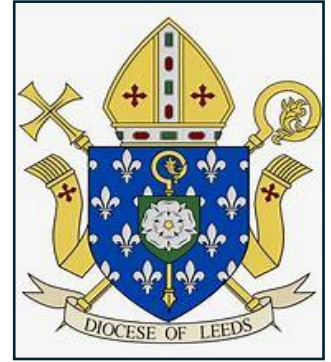




**Welcome to**  
**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
**Bilton, Harrogate**



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## **SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)

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8:00am

11:00am

Confessions

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Lenne & Conor Donoghue

Mass: Deceased of the Duffin Family

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Weekday in Eastertime**

7:00pm

Mass: Holy Souls

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

9:30am

**11:00am**

Mass: Holy Souls

**Funeral Service for Valerie Barnwell**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**9:30am**

**7:00pm**

**Holyday of Obligation**

**Mass:** People of the Parish

**Mass:** Special Intention (Doherty)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**Weekday in Eastertime**

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Weekday in Eastertime**

9:30am

Mass: Special Intention (Steven,  
James & Christopher)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)

5:30pm (Saturday)

8:00am

11:00am

Confessions

Mass: Edith Walton (RIP)

Mass: Seamus McCaul (RIP)

Mass: People of the Parish

**APF Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes**

Contact: Liz Walker 07816 288125

**Bereavement Support:** Please contact Father Ben 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](mailto: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**

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**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: 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

Vigil: R Rouse, V Clemerson (E & P Durbin)

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

11.00am: A Player, P Onuorah (P Evans, A Roberts)

**Next Weekend: 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

Vigil: A Player, W Considine (M Flanagan, P Rochester)

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

11.00am: J Tweddle, M Smith (B Gotting, Pam Evans)

**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 £340.54. Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £900. Thank you.

**Retiring Collection:** Next Sunday for Catholic Communications

**First Holy Communions: Dates for your diaries**

**Catechesis Sessions:** 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (in Hall) **First Holy Communion Day: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**, with Masses at 11am and 1:30pm.

**Senior Citizens (60+) Afternoon Tea Party:** Please join us in St Joseph's Church Hall for food, fun, singing and entertainment, organised by the **SVP Harrogate**. 19<sup>th</sup> May 1:00pm-3:30pm. Please contact **07350 857356**, or **sign the list downstairs** to book your place.

**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](http://lgbtmiddlesbroughcatholic.org.uk) Facebook: [facebook.com/lgbtcatholic](https://facebook.com/lgbtcatholic)

**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: [www.wourladyofthecrag.org/](http://www.wourladyofthecrag.org/)

**Celebration of Married Life:** There will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May @ 12noon for couples celebrating Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond and Platinum wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please complete the application form available at the back of Church (return details on form)

**Eucharistic Ministry at 8am Sunday Mass:** We need some more Eucharistic Ministers for the 8am Mass on Sunday or we will have to revert to receiving Holy Communion under one kind at this Mass when the new rota is drawn up. Please see Fr Ben if you are prepared to volunteer for this ministry. It would be a shame if we had to withdraw receiving under both kinds, but we need more than 4 Eucharistic Ministers to be able to have a viable rota for this ministry at the 8am Mass.

**Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam:** As part of the consultation currently taking place across our three 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Filipino 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: 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> May, Growth, Rev Olivia Lambert, 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Leeds International Organ Festival:** Join us at Leeds Cathedral. Mondays from 11<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> July at 1:15pm. Free entry. Features a series of recitals by outstanding organists from across the UK. For more info visit <https://www.leedsiof.org/home>

**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

**Church Cleaning Rota:** There are now paper copies of the 2026/2027 church cleaning rota available at the back of church. It begins the week ending 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 with Team 5. Thanks to all our cleaning teams, and to Val Clemerson for organising the rota

**Marian Blessing and Crowning Ceremony:** Will take place on Pentecost Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at the 11am Mass. (That will be the Sunday after the Crowning has taken place for our schoolchildren on 21<sup>st</sup> May) so we will benefit from all the flowers that they bring for the Blessing and Crowning service.

**Car Keys:** A Honda car key was left in the Parish Hall and found during the Tuesday Friends meeting last week. If it belongs to you, please see Fr Ben.

**How to Read St Paul:** A short course led by Fr mark Jarmuz, will look at St Paul's life and letters, exploring what we can learn about the man and his teachings for our Faith. Ss John Fisher & Thomas More parish hall, Bradford Rd, Burley-in-Wharfedale, LS29 7PX. Dates Wednesdays 7-8:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June. To book Email [mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**New Life Through Water & the Holy Spirit:** Retreat Day for new Catholics. Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 10am-3:00pm. For more information please see notice downstairs.

### **News from the School: Sunshine, Adventure and New Challenges**

It has been another busy and joyful week at St Joseph's! This week, Skillabus visited school to deliver exciting sports and physical activity sessions. *Skillabus* is a programme designed to help children develop sports skills, confidence, teamwork, and a lifelong love of being active through engaging challenges and games. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and embraced the activities with great enthusiasm and determination.

Our youngest pupils in Reception enjoyed their first ever school trip to Hesketh Farm. From tiny chicks to much larger animals, the children were filled with awe and wonder as they explored the farm and learned more about caring for animals. Their excitement and curiosity made it a truly memorable day.

The brighter weather has also meant that PE lessons are once again being enjoyed outdoors on the field and playground, with children making the most of the sunshine and fresh air.

The four-day week seemed to fly by, and now we approach an important time for Year 6 as SATs Week begins. We ask for your prayers for both the children and staff as they calmly and confidently show all that they know after many years of hard work and learning. We are incredibly grateful to families for the support and encouragement you continue to give at home. The class are particularly looking forward to a well-earned treat on Thursday afternoon, when they will watch *Holes* after thoroughly enjoying the novel together as a class.

We also keep our former pupils in our prayers as they begin their GCSE and A Level examinations. We wish them courage, calmness, and confidence in the weeks ahead.