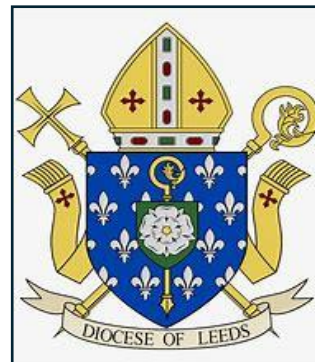




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 20th September 2026	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
Tuesday 22nd September	Weekday in Ordinary Time 7:00pm	Mass: Special Intention (PAS)
Wednesday 23rd September	St Pius of Pietrelcina 9:30am	Priest Mass: For Vicki Ek
Thursday 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham 9:15am	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 25th September	Weekday in Ordinary Time 9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 26th September	Ss Cosmas & Damian	Martyrs No Morning Mass here today
Sunday 27th September	Twenty Sixth Sunday in OT Saturday Evening 5:30pm (Saturday) 8:00am 11:00am	No Confessions today Mass: Bernard Frost (Birthday Ann) Mass: People of the Parish Mass: Mira Flor Abaluyan (RIP)

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

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

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 & Rich Gundich

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Tuesdays as announced. (November - Easter)

Contact: Fr Ben 01423 504124

Parish Hall Bookings

Contact: Elaine Flanagan 07791 500359

elaineflanaghan184@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)

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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: 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

Next Weekend: 26th & 27th Sept (26th Sunday in OT)

Vigil: P Durbin, A Player (M Gargan, P Rochester)

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

11.00am: A Player, H Fletcher (P & P Evans)

Counters: Michelle Tod

the Religious Life within the Diocese of Leeds and throughout the world. Amen!

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & envelope £240.87.

Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £716. Votives £30.81, Coffee £8.45, Piety Stall (cash) £35.00, Flowers £2.00. The Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service raised £129.31 in cash and envelopes. Thank you.

Retiring Collection: TODAY for Home Mission 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.

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

Children's Liturgy: Will recommence this 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.

The Lift: Curti Lifts were here for over 7 hours on Monday and were unable to get the lift back in working order. Fr Ben was promised a telephone call from Ian (the Manager) on Tuesday. At 4:30pm Fr Ben called them! The story has now changed, and they say they are waiting on parts coming from Italy! Fr Ben told them that this has been going on for months now. Ian said, "the lift has only stopped working for a week." Fr Ben replied, "yes, but the ongoing booked repair for the same problem which has ultimately led to the lift failing has been on the go for months." He acknowledged this and said that they may have to consult "specialists" in this country and get something done, given the situation. They did at least acknowledge the severe impact this is now having upon us. At going to press it looks like we will be without the lift again this weekend, so will continue to provide the projection of the livestreamed Mass. Not many used it last weekend, but many expressed gratitude that we had done our best to mitigate the situation as best we could. Curti Lifts tel: 01274 299975, if you would like to tell them what you think!

Latest Diocesan Vacancies: See 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

Join the Catholic Medical Association: if you are a doctor, nurse, student or allied professional. For more information see <https://catholicmedicalassociation.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.

Spark Social Justice: Join our conversations on faith, hope and peace, reflecting on Theology in Gaza, with author John Munayer. "The Cross and the Olive Tree" and Professor Esther McIntosh, Professor of Feminist Theology at York University. 29th September 7pm-9pm. See www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk to book a place.

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

Diocesan Faith Formation: Many Catholic adults wish to discover more about their faith. The Vicariate for Education is offering a wide range of faith development events during 2026/27, both at Hinsley hall in Leeds and elsewhere throughout the Diocese. These are aimed at, among others, those who enjoy listening to a stimulating lecture, those who want to engage in some accompanied study and catechists wishing to develop their skills. To find out more, scroll down to "faith Formation" www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025

Growing Old Gracefully Carers Project: An online support group for unpaid carers has two sessions on the first Wednesdays of the month at 2pm and 7:30pm. If you care for a friend, neighbour or family member you are invited to join us for the opportunity to make new friends, chat and have space and time to pray. Contact Michelle for more information or to register carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

Handmaids Women's Group: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Fridays 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December: 7-8:30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

News from the School: Our second week brought another milestone for Reception, as Friday saw the whole class together for the first time, learning through play, building friendships and finding their place within our St Joseph's family.

We also gathered as a school for our Start-of-School-Year Mass, celebrated by Fr Ben and supported beautifully by Year 6. Our oldest pupils read with confidence and reverence and carried out their responsibilities with great maturity, while the whole school raised the roof with voices full of faith and joy! Our sincere thanks go to Fr Ben for celebrating with us and to Mrs Crowther, whose generous support in teaching us new hymns and playing for the Mass helps us to pray so beautifully through music.

In a few weeks, Reception will celebrate their Welcome Blessing, led by Fr Ben, when their Year 6 buddies will begin the special privilege of sharing their faith with our youngest children.

Key Stage 2 also joined an online Be Internet Legends assembly, revisiting important messages about staying safe and making wise choices online. Their thoughtful ideas were then transformed into some fantastic posters to share across school.

Learning is now well underway, and we are so proud of how our children have adapted to new classrooms, routines and staff. We are equally pleased to see our new staff members beginning to settle into St Joseph's life too.

We have also been delighted to welcome back our valued reading volunteers, whose time, encouragement and special one-to-one relationships with our young readers make such a difference. We are so grateful to have them as part of our school community.

As we find our rhythm together, may we show courage when things feel unfamiliar, humility as we learn, gratitude for one another and service in the way we care for our community.

"Let all that you do be done in love."
St Joseph, pray for us.