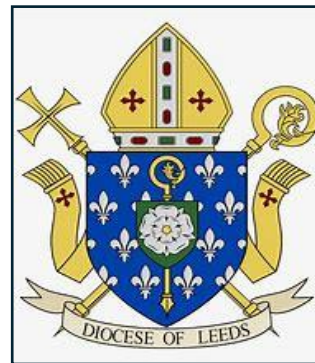




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)

5:30pm (Saturday)

8:00am

11:00am

Confessions

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Joy Crampton (Poorly)

Mass: Holy Souls

Tuesday 5th May

No Service Here Today

Wednesday 6th May

No Service Here Today

Thursday 7th May

St John of Beverley

9:15am

Mass: Anna Danys (Poorly)

Friday 8th May

Weekday in Eastertime

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 9th May

No Morning Service

Sunday 10th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)

5:30pm (Saturday)

8:00am

11:00am

Confessions

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Lenne & Conor Donoghue

Mass: Deceased of the Duffin Family

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

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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: 2nd & 3rd May (5th Sunday of Easter)**

Vigil: P Rochester, P Durbin (M Flanagan, D Olszewski)

8.00am: J Walker, G Turner (D Bovo, J Walker)

11.00am: Volunteer, H Fletcher (B Gotting, C Hudson)

Next Weekend: 9th & 10th May (6th 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)

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 £400.89. Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £900. Retiring Collection for the Priest's Training Fund £189.53. Votive Candles £68.00, Coffee £17.84 Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: There is no Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass today. Normal service will resume next weekend.

First Holy Communions: Dates for your diaries

Catechesis Sessions: 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday 9th May (in Church) and 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 2:00pm-3:30pm. Please contact **07350 857356**, or **sign the list downstairs** to book your place.

Plant Sale: Gloria Lorenzo will be selling plants after the 8am and 11am Masses today.

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: www.ourladyofthecrag.org/

Celebration of Married Life: There will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral on Saturday 16th 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)

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 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 @dolfaitinformation (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) 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

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 9th May 2026 with Team 5. Thanks to all our cleaning teams, and to Val Clemerson for organising the rota.

A Dominican Day of Recollection: On the "Parables in Luke's Gospel" to be given by Fr John Farrell OP at Thicket Carmelite Priory, Thursday 7th May, 10am for 10:30am-3:00pm Fr John is a former Provincial and is a member of Leicester Dominican Community. Coffee & tea provided but please bring a packed lunch. There is no fee but a collection will be taken. Contact Patrick Doyle if you are intending coming. janandpatdoyle@yahoo.co.uk

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

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.

News from the School: It has been another vibrant week at St Joseph's, full of music, teamwork, and faith in action. Year 1 and Year 2 are thoroughly enjoying their Secret Reader sessions this term. The excitement as a mystery reader walks through the door is wonderful to see, and these moments are helping to nurture a real love of reading. Across school, the singing from Year 2 and Year 6 during their Diocesan singing lessons has been truly powerful and joyful. Their voices have filled the corridors with energy and praise. Some pupils in Year 3 had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a tchoukball session with other schools, where their teamwork, determination, and encouragement of one another were superb. Our Mini Vinnies led a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. They reminded us how we can follow the example of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—living with humility, working with care, and showing love in the small, everyday actions that make a big difference to others. Year 2 also enjoyed an exciting trip to Askham Bryan, where they explored the natural environment and learned more about animals and life outdoors. It was a hands-on experience that sparked curiosity and wonder. Finally, last week's Parkrun takeover at Valley Gardens was a great success. It was wonderful to see our school community come together, and we are incredibly grateful to our PTFA for their continued dedication in providing such fantastic opportunities for our children to celebrate their gifts. As always, we are so proud of the enthusiasm, kindness, and spirit shown by all our pupils.