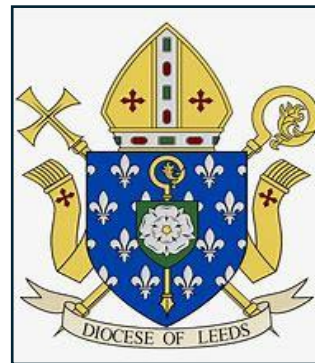




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 7th June 2026

Corpus Christi

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

Confessions
Mass: Holy Souls
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Jenny Roberts (Birthday Ann)

Tuesday 9th June

St Columba

7:00pm

Abbot

Mass: Krystyna & Sbigniew Olszewscy

Wednesday 10th June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am

(10th Week in OT, Year 2)

Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 11th June

St Barnabas

9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 12th June

The Most Sacred Heart

11:30am

Celebration of Priesthood

Mass: at Leeds Cathedral

Saturday 13th June

**The Immaculate Heart of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 14th June

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)

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: 6th & 7th June (Corpus Christi)**

Vigil: M Gargan, R Currie (M Flanagan, P Durbin)

8.00am: D Bovo, A Keith (D Bovo)

11.00am: S Butters, J Tweddle (p & P Evans)

Counters: Bernadette Oakes

Next Weekend: 11th 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

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 £486.61
Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £910. Thank you.

Retiring Collection: next Sunday for the Retired Priests of the Diocese.

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.

First Holy Communions: Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communions here yesterday. A special thank you to their catechists, and to Gill Crowther for leading the singing and music at the Masses yesterday. Today the children will be presented with their certificates at the 11am Mass.

Children's Liturgy: There will be **NO** Children's Liturgies at the 11am Masses on 7th and 14th June.

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.

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

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. Telephone: 07789 088685. Many thanks.

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.

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, 10th, 17th & 24th June. To book a place: 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.

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>

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

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: Join the Fightback 2026: Next 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 will be available next weekend 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: in the Diocese, our Diocesan Schools, Catholic Care, Diocese of Leeds Music Department are available to be seen downstairs above the table next to the entrance into the building.

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) 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. More information to come. This is just to get the date in your diaries.

World Youth Day 2027: 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

Individually Guided 8 Day Retreat: 4th-13th 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 26th June. Tel: 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

News from the School: Sports, Determination and Community Spirit

What a busy and exciting week it has been at St Joseph's! Key Stage 1 enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, with the weather keeping everyone on their toes! The morning began with fun activities including UV Dodgeball and Capture the Flag before families joined us for the traditional races. The children were brilliant, showing not only athletic skill but also wonderful encouragement and support for one another. The mums' and dads' races were, as always, fiercely contested and great fun to watch!

On Friday, Key Stage 2 travelled to the Hydro for the Brownlee Foundation Triathlon. Swimming, cycling and running their way through the event, the children demonstrated tremendous determination, resilience and grit. They were a credit to themselves, their families, and our school, embracing every challenge with enthusiasm and positivity. As always, we are incredibly proud of the way our pupils support one another, celebrate each other's successes, and throw themselves wholeheartedly into new experiences. What a wonderful start to the final half term of the year!

We also keep in our prayers those children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. Having prepared so thoughtfully and prayerfully, we are incredibly proud of them and excited for them as they encounter Jesus in the Eucharist in this special and profound way for the first time. May it be a day filled with joy, love, and blessings for the children and their families.