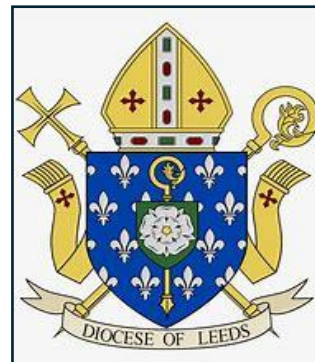




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 13th September 2026

Twenty Fourth Sunday in OT

4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)
 5:30pm (Saturday)
 8:00am
 11:00am
 12:30pm

Confessions
 Mass: Canon Philip Fitzgerald (RIP)
 Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: Catherine Imee Rose Abaluyan
 Baptism: Juliette Virdee

Tuesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows
 7:00pm

Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 16th September

St Cornelius & Cyprian
 9:30am

Martyrs
 Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 17th September

St Robert Bellarmine

Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 No service here today

Friday 18th September

Mass for New School Year
 9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 19th September

St Theodore of Canterbury
 9:30am

Bishop
 Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 20th September

Twenty Fifth Sunday in OT
 4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)
 5:30pm (Saturday)
 8:00am
 11:00am

Confessions:
 Mass: People of the Parish
 Mass: Holy Souls
 Mass: Bill Hird

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

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: 12th & 13th Sept (24th Sunday in OT)

Vigil: C Devlin, P Rochester (P & E Durbin)

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

11.00am: P Onuorah, C Bohills (H & P Fletcher)

Counters: Michelle Tod

Next Weekend: 19th & 20th Sept (25th Sunday in OT)

Vigil: J Cooper, R Rouse (D Olszewski, M Flanagan)

8.00am: C Currie, J Walker (D Bovo)

11.00am: M Smith, P Fletcher (A-M Perry, A Roberts)

Counters: John & Maria Gibson

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 £375.90.

Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £716. Votives £17.08, Coffee £13.80, Flowers £2.00. Thank you.

Retiring Collection: Today for the Catholic Education Service (CES), this being Education Sunday

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

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 26th September.

Angelus and Mass at the Catholic Shrine 12noon, 2:30pm Procession into the village, Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine around 3:30pm Bring a picnic. Please note that the coach from St Robert's, Harrogate is now full.

Leeds Walsingham Way: You are invited to walk as a "day pilgrim" with a group walking from Leeds to Walsingham in September. See www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/ for details, to sign up, or to support the initiative financially.

Rosary for Peace: Every Friday at 11am the Rosary is prayed for world peace at the Cenotaph in Harrogate town centre.

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: There was, unfortunately, insufficient support offered to move forward with this idea, so it will not take place.

Children's Liturgy: Will recommence next weekend. At the 11am Mass after the Summer break. All children welcome to attend. We are always in need of new catechists to volunteer for this valuable ministry. See Fr Ben or Alicia Player if interested.

Diocesan vacancies: Vacancies at Catholic Care, at Notre Dame in Leeds, in the Curial Office and at Hinsley Hall. Details downstairs.

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.**

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.

"It is Beautiful to be Old" Older people and Catholic Social teaching. Tuesday 13th October, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. This event, hosted by Growing Old Grace-fully will explore Catholic Social Teaching regarding the blessings of later life, led by theologian Dr Peter Kevern. To book a place, please email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.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.

Forty Days for Life: is prayer, fasting peaceful vigil and community outreach in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. There will be an information evening on Friday 18th September 7-8pm at the Polish Catholic Centre in Leeds, LS7 4JE. See poster downstairs.

The Lift: between the 8am and 11am Masses last weekend the lift stopped working. Engineers from our Contractors (Curti Lifts) came on Monday and were unable to fix it. They promised a return later in the week. That has not happened. Fr Ben has expressed his anger to the company, and has threatened to end the contract, seek compensation for non-delivery, and to report Curti Lifts to Trading Standards. They say they are coming again on Monday! Fr Ben has told them if it isn't repaired this week that "all options are on the table." This saga has gone on for months. At going to press we are trying to set up a feed of the live streamed Mass into the Parish Hall. Curti Lifts telephone number is 01274 299975 if you'd like to tell them how this has failure has affected you personally.

Caritas Leeds – Day of Reflection: Saturday 17th October 9:30am-2:15pm at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. A day of prayer and discussion as we renew our call to serve society and put Catholic Social Teaching into action, includes Caritas information sessions, scripture reflection and a hot lunch. Attendance is free. To book, email: caritas.leeds@catholic-care.org.uk by 30th September

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: What a joy it has been to welcome our children back to St Joseph's this week! The school is once again filled with singing in the halls, excited chatter from the classrooms and the familiar sounds of children playing together. After the quiet of the summer, these are the sounds that bring our school to life. Our children are at the heart of all we do, and we are so very glad to begin another year together.

We extend an especially warm welcome to all the new children and families joining our St Joseph's community. Our Reception children have begun their journey a little more gently, with home visits having taken place this week followed by a staggered start this week, before they join us full-time the week after. We cannot wait to have our whole school family together.

Across the school, the children have been learning more about our patron, St Joseph, and discovering how his example inspires our school vision, "Let all that you do be done in love." Through his quiet faithfulness, St Joseph shows us how we too can grow in gratitude, humility, courage and service and put love into action in the ordinary moments of each day.

Each class has also been getting to know its class saint, discovering the lives of people who followed Christ in their own unique ways. As a new year begins, we hope our children will be inspired to follow in their footsteps, recognising that each of us is called to grow in faith and use our own gifts to serve God and one another.

We will begin our school year in the most fitting way: gathered together in faith. This Friday, children from Years 1 to 6 will come together for our Start-of-Year Mass, raising their voices in prayer and song and placing the year ahead into God's hands.

We pray that this new school year will be filled with learning, friendship, faith and joy, and that everything we do together will truly be done in love.

	St Joseph, pray for us.
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