

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th April 2026	**Easter Sunday**	
	8:00pm (Saturday)	**The Easter Vigil**
	8:00am	Mass: P.M Thomas (2nd Anniversary)
	11:00am	Mass: Eva and Stefan Novak (RIP)
	12:30pm	**Baptism of Dara Emmanuelle Galorio**
Tuesday 7th April	**Tuesday of Easter Octave**	**No service here today**
Wednesday 8th April	**Wednesday of Easter Octave**	**No service here today**
Thursday 9th April	**Thursday of Easter Octave**	
	9:15am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 10th April		
	Friday of Easter Octave	Mass: Holy Souls
	9:30am	
Saturday 11th April		
	Saturday of Easter Octave	Mass: David King (RIP)
	9:30am	
Sunday 12th April		**Divine Mercy Sunday**
	Second Sunday of Easter	No Confessions on Saturday
		Mass: People of the Parish
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Peter Corbett (RIP)
	8:00am	Mass: The Burns Family
	11:00am	**Divine Mercy Devotions.**
	2:00pm	**Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions**
	3:00pm	**Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction**

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

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: 4th & 5th April (easter Sunday)

(Readers please refer to volunteer list in Church)
Easter Vigil: 8:00pm See volunteer rotas
8.00am: See Volunteer rotas
11.00am: See volunteer rotas

Next Weekend: 11th & 12th April (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Vigil: E Durbin,M Gargan (D Olszewski, P Durbin
8.00am: C Currie, D Bovo (J Walker, G Turner)
11.00am: H Fletcher, S Butters (P Fletcher, A-M Perry)

of vocations to the priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and the Religious Life within the Diocese of Leeds and throughout the world. Amen!

Thank You: A special word of thanks and appreciation to all who made Holy Week happen for us as a parish, and have made it such a prayerful experience for all. Musicians. Cleaners, choristers, organist, flower arrangers, readers, eucharistic ministers, gardeners, counters, catechists, piety stall runners, tea and coffee and cake makers, brassware cleaners, greeters and volunteers generally. May God bless you all for each and every contribution to the life of our parish.

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & Envelope £458.77 Weekly average direct to bank and Dona £900. Piety Stall (cash) £60.00. **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: Please note that the annual collection for Catholic Care, originally scheduled during Lent, 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

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/

The Pyjama Appeal organised by **Virginie Morris** finishes today. Thank you for all your support with this, both in the parish and in our parish school. The lives of families whose children are at the General Infirmary in Leeds will be made that little bit more bearable through your generosity.

Tomb To Mission Social Media Series: Today the Faith Formation Department will launch 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)

Parish Piety Stall: We have a wide range cards and gifts 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.

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 "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 Parishioners £20 if booked directly from the Parish) Student 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 tickettailor.com. A QR code should also shortly be available to book as well. It promises to be a wonderful evening. Proceeds will be shared between the performers and the Parish.

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

News from the School: Our Parish School have been on their Easter end of term holidays this past week, so we look forward to hearing from them when they return. Please keep all involved in the life of our parish school in your prayers. Many blessings descend upon us all through the close relationship we have between home, school and parish, and we thank God for the tremendous things which are achieved in our wonderful school through hard work, determination, apostolic witness, prayer and above all through the many blessings which God bestows upon us all through the school. We must not forget all that comes to us through St John Fisher's Catholic High School too!

And finally! May I take this opportunity of wishing you all the very best and with every blessing upon you during the celebration of Easter. If you are visitors with us, I hope you have enjoyed your stay with us over this season, and we have enjoyed your company with us as we celebrate what is at the very heart of our faith. I thank you for your generous and loving Easter greetings, presents and cards, and in anticipation of your accustomed generosity in the Easter Offering, which, as you know, is for my personal support as your pastor and shepherd. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as it is my duty, but also my great pleasure to keep you in mine. God bless, Fr Ben