the school, Year 5 have been diving into the topic of trade and economics in geography, learning about the goods the UK imports and exports, and considering the air miles involved in the global journey of products we use every day. Year 4 have been developing their artistic skills with a focus on still life. They began with observational drawings and then progressed to creating expressive collages — their attention to detail and creativity have been fantastic to see. Year 2 have been exploring songs from around the UK, enjoying the different styles and rhythms from our nation's regions. They're now busy preparing to perform some of their favourites in next week's assembly — we can't wait! As always, our pupils continue to impress us with their energy, thoughtfulness, and love of learning.

 **Thank you to our marvellous Sewing Volunteers**

It will be the final week of sewing in Year 6, and we couldn't be more grateful to our fabulous volunteers who have generously given their time, patience, and talent. The sewing afternoons have been filled with joy and purpose — many lovely connections and relationships have blossomed, and the children have treasured the experience of learning new skills alongside such kind and encouraging adults. The final session is

- **Friday 13th February 13:30-15:00**