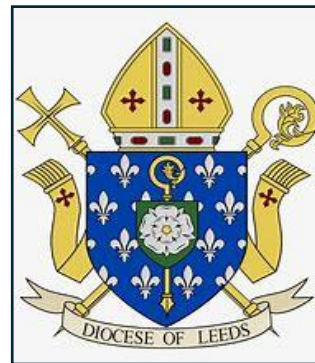




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Confessions & Exposition

Mass: Audrey Byrne (LD)
 Mass: Holy Souls
 Mass: People of the Parish

Tuesday 10th March

Weekday of Lent

7:00pm

Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 11th March

Weekday of Lent

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 12th March

Weekday of Lent

9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 13th March

Weekday of Lent

9:00am

9:30am

Stations of the Cross

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 14th March

Weekday of Lent

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 15th March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00-5:00pm (Saturday)

5:30pm (Saturday)

8:00am

11:00am

12:30-3:30pm

Laetare/Mothering Sunday

Confessions & Exposition

Mass: Edith Walton (RIP)

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Mira Flor Abaluyan & Catherine
 Imee Rose Abaluyan (RIP)

Exposition & Benediction

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 - 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: 7th & 8th March (3rd Sun of Lent)**

Vigil: P Durbin, A Player (E Durbin, M Gargan)

8.00am: J Walker, G Turner (J Tweddle, J Walker)

11.00am: S Butters, J Tweddle (A-M Perry, A Roberts)

Next Weekend: 14th & 15th March (4th Sun of Lent)

Vigil: V Clemerson, I Morritt (D Olszewski, P Durbin)

8.00am: A Keith, C Currie (G Turner, V Burdon)

11.00am: C Bohills, Pam Evans (Paul 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 £369.16. Weekly average via bank and Dona £740. **Cafod Fast Day:** £339.25
Thank you!

Lenten Project: Today is the first of three retiring collections in support of our Lenten Project, **Maggie's, Yorkshire.**

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

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.

Novena to St Joseph: Will be prayed after Mass from 10th to 18th March, in preparation for the **Patronal Feast of St Joseph** on 19th March. A box is available at the front of church to post your intentions for the Novena, and any contributions you wish to make towards Novena Masses being offered.

Date for FIRST RECONCILIATION: (First Confessions): is now set for Wednesday 25th March from 3-4:00pm. Catechesis started last Saturday and the final session is on Saturday 21st March from 10:00am to 2:00pm. 28 of our children are being prepared to make their First Confessions this year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: If your child made their First Confession here last year you should receive an email asking for a reply regarding making their First Holy Communion here this year. **Dates for your diaries.**

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.

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 14th March 11:30am-3:45pm @ St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate. Speaker: Angela Powell (Community Participation Coordinator for the Diocese of Leeds) Title: "Hearts for the Kingdom of God."

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

Jesus Youth Community of Harrogate will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here at St Joseph's on Sunday 15th March from 12:30-3:30pm.

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 stays in hospital in the LGI and Harrogate, for a variety of illnesses and conditions since she was born. I consider myself a V 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 witnessed 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. Box available at the back of church.

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 date 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 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 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

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.

Rotas for Palm Sunday and 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.

Easter Triduum Services:

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm Thursday 2nd April

Celebration of the Passion (Good Friday) 3:00pm Fri 3rd April

Easter Vigil: 8:00pm Saturday 4th April.

Easter Sunday: Masses as usual at 8:00am and 11:00am.

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 Young Artist Award by 22nd May 2026.

News from the School: It has been another joyful and enriching week at St Joseph's.

Year 5 had an amazing time on their retreat to Emmaus Youth Village. The children embraced the opportunity for prayer, reflection and shared activities with great maturity. The community spirit they fostered made the experience both uplifting and memorable — a wonderful time of joy and togetherness.

Meanwhile, Year 6 have been filling the corridors with the beautiful sounds of wartime songs as part of their learning. "There'll Be Bluebirds Over the White Cliffs of Dover" and "We'll Meet Again" have been sung so sweetly that it has brought smiles to everyone who hears them.

The school also celebrated World Book Day in great style. Staff arrived dressed as the 101 Dalmatians, with Mrs Delahay fully embracing the role of Cruella De Vil — we made sure to stay well out of her way! It was certainly a *spotty* situation — though thankfully there were no puppies missing by the end of the day! Our love of reading continues to shine brightly at St Joseph's. Our weekly Reading Buddy sessions, where classes pair up to share books, are a real highlight. We are also incredibly grateful to our reading volunteers, whose time, kindness and encouragement help nurture a lifelong love of books. Finally, we are delighted to share a photograph of our whole-school Lent display: "Our Journey to the Cross." Every class has contributed to this beautiful piece of collective reflection, and the children are very proud of how they have worked together as we grow closer to God during this special season.

