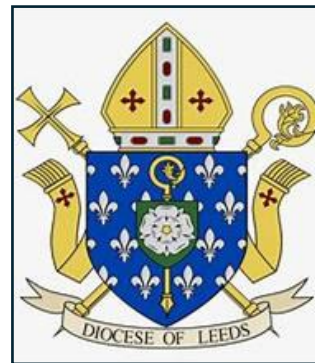




# Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
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## SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Eleventh Sunday in OT**

4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)

5:30pm (Saturday)

8:00am

11:00am

Confessions

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Georgina McCaul (RIP)

Mass: Jean Harston (RIP)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**St Richard of Chichester**

**Bishop**

No service here today

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

(10<sup>th</sup> Week in OT, Year 2)

No service here today

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**St Romuald**

**Abbot**

No service here today

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**St Alban**

**Martyr**

No morning service here today

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**Twelfth Sunday in OT**

4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)

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8:00am

11:00am

Confessions

Mass: People of the Parish

Mass: Ann MacCormick (RIP)

Mass: Christine Fletcher (A)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:elaineflanagan184@btinternet.com)

**Piety Stall**

Contact: Helen Fletcher 07837 928851

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**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**

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: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vigil: C Devlin, P Rochester (P Rochester, M Gargan)

8.00am: J Walker, G Turner (V Burdon)

11.00am: C Bohills, Pam Evans (B Gotting, C Hudson)

**Counters:** W Considine, D Findley

**Next Weekend: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Vigil: J Cooper, R Rouse (D Olszewski, E Durbin)

8.00am: A Keith, C Currie (J Walker)

11.00am: P Fletcher, A Roberts ((H & P Fletcher)

**Counters:** Michelle Tod

**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 and envelope £464.01  
Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £910. Votives £29.00, Flowers £17.00. Thank you.

**Retiring Collections:**

**TODAY** for the Retired Priests of the Diocese.

**Next Sunday** for the "Day for Life."

**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.

**Children's Liturgy:** There will be **NO** Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass today.

**Eucharistic Ministers Rota:** The new rota is now available. Thank you to Bradley Gotting for organising this. You will see that we will now be only having one Eucharistic Minister at the 8am Mass in future.

**Flower Rota:** The new flower rota is also now available. Thank you to Helen Fletcher for organising this.

**Knights of St Columba: The Church needs men of faith, courage and service:** The Knights of St Columba offer every Catholic man a place to live out his vocation through charity, fraternity, and the defence of the faith. Our parishes, our priests and our communities need men who are ready to stand up and serve with humility and purpose. If you feel called to deepen your faith, support the mission of the Church, and make a real difference in the lives of others, the Knights of St Columba are ready to welcome you. We can establish a group or chapter of members in the parish here for members who wish to join. Step forward. Be counted. Become the man God is calling you to be. If you are interested, please contact **Jason Aldiss, Grand Knight - Leeds Council 11**. Email: [Jason.Aldiss@lumbhall.co.uk](mailto:Jason.Aldiss@lumbhall.co.uk). Telephone: 07789 088685. Many thanks.

**How to Read St Paul:** A short course, led by Fr Mark Jarmuz at Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Church Hall, Burley in Wharfedale. Wednesdays 7-8:30pm, 7<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June. To book a place: Email: [mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Adoremus Eucharistic Festival 2026:** 10<sup>th</sup> 7 11<sup>th</sup> October. In London at Southwark Cathedral and with an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral. More details to follow.

**Dear First Holy Communion Families,**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous gifts, cards, and kind words following the First Holy Communion celebrations.

The gratitude and appreciation you have shown have meant so much to us. It has been a privilege to accompany your children on this important step in their faith journey, and to witness their prayerfulness, enthusiasm, and growing love of Jesus in the Eucharist.

We would also like to pass on the sincere thanks of Fr Ben and Mrs Crowther, who were both deeply touched by the gifts they received.

As we continue to pray for your children, we hope that the joy of their First Holy Communion day remains with them and that they continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.

With our sincere thanks and prayers,  
Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Player, and Mrs. Foster

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 the sessions, please contact Ingrid Fernandes on 07540 047973. This is a pilot course for 4 weeks and so is free of charge.

**Finding Newness in Old-Age:** Online reflection, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7-8pm. Hosted by Growing Old Grace-fully. To book a place, please email: [growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Leeds International Organ Festival:** Join us at Leeds Cathedral. Mondays until 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>

**Catholic Care Garden Party:** Join us on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**World Youth Day:** The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service are excited to be offering this once in a lifetime opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership. For more information and to apply, please email: [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**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

**Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: Join the Fightback 2026:** This weekend SPUC have organised a "Join the Fightback" campaign in parishes throughout the country. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. But recently Parliament removed legal consequences for women aborting their own babbies at any stage, for any reason. Self-induced abortion up to birth is now permitted in England and Wales. If you are shocked by this, you are not alone. Abortion extremists have gone too far, and we must not let this stand. Join us in the fightback to bring an end to this barbarity. Please show your support by joining SPUCs campaign to defend unborn babies and their mothers. Postcards are available **TODAY** to enable you to join SPUCs campaign. You will not need to post them yourselves individually, as SPUC have given us a pre-paid envelope to put all the postcards in for those who want to find out more, and receive an information pack.

**Latest Vacancies:** The Diocese are seeking to appoint Chief Financial Officers in the two school trusts, a Choral Director (part-time) in our Schools Singing Programme, and Catholic Care are seeking a Residential Childcare Worker. More details and a poster downstairs.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> July** (for the Feast of St Benedict) at 12noon. This year St John Fisher CHS Band and Choir will provide the music and singing, with Fr Stephen Webb as the Principal Celebrant. **All welcome.** Admission is free to those attending the Mass. More details at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/events>

**Individually Guided 8 Day Retreat: 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August.** Spend time in comfort and contemplation, with daily one-to-one time with your spiritual director and collective worship. Requested offering £872pp fully inclusive, £675 for 6 day option. For more information and to book, contact the Administrator at The Briery Retreat Centre, 38, Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW before 26<sup>th</sup> June. Tel: 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

#### News from the School:

It has been another busy and joyful week at St Joseph's! Unfortunately, the weather had other ideas for our KS2 Sports Day, and the traditional races had to be postponed. However, that didn't stop the children from having a fantastic day. They enjoyed a morning packed with activities including Capture the Flag, Zumba, Orienteering, and UV Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball. The children showed great perseverance and good humour despite the rain. While we were disappointed not to complete the full Sports Day programme, a whole day in the wet would have left everyone rather miserable! The traditional races have now been rescheduled for 25th June, and we are hoping for sunshine and blue skies.

Year 4 delivered a beautiful assembly about their recent First Holy Communion celebrations. They shared thoughtfully about this precious sacrament and what it means to welcome Jesus in the Eucharist. The school loved seeing the children dressed in their First Holy Communion outfits, and we thank our families for the support they have given throughout their preparation and celebration.

Members from Year 6 also enjoyed a successful Rounders Tournament, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout. We were particularly proud of the way our pupils embodied our school values by volunteering to play for other schools when teams were short of players. Their willingness to help others ensured that everyone could participate and enjoy the event - a wonderful example of service, kindness, and fair play.

Meanwhile, Year 6 have begun preparations for their end-of-year production, "Ye-Ha!", a western musical packed with laughter and fun. The singing, acting, and enthusiasm already on display suggest that audiences are in for a real treat!

As always, we are incredibly proud of our pupils and grateful for the support of our families and parish community.