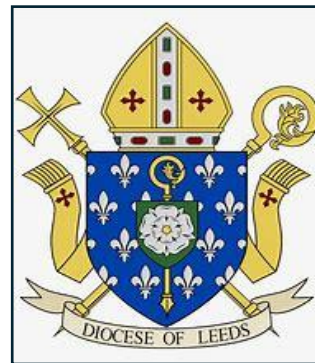




Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 6th September 2026

Twenty Third Sunday in OT

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

Confessions
Mass: Deceased of the Molloy Fam
Mass: People of the Parish
Mass: Max Anderson (RIP)
Baptism: Freddie & Amelia Monan

Tuesday 8th September

The Birthday of the BVM

7:00pm

Mass: John Vathalloor (RIP)

Wednesday 9th September

St Peter Claver

9:30am

Priest

Mass: Jack Blackburn (A)

Thursday 10th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:15am

Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 11th September

Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 12th September

The Most Holy Name of Mary

9:30am

Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 13th September

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

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: 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

Next 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

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 & envelope £347.11. Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £716. Votives £36.51, Coffee £12.20, Flowers £2.00. Thank you. **Retiring Collection:** Next weekend for the Catholic Education Service (CES)

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. 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: 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.

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.

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/> Postcards are available at the back of Church, to enable you to contact our MP Tom Gordon.

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: Discipleship Days 2026-2027: Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick’s Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is “May the Lord Give You Peace.” November 7th, December 5th, January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, concluding at around 4:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

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: The classrooms are ready, the pencils are sharpened, the books are waiting and, after weeks of preparation, St Joseph’s is ready to be filled once again with the voices, laughter and learning of our children! On Monday, our staff will come together for a final day of training and preparation before we joyfully open our doors to the children on Tuesday 8th September — hopefully rested, refreshed and raring to go!

As we stand at the beginning of a new school year, we return to the words at the heart of our school: “Let all that you do be done in love.” We pray that this vision will be visible in all that we do and that, following the example of St Joseph, we will grow together in our virtues of gratitude, courage, service and humility.

We know that a new beginning can bring many different emotions. There will be excitement and anticipation, but perhaps a few butterflies too — for children, parents and staff alike! We particularly hold in our prayers our former Year 6 pupils as they take the big step into secondary school. We also remember all those who have passed through the doors of St Joseph’s over the years and are continuing their journeys through education and beyond. Once part of our St Joseph’s family, always part of our prayers.

As one chapter begins, we place the year ahead into God’s hands.

We cannot wait to welcome everyone back on Tuesday and begin another year of learning, faith, friendship and love together.