

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

St Joseph's Catholic Church
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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th August 2026	**Twenty Second Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: People of the Parish
	8:00am	Mass: Alison McDermott
	11:00am	Mass: Jayne & Bradley Gotting (Ruby Wedding Anniversary)
Tuesday 1st September		
	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: Martin Fenlon
	7:00pm	
Wednesday 2nd September		
	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: Holy Souls
	9:30am	
Thursday 3rd September		**Apostle of the English**
	St Gregory the Great	Mass: James Tyrell
	9:30am	
Friday 4th September		**Bishop**
	St Cuthbert	No Service here today
Saturday 5th September		**Virgin**
	St Teresa of Calcutta	No morning service here today
Sunday 6th September		
	Twenty Second Sunday in OT	Confessions:
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Mass: Deceased of the Molloy Fam
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: People of the Parish
	8:00am	Mass: Max Anderson (RIP)
	11:00am	Baptism: Freddie & Amelia Monan
	12:30pm	

APF Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes
Contact: Liz Walker 07816 288125

Join Bishop Marcus in praying for Vocations: Our Lady of Unfailing Hope! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send

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: 29th & 30th August (22nd Sunday in OT)
Vigil: P Allinson, E Durbin (D Olszewski, M Gargan)
8.00am: J Walker, G Turner (J Walker)
11.00am: P Fletcher, A Roberts (B Gotting, C Hudson)
Counters: Bernadette Oakes

Next Weekend: 5th & 6th Sept (23rd Sunday in OT)
Vigil: M Gargan, R Currie (P Rochester, M Flanagan)
8.00am: A Keith, C Currie (A Keith)
11.00am: H Fletcher, S Butters (P & P Evans)
Counters: Warren Considine & Denise Findley

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 & envelope £492.24. Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £716. Thank you.

Harrogate Hospital: has withdrawn the part-time chaplaincy role that Canon Gerard Kearney held due to funding cuts within the Trust. Meetings and written complaints have been entered into with so far, no movement from the Trust. If you require a Catholic Priest to visit whilst you, or a relative, are in hospital please ask ward staff to facilitate this. In the meantime, please kindly write to Eileen Watson at Harrogate Hospital to register your dissatisfaction with the new arrangements. Here email address in eileen.watson3@nhs.net

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

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

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 26th September. Please note that the coach from St Robert's, Harrogate is now full.

Leeds Walsingham Way: is a new joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi. Full information and links for Leeds, Hallam and Middlesbrough Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds and Hallam Dioceses here: https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/ All welcome to join the start, 8am Pilgrims' Mass, Saturday 12th September at Leeds Cathedral, followed by a walk to Wakefield. Sunday 8am at St Austin's Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam Diocese. More information is on the notices, which includes a QR Code to book as a day pilgrim.

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

Diocesan Season of Creation Event: SPARK Social Justice and the J&P Commission screening of "The People's Emergency Briefing." Saturday 19th September, Hinsley Hall, Headingley 2-4pm. Join us at this crucial climate event with an opportunity to talk about local solutions. See www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk for more details and to book a place.

St Joseph's: Warm hub: Now that this winter's energy price cap has been announced, and it is clear that heating homes is going to be a struggle for some people, Fr Ben has had the idea of offering our parish hall as a place people can come and be warm once it starts getting colder. The idea is to run it from 10am to 4pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you would be interested in helping to facilitate this there will be a meeting on Wednesday 8th September at 7:30pm in the meeting room.

The Chosen: On **Sunday 27th September** at **1:00pm,** We will have a screening of "The Chosen" in the Parish Hall. Food and drink will be provided. This has proved to be a great opportunity for evangelisation and renewal in the faith, and has become widely known in parishes across the country. Do come along and bring your friends!

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

Friendship Group: Meet in the Parish Hall every Tuesday from 1:30-3:00pm. 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.**

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday September 12th from 11:30am to 3:45pm in St Aelred's church hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is Nick Price. "How do we begin to see coincidences and situations as encouragement for growth in the Holy Spirit within our daily lives." All welcome.

The Oratory of St Joseph: Catholic Men's Group (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. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6:30pm. For more information email oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Sacrament of Confirmation: For those who will be in year 6 this Autumn term, this is the year which we focus on for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Advance warning that this year the Sacrament will be administered in our own parish, and it will likely take place sometime during the **second half of November (date yet to be finalised)** If you received your First Holy Communion here, you will be invited by email to enrol your child in the catechesis for the Sacrament. Forms will be available **in early September: once the schools are open** for those who are new to the parish, or who made their FHC elsewhere.

Annual Batley Torchlight Procession: Fr Eamon Hegarty and the parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the Torchlight Procession from St Mary's Catholic Primary School to St Mary of the Angels' Church on Monday 5th October, 7:30pm.The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic Faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. It is particularly valued by those who are unable to go on Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Refreshments after.

Vacancies at Catholic Care: Registered manager for our children's home in Keighley. Full-time 37hrs. Salary £48,031-£52,282. Care bank registered childcare workers also needed, £15.07 per hour. Support workers for required for adult learning disability services in Leeds – salary £26,045 pro rata. Please email cv to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

St Francis 800: To commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis, the 11am Mass on Sunday 4th October will be a votive Mass of St Francis. The readings will remain those of the Sunday in the liturgical cycle, but the prayers will change. **At 4pm on Sunday 4th October** there will be a **Pet Blessing Service** here in Church.

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/

March For Life, London: Saturday 5th September. A coach will leave Harrogate at 5am and pick up at St Winifrede's, Bradford, where there is plentiful parking, at 6am. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30am at St Winifrede's for anyone who is available. The coach will leave Parliament Square at 6pm. Return fare £40. To book: office.mary.motherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or phone 01274 677992.

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.

Bishop Marcus and the Diocesan Trustees: are still seeking volunteers as independent members to join a newly established Audit and Risk Committee. The commitment is four meetings a year for two to three years as discussions and consultations about bringing together the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam progress; and would be of great value in a process of unification. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of audit, risk, finance and governance. For further information please contact Carla Stockton-Jones, Trustee: carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

News from the School: With just one week of the summer holidays remaining, St Joseph's is beginning to wake up again! The school has had its deep clean, the hall floor is polished so beautifully that it is almost like a mirror, and classrooms are gradually being transformed and made ready to welcome our children back.
We know that the final days of the holidays can bring a real mixture of emotions. Some children will be counting down the days until they see their friends again (and perhaps a few parents are too!), while others may be beginning to feel a little uncertain about returning after such a long break. The summer holidays are a long time when you are small, and familiar classrooms, routines and friendships can sometimes feel a little less familiar after time away.
So, as the new school year approaches, we wish all our families a final week filled with patience, peace and wellbeing. We will be here to welcome our children back, to help them settle, reconnect and find their rhythm again.
As we prepare our classrooms, we also prepare our hearts. We ask our patron, St Joseph, who cared so faithfully for Mary and Jesus, to walk alongside every family in our community:

St Joseph, watch over our children and their families.
Bring peace to those who are worried, patience to those who are weary, and joy to those eagerly awaiting a new beginning.
Guide our staff as we prepare to welcome each child, and help us to make our school a place where everyone feels known, loved and safe.
Walk with us as we follow Jesus and begin another year together.
St Joseph, pray for us. Amen.

We cannot wait to welcome everyone home to St Joseph's.