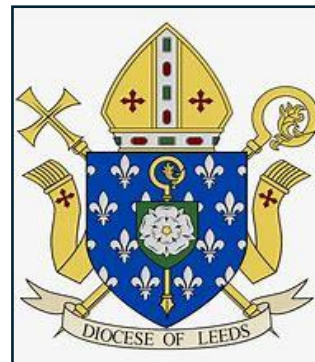




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 29th March 2026

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

Confessions & Exposition

Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: Donald & Betty MacCormick
 Mass: Theresa & Alfred Kuzcera
 (RIP)

Tuesday 31st March

Tuesday of Holy Week
 7:00pm

Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 1st April

Wednesday of Holy Week
 11:00am

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Thursday 2nd April

Holy Thursday
 7:30pm
 Until 10pm

**Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Watching at the Altar of Repose**

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday
 3:00pm
 7:00pm

(Day of Fasting & Abstinence)
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Stations of the Cross & Veneration of the Cross

Saturday 4th April

Holy Saturday
 11:00am
 8:00pm

Blessing of Easter Baskets
Easter Vigil

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday
 8:00am
 11:00am

Mass: P.M.Thomas (2nd Anniversary)
 Mass: Eva & Stefan Novak (RIP)

APF Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes
 Contact: Liz Walker 07816 288125

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

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 – 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: J. Gibson 07905 993103

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: 28th & 29th March (Palm Sunday)

(Readers please refer to volunteer list in Church)

Vigil: (P Rochester, M Flanagan)

8.00am: (V Burdon, J Tweddle)

11.00am: (P & P Evans)

Next Weekend: 4th & 5th April (Easter Sunday)

Easter Vigil 8.00pm: See volunteer rotas

8.00am: See volunteer rotas

11.00am: See volunteer rotas

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 £529.60
Weekly average direct to bank and Dona £900. Flowers £16:32, Votive Candles £34.80, Coffee £32.00 **Thank you!**

Lenten Project: The total raised for Maggie's, Yorkshire was £1,031, to which £140 in Gift-Aid can be added, making £1,171 in total. **Well done!**

New Offertory Envelopes: are available to be picked up downstairs in the entrance lobby. Thanks to John and Rich for sorting these out for us.

Catholic Care: Please note that the annual collection for Catholic Care, originally scheduled for last weekend, will now take place after Easter.

Donations towards the cost of Easter Flowers: Will be gladly accepted, and can be placed in the box at the back of Church.

Counters: Will need to collect keys for the Sacristy and Safe from Fr Ben after Mass and/or the new code for the key-safe in the vestment cupboard.

Blessing of Easter Baskets: Święcenie pokarmów Wielkanocnych Will take place as usual at **11:00am on Holy Saturday (Saturday 4th April)**

First Holy Communions: If your child made their First Confession here last year you should have received an email asking for a reply regarding making their First Holy Communion here this year. If you are new to the parish and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion this year please collect a form from Fr Ben to register. Children need to be in at least Year 4. **Dates for your diaries re FHC classes.**

Parent's Evening: Wednesday 22nd April at 6pm, in Church

Catechesis Sessions: 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Parish Hall on Saturday 25th April, Saturday 9th May and Saturday 23rd May

First Holy Communion Day: Saturday 6th June 2026.

LGBT+ Outreach Ministry: Middlesbrough Diocese. Masses giving an explicit welcome to LGBT+ Catholics, their families, and friends, take place at 3pm on the **second Sunday** of each month in the Chapel of the **Bar Convent, York** (17, Blossom Street, YO24 1AQ) just outside Micklegate Bar, 5 minutes' walk from York Railway Station, car parking nearby. Followed by refreshments. See our website for other social activities. **All are welcome.** Website: lgbtmiddlesbroughcatholic.org.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/lgbtcatholic

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

Divine Mercy Sunday (12th April) will be celebrated for our district here at St Joseph's this year. This will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions at 2:00pm. At 3:00pm the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy. **All welcome!**

Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam: As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

Pyjama Appeal organised by **Virginie Morris** will continue until **Easter**. Please continue to bring any **NEW** pairs of pyjamas for boys and girls aged up to sixteen and put them in the box at the back of Church. Thank you to all who have made contributions so far.

