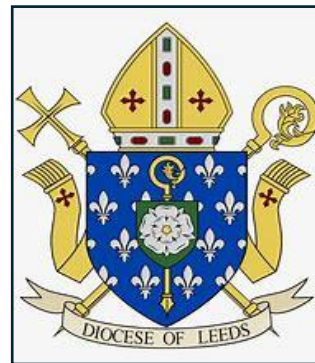




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 17th May 2026

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

Tuesday 19th May

St Dunstan

No Service here today

Wednesday 20th May

St Bernardine of Siena

No Service here today

Thursday 21st May

Weekday of Easter
9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 22nd May

St Rita of Cascia
 9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 23rd May

Weekday in Eastertime
 9:30am

Mass: For the priests of the dioceses
 of Leeds and Middlesbrough

Sunday 24th May

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

Confessions
 Mass: Holy Souls
 Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: In thanksgiving (cancer
 treatment)

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

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Contact: Paul Fletcher 01423 525216

Safeguarding Representative (Parish)

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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: 16th & 17th May (7th 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)

Counters: John & Maria Gibson

Next Weekend: 23rd & 24th May (Pentecost Sunday)

Vigil: I Morritt, E Durbin (D Olszewski, P Durbin)

8.00am: C Currie, D Bovo (C Hudson, D Bovo)

11.00am: P Evans, Volunteer ((H & P Fletcher)

Counters: John & Jean Tweddle

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 £352.81. Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £900. Votives £44.38. Thank you.

A Huge Thank You: especially to Gloria and Maggie for their work in organising the wonderful Flores de Mayo celebration we had last weekend. As well as having a marvellous fiesta, £1,000 profit was made and donated to parish funds. Many others helped Gloria and Maggie too. Thanks to you all.

Retiring Collection: Today for Catholic Communications

First Holy Communions: Dates for your diaries

Catechesis Sessions: 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday 23rd May (in Hall) **First Holy Communion Day: Saturday 6th 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**. 19th May 1:00pm-3:00pm. 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 Facebook: 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.ourladyofthecrag.org/

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.

Vacancy for School Governor at St Joseph's School: There is currently a vacancy on the governing body of our parish primary school. Please contact the school or the Diocesan Vicariate for Education if you would be interested in becoming a governor of our wonderful parish school.

Consultation of 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 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

Healthy eating information and exercise sessions: New for June. Catholic Care's Nutrition Advisor & Coach will be running sessions on healthy eating & exercise sessions in St Joseph's Parish Hall every Wednesday from 17th June from 11am to 12noon. The sessions are for those who are wanting to find out more about healthy eating and may have questions about nutrition. If you would like to find out and more about these sessions please contact Ingrid Fernandes on 07540 047973. This is a pilot course for 4 weeks and so is free of charge.

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 @dolfaitbformation (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: 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.

Priestly Vocations Discernment Meeting: Friday 22nd May, Cathedral Hall, Leeds, 6:30-8:15pm. More information from Fr ben, or contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge at vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Leeds International Organ Festival: Join us at Leeds Cathedral. Mondays until 13th 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

Italian Summer Fiesta: Will take place in St Joseph's Parish Hall from 12noon to 3pm on Sunday 7th June. **All welcome** to join in a celebration of all things Italian, with food, entertainment, music games and good fun for all.

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

Chaplaincy Volunteers at Fountains Abbey: An appeal for volunteers from our parish to join the Fountains Abbey Chaplaincy Team. They will have an important role in ensuring the continuity of the very successful annual Mass at the Abbey. The parish was represented by John Hough (RIP) for many years, and John Tweddle has just been commended for being with the Volunteer Chaplaincy Team for 15 years. Any volunteers would be most welcome. Please get in touch with John Tweddle if interested in helping either with the Volunteer Chaplaincy or the annual Mass. Telephone John Tweddle on 07836 271646

Fountains Abbey Mass 2026: Will take place this year on **Tuesday 14th July** (for the Feast of St Benedict) This year St John Fisher CHS Band and Choir will provide the music and singing, with Fr Stephen Webb as the Principal Celebrant. More information to come. This is just to get the date in your diaries.

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 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th June. To book Email mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 13th June, 11:30am-3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is Rev Michelle Lepine. The title of her talk is "Repair Shop – the power of Jesus to restore us." All welcome. Bring a packed lunch.

News from the School: A huge thank you for your prayers during SATs Week. Our Year 6 pupils were wonderful role models throughout the week, showing: courage when facing challenges; humility in the way they supported one another; service through their helpfulness during breakfast club (their washing-up skills were particularly impressive!); and gratitude as they offered prayers to God each day. We are incredibly proud of them. In Year 3, pupils have been investigating light in science, exploring how it behaves when it travels through opaque, translucent, and transparent materials. Their enthusiasm for experimenting has been fantastic to see. Following their memorable trip to Hesketh Farm, Reception have continued their learning by creating wonderful 3D farm animals from cardboard, retelling their experiences, and writing imaginative farm-themed stories. Their creativity and excitement have truly brought the topic to life. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been developing the important life skill of telling the time — something increasingly challenging in a world dominated by digital clocks! They have also been reflecting on the challenges faced by the Apostles in RE and writing clear explanations about the water cycle in geography. Finally, Year 1 led a truly brilliant assembly all about plants and growing. The children confidently shared their learning and beautifully linked the idea of plants flourishing with how we too grow through kindness, love, and care for one another. Their joyful singing and thoughtful reflections were a delight for everyone watching.