

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

St Joseph's Catholic Church
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Diocese of Leeds Registered Charity No: 249404

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 19th April 2026	**Third Sunday of Easter**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: People of the Parish
	8:00am	Mass: Marie Baker's Intentions
	11:00am	Mass: Sheila Hird (Anniversary RIP)
Tuesday 21st April	**St Anselm**	Bishop & Doctor of the Church
	7:00pm	Mass: Rosaria Buccoliero (Birthday)
Wednesday 22nd April	**Weekday of Easter**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 23rd April	**St George**	**Patron Saint of England**
	9:15am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 24th April	**St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**	Priest and Martyr
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 25th April	**St Mark**	Evangelist
	9:30am	Mass: Priests of the Diocese
Sunday 26th April	**Fourth Sunday of Easter**	**Good Shepherd Sunday**
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Holy Souls
	8:00am	Mass: Elena Roth Intentions
	11:00am	Mass: People of the Parish

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: 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: 18th & 19th April (3rd Sun of Easter)
Vigil: C Antram, C Devlin (P Rochester, E Durbin)
8.00am: A Keith, J Walker (J Tweddle, V Burdon)
11.00am: P Onuorah, C Bohills (H Fletcher, A Roberts)

Next Weekend: 25th &26th April (4th Sun of Easter)
Vigil: R Currie, J Cooper (Volunteers)
8.00am: D Bovo, A Keith (Volunteers)
11.00am: M Smith, P Fletcher (Volunteers)

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 £336.27. Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £900. Flowers £10.43, Coffee £18:80, Votives £47.00. Thank you.

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 Retiring Collection: Please note that this Retiring Collection, originally scheduled to take place in Lent, and delayed because of our Lenten Project Appeal, will now take place **TODAY.**

Priests Training Fund Retiring Collection: Will take place next weekend (Good Shepherd Sunday)

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

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 9th May, 11:30am-3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is Fr Chris Thomas. The theme of the day is Baptism in the Spirit. The day includes Session 5 of the "Life in the Spirit" seminars and praying for Baptism in the Spirit. Everyone is welcome to take part.

Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag, Knaresborough: We are a small group of local people who hold the Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag in Trust. We are in need of more trustees, gardeners, volunteers and fundraisers to help us in our mission to keep this unique site open for visitors. Donations of plants and money towards our long-term preservation projects would also be welcomed. The Chapel is now open 2-4pm (provided the weather is clement) until the end of September and by appointment at other times. We look forward to your visit. Please see the website for more details: wwwourladyofthecrag.org/

Diocesan Vacancies: A list of the latest vacancies in the diocese, schools and Catholic Care is available downstairs.

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/

Flores de Mayo Celebration: Our growing Filipino community invite us all to a Parish Celebration of all things Filipino. It will take place in the parish hall from **3-10pm** on **Saturday 9th May.** Entry will be £20, including a welcome drink. A wide range of Filipino food will be served including a whole hog roast, adobo and pansit. There will be a tombola and an auction, for which I am sure donations will be most welcome. There is a licensed bar at the event. **Flores de Mayo** is a lively Filippino tradition arising out of May Devotions to Our Lady. Profits from the event go towards parish funds. Please see Gloria Lorenzo or Maggie Anderson for tickets. **ALL Welcome.** The Filipino Community are putting this event on for the benefit of all in the parish, as well as being a celebration of their own culture.

Tomb To Mission Social Media Series: The Faith Formation Department have launched Tomb to Mission, following the journey of the first disciples from discovering the empty tomb to being empowered for mission by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Follow along for Gospel reflections, prayer prompts, catechetical reflections and practical ways to live out our daily mission. Follow Diocese of Leeds Faith Formation (Facebook) or @dolfaithformation (Instagram)

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.

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) 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.

Silver Swans Ballet Sessions: In St Joseph's Church Hall every Thursday 10:30-11:30am. £7 per session. Silver Swans teachers are trained 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 975500

Choral Concert here at St Joseph's "A Night at the Opera." On **Thursday 23rd April,** our very own International Opera Star Joseph Spratt and Friends. Tickets are available online, or can be booked through the parish. Tickets are £25 for adults (concession for parents of children at St Joseph's School £20) Student /Teenager rate £10, and free for under 12s. Doors will open at 6:30pm, with the concert starting at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served during a half-hour interval. Tickets can be booked through https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thejosephsprattoperaseries/ A QR code is available to book as well, on the notices of the event. The notice and QR code are also on our parish website. It promises to be a wonderful evening. Proceeds will be shared between the performers and the Parish.

"Go and Make Disciples" Day of Reflection: Saturday 9th May 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. A day of reflection with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on our mission to share faith. Explore the implications of the Great Commission and our call from God to make disciples of all nations, as well as some practical ways to pass on the faith. An uplifting day for all! Lunch included. Register for your free place by Friday 1st May by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org

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 of relationship with jesus. Requested offering £35pp inclusive of a home-cooked lunch and refreshments. For more information and to book, contact Beth on 01943 607287

News from the School: Happy Easter to all our families and parish community! We have returned to school refreshed, and it has been a beautiful time reflecting together on the joy and hope of the Easter season.
The children have settled wonderfully into their final term. It is a privilege to see how they continue to grow — not only in height, but in confidence, character, and kindness. We truly feel blessed to be part of such a special school family.
This term, Year 1 and Year 2 are excited to begin their much-loved Secret Reader sessions. Parents and family members will visit the classroom to share a story — all kept a surprise until they walk through the door! The children are already full of anticipation, eagerly wondering who their mystery reader might be.
In Year 2, pupils enjoyed a fascinating science lesson investigating the seeds of peppers and strawberries. They discovered that strawberries are unusual because their seeds are on the *outside* — with around 200 seeds on each fruit — while peppers hide theirs inside. Using magnifying glasses, the children explored these tiny details up close, spotting things they had never noticed before!
Year 5 have been diving into the water cycle, learning about evaporation, condensation, and precipitation, before exploring the journey of a river from source to mouth. They have been thinking about how rivers shape the land, support ecosystems, and play an important role in our daily lives.
Meanwhile, Year 6 are entering their final few weeks before their SATs. We ask that you keep them — and their teachers — in your prayers during this time. The children have worked incredibly hard, and we are focusing on approaching the assessments with calm confidence, encouraging them to simply show all that they know and how far they have come.
We look forward to a wonderful term ahead, filled with learning, growth, and shared joy.