Parish Piety Stall: We have a wide range of Easter cards and for First Holy Communion available in our parish stall, at competitive prices.

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 per person, which includes return coach travel to/from the Diocese, until 31st July 2026. For booking email:

youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 3rd-9th July 2026.

The booking process is now open. They can be made online at <https://www.tagney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> You can also phone Tagney Tours direct on 01732 886666. Information also available at the back of Church.

Justice Themed Stations of the Cross: Join Leeds Diocesan Justice & Peace on 30th March (Tuesday of Holy Week) at 7:30pm for an online Stations of the Cross service using prayers and reflections about contemporary justice issues. See www.leedsjp.org.uk to register and receive the zoom link.

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2026: St Aelred's Church, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm except Saturday 9th May 12-3pm (shared table lunch)

15th April: God's Love: Fr Jonathan Hart, 22nd April Salvation, Fr Chris Angel, 29th April, New Life, David Bolton, 6th May Receiving God's Gift, Rev Mike Resch, 9th May, Praying for Baptism in the Spirit, Fr Chris Thomas, 13th May, Growth, Rev Olivia Lambert, 20th May Transformation, Deacon Martin Fenlon. Free event. Register online via the QR code See notice in Church entrance for hand-out leaflets for more info. Ring Dolores Omand on 01423 870789.

Choral Concert here at St Joseph's: Thursday 23rd April

Just to give you advance notice of this event on this evening, so you can get it in your diaries. More information next weekend. It's organised by our very own Joseph Spratt.

Rotas for Holy Week: There are many needs in this period: extra readers and eucharistic ministers, servers for the Easter Triduum, Mandati on Holy Thursday (who will have a foot washed) Please see the lists near the Sacristy Door and be generous in your response. With your help we can make Holy Week happen in the parish for everyone.

Altar of Repose (Holy Thursday) As last year we are asking people to lend us their larger pot plants to set up a "Garden of Gethsemane" around the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall. Plants can be left in the Hall from Palm Sunday onwards. See Fr Ben for more information.

A Day With Mary, the Mother of Jesus: 10am-4pm

Wednesday 6th May at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley. Join us for a day entitled "Do whatever he tells you" to explore how Mary guides us towards a greater understanding and relationship with Jesus. Requested offering £35pp inclusive of a home-cooked two-course lunch and refreshments. For more information and to book, contact Beth on 01943 607287, or admin@briery.org.uk

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

Diocesan Vacancies: The latest vacancies in education and at Catholic Care are available for consultation downstairs on the wall above the table near the entrance.

News from the School: A Prayerful End to the Term

This week has been a very special and prayerful one for our school community. We were thrilled for the children who celebrated receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Many of these pupils are in Year 3, and they marked the occasion by leading a wonderful assembly about the importance of reconciliation. Through drama, prayer and confident speaking, they helped us all reflect on forgiveness, new beginnings, and God's loving mercy.

Year 6 led Key Stage 2 in a reverent Stations of the Cross, guiding the children thoughtfully through this most humble walk with Christ. The respectful participation and quiet reflection shown by all pupils made this a very moving time of worship.

Our Easter Egg Raffle was a great success, and we are so grateful for the generosity of our families. While many children were delighted to take home a chocolate prize, the real winners were St Michael's Hospice, who will benefit from the funds raised. We will share the final total after the holiday. A special thank you to Fr Ben, who had a very busy week hearing confessions from Key Stage 2 as the children prepared their hearts for Easter. It was a calm and prayerful time, and we share in the joy of turning back to God together. As we reach the end of term, we would like to thank all our families and parish community for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement. Your kindness helps our school to flourish in faith and love.

We wish you all a blessed and peaceful Easter.

