

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th July 2026	**Seventeenth Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Toby Wright & Family
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Anne & Gerry Woods (Diamond Wedding Anniversary)
Tuesday 28th July	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	Mass: Josie McDonald (Month's Mind)
Wednesday 29th July	7:00pm	
	St Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Mass: Special Intention (Frost)
Thursday 30th July	9:30am	**Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
	St Peter Chrysologus	Mass: Anna Danys (LD)
Friday 31st July	**9:30am**	**Founder of the Jesuits**
	St Ignatius of Loyola	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 1st August	9:30am	**Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
	St Alphonsus Liguori	Mass: Priests of the Dioceses of Leeds & Middlesbrough
	9:30am	
Sunday 2nd August		
	Eighteenth Sunday in OT	Confessions
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	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	

APF Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes
Contact: Liz Walker 07816 288125
Bereavement Support: Please contact Father

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

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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
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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: 25th & 26th July (17th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: R Currie, C Devlin (D Olszewski, M Flanagan)
8.00am: J Walker, G Turner (J Walker)
11.00am: J Tweddle, P Onuorah (A-M Perry, A Roberts)
Counters: Warren Considine, Denise Findlay
Next Weekend: 1st & 2nd August (18th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: P Rochester, J Cooper (P Rochester & M Gargan)
8.00am: A Keith, C Currie (A Keith)
11.00am: P Evans, M Smith (P & P Evans)

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 & envelope £385.91. Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £910. Votives £21.68, Coffee £22.35, Flowers £7.00. Thank you.

Congratulations: To Pam and Paul Evans, who at the end of July celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was a heatwave back in 1976 too! May God pour out his blessings upon you all, and all your family and friends.

There will be **No Children's Liturgy** this Sunday.

Safeguarding: As well as having our own Parish safeguarding Rep: Tony Cullen, for whose work we are very grateful, information about diocesan Safeguarding policies, reporting concerns, support for survivors and safeguarding contacts, can all be located on the Diocese of Leeds Safeguarding Webpage https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/safeguarding/

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: CAFOD in partnership with the **Disasters Emergency Committee** Have launched an appeal to raise vital funds for communities affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. CAFOD are already working with trusted Church partners in Venezuela who are the first responders and are working closely alongside communities and Church leaders. They have allocated £100,000 from CAFOD funds to help provide emergency water, food and hygiene kits to people affected. You can make donations direct to either CAFOD or the Disasters Emergency Committee via their websites, and most banks will also have links in their branches to enable donations to be made.

Magnifica Humanitas: Pastoral Resources: The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has prepared some resources, aimed at facilitating the understanding and in-depth analysis of Pope Leo XIV's recent Encyclical Letter *Magnifica Humanitas.* The resources are available at the following website:
https://www.humandevelopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/kit-pastoral.html

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 Day2027 as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership. For more information and to apply, please email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Making Wiser Choices: Wednesday 16th September 10am-4pm. A day of reflection by popular writer Margaret Silf, at The Briery, Ilkley. Requested offering £50 to include lunch and all refreshments. For further information and to book, please contact 01943 607287 or email: admin@briery.org.uk

Summer Holidays: Now that the schools have closed many of you may be going away on holiday. We hope you have marvellous times away with friends and family, and return safe, and refreshed. If you are on holiday here, you are all very welcome. Do join us for coffee and refreshments after the 8am and 11am Masses on Sunday.

One & Three Peaks Challenge; Saturday August 8th: In support of St Patrick's Mission, Bradford, and the ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. See poster downstairs to either donate or sign up.

Counters: Michelle Todd

Rosary for Peace: Every Friday at 11am the Rosary is prayed for world peace at the Cenotaph in Harrogate town centre. **Please come along and join us.**

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

Tuesday Friends: Meet in the Parish Hall every Tuesday from 1:30-3:00pm (including August). Come along for tea, coffee, cakes, quizzes and other activities. We sometimes have guest speakers and outings. A great way to have fun and to form and develop friendships. It's not just for parishioners or only for Catholics. **All Welcome.**

Online Gospel Meditations: Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing. These are on Thursday from 7:30pm to 8:15pm. The "doors" open at 7:15pm for a chat and introductions. All are welcome. Register for the link by email: admin@briery.org.uk

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life: Saturday 1st August, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Pilgrim Mass 12noon. Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Life and Benediction, Rosary and a silent walk as an Act of Reparation. The pilgrimage will be concluded by a Prayer for England and the Salve Regina. For further details, please visit prolifepilgrimage.org

The Oratory of St Joseph: Catholic Men's Group for ages 21-35. Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saints that God is calling them to be. Group Prayer, Guest Speakers and talks, social time and supper, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Last Thursday of the Month ^;30pm at Hinsley Hall, 62, Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX. See notice downstairs for QR Code or contact oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
Instagram & Threads: @oratoryofstjoseph
X: @oratorystjoseph

Vacancies at Catholic Care: for a Schools Social Worker, based across Wakefield and Pontefract.
For Care Bank Residential Childcare workers in Wakefield and Keighley.
For a Community Development Worker based in Huddersfield. Please see notice downstairs for more information about these vacancies.

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,

Feast of Saints Joachim & Anne: Today (26th July) would be the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and thereby, Grandparents of Jesus) if it had not fallen on a Sunday this year. As such we hold our Grandparents, both living and dead, in our prayers this weekend, and thank God for their lives, example and witness to faith and love, which they are for us. They are considered the Patron Saints of Grandparents and the elderly.

Please make your voice heard to oppose assisted suicide: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons, seeking to legalise assisted suicide. MPs vote on Friday 11th September, so please consider contacting your MP by scanning the code on the poster downstairs, which will take you to this link: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

Adoremus Eucharistic Festival 2026: Save the dates **10th-11th October.** This year, after the major Eucharistic events in Liverpool and Birmingham, the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival turns to London over two days. The event will include Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral.

Leeds Cathedral: August Timetable Information: Leeds Cathedral is undertaking some essential works to upgrade the lighting system throughout August. To ensure health & safety, the Cathedral will be unable to open on weekdays for the duration of the works. Weekday Masses and Devotions will be held in the Cathedral Hall. There will be no Confessions on weekdays. See notice downstairs for more detailed information.

"Portiuncula" Indulgence: The Plenary Indulgence, called the "Portiuncula" Indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions (Confession within the week and prayer for the Intentions of the Holy Father) while devoutly visiting a Church and reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. This indulgence may be gained only once. The visit may be made from Noon on the 1st until Midnight on the 2nd August.

News from the School: Although the school corridors are quieter during the summer holidays, St Joseph's is far from asleep.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Father Ben into school to bless our classrooms as we begin preparing for a new academic year. As staff pack away one year of learning and begin creating new spaces ready to welcome another class, it was a wonderful opportunity to pause, pray and ask God to bless all who will learn, grow and flourish within these walls in the months ahead.

Summer is often a time of preparation in school. Classrooms are cleared, resources refreshed, displays reimagined and plans made, all with the hope of giving every child the very best start in September. Beginning that work with prayer reminds us that everything we do is rooted in

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	Christ and in our school mission: **"Let all that you do be done in love."** We wish all of our families a peaceful and restful summer and look forwards to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year at St Joseph's School.