# 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

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| **Sunday 24th May 2026** | **Pentecost Sunday** | |
| | 4:30-5:00pm (Saturday) | Confessions |
| | 5:30pm (Saturday) | Mass: Holy Souls |
| | 8:00am | Mass: People of the Parish |
| | 11:00am | Mass: In thanksgiving (Cancer treatment) |
| **Tuesday 26th May** | **St Philip Neri** | **Priest** |
| | 7:00pm | Mass: Holy Souls |
| **Wednesday 27th May** | **St Augustine of Canterbury** | **Bishop** |
| | 9:30am | Mass: Charlie Doherty (Birth Ann) |
| **Thursday 28th May** | **Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest** | |
| | **9:15am** | Mass: Holy Souls |
| **Friday 29th May** | **St Paul VI** | **Pope** (Week 8, Year B) |
| | 9:30am | Mass: Holy Souls |
| **Saturday 30th May** | **The Yorkshire Martyrs** | **Diocesan Calendar** |
| | 9:30am | Mass: Sandra Kuzcera (RIP) |
| **Sunday 31st May** | **The Most Blessed Trinity** | |
| | 4:30-5:00pm (Saturday) | Confessions |
| | 5:30pm (Saturday) | Mass: Holy Souls |
| | 8:00am | Mass: Holy Souls |
| | 11:00am | Mass: People of the Parish |
| | 12:30pm | Baptism of Ezekiel Alistair Bray |

**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

**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: 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

**Next Weekend: 30th & 31st May (Trinity Sunday)**
Vigil: P Allinson, Volunteer (E Durbin, M Gargan)
8.00am: Volunteer, J Walker (Volunteer, J Walker)
11.00am: A Roberts, A Player (A-M Perry, A Roberts)
**Counters:** Rich & Jean Gundich

**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 £372.42. Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £900. Catholic Communications £112.02 Votives £29.17, Flowers £25.26, Piety Stall (cash) £90.00. Thank you.

**Dona Machine:** We have now got a new Dona machine which is up and running, so you can make your offertory and retiring collections, or make donations to the parish via the machine.

**Marian Blessing and Crowning Ceremony:** will take place today during the 11am Mass. Thank you to our parish school for providing so many flowers for the Church this weekend, and to members of the flower team for spending hours in Church on Friday arranging them all. It has made a marvellous display for the Crowning Ceremony and for the celebration of Pentecost.

**First Holy Communion Day: Saturday 6th June 2026,** with Masses at 11am and 1:30pm**.**

**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: wwwourladyofthecrag.org/

**Eucharistic Ministry at 8am Sunday Mass:** As so few people receive Holy Communion under both kinds at this Mass it has been suggested that we only have one chalice at this Mass. Since we have only five Eucharistic Ministers at this Mass this is what will do from when the new Eucharistic Ministers rota comes into force.

**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.

**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

**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 @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.

**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

**York Catholic History Day 2026:** The York Catholic History Day takes place at the Bar Convent in York on Saturday 6th June. The programme begins at 10:30am, with registration from 10am. More information can be found at https://www.crs.org/yorl-catholic-history-day

**Catholic Care Garden Party:** Join us on Sunday 19th July 12:30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our Summer fundraiser. Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse our clothes and book sale, try henna and relax with friends and family. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

**Furness Music Choir:** An evening of contemporary and classical music at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate on Saturday 18th July at 7:30pm. Proceeds go to support the work of the Samaritans. Families welcome, raffle and prizes. Tickets are free, but for them please email harrogate.fundraising@samaritans.org

**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

**Marriage Support:** If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues Retrouville could be the solution. www.retrouville.org.uk or phone 07973 380443

**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.

**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**: What a wonderfully full and joyful week it has been at St Joseph's! Year 2 led a fantastic assembly all about their recent trip to Askham Bryan. Their confidence is truly blooming, and they spoke so clearly and enthusiastically as they shared their learning and experiences. We are nurturing some wonderful young speakers!

Year 6 have had an exceptionally busy week. They visited the Countryside Day at the Great Yorkshire Showground, where they took part in a huge variety of hands-on workshops and activities. From whittling wood to make wands to watching an impressive bird of prey display and meeting the most adorable pygmy goats, the children learned so much about farming, conservation, caring for animals, and protecting the environment.

On Thursday, the Mini Vinnies led a beautiful Marian Liturgy, reflecting prayerfully on Mary's "yes" to God and how we too are called to respond with courage, faith, and love. The children's reading was exceptional — their clarity, diction, and reverence were outstanding. A particularly moving moment came when the eldest and youngest children in school crowned Mary together before all classes brought forward flowers in her honour. The joyful singing filled the church beautifully, and we are incredibly grateful to Mrs Crowther for preparing the children so wonderfully and accompanying the liturgy so beautifully on piano. The flowers now decorate our church as a loving tribute to our Blessed Mother.

Our Mini Vinnies and Head Students also took part in a special Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Crag. The day began with Mass at St Mary's Church before we processed prayerfully to the Crag, reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary along the way — even some passers-by joined in with our prayers! Joined by other schools from across our Trust, it was a truly joyful (and very hot!) occasion, filled with faith and community spirit.

Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 were absolutely superb in the recent Swimming Gala, proudly finishing in second place. We were especially proud of their humility, determination, and enthusiastic support for one another throughout the event.

As we head into half term, we are very much looking forward to a restful (and very sunny!) break before beginning the final seven weeks of the school year. How has it gone so quickly?!