

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th October 2026	**Twenty Ninth Sunday in OT**	**World Mission Sunday**
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	**No Confessions Today**
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Holy Souls
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Elzbieta Szczurek (A)
Tuesday 20th October	**Weekday in ordinary Time**	
		No Mass here today
Wednesday 21st October	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
		No Mass here today
Thursday 22nd October	**St John Paul II**	**Pope**
		No Mass here today
Friday 23rd October	**St John of Capistrano**	**Priest**
		No Mass here today
Saturday 24th October	**St Anthony Claret**	**Bishop**
		No Morning Mass here today
Sunday 25th October	**Thirtieth Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm	**No Confessions Today**
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Anna Allen & family
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Catherine Imee Rose Abaluyan (RIP)

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

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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 & Rich Gundich

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: 17th & 18th Oct (29th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: E Durbin, M Gargan (M Gargan, P Rochester
8.00am: G Turner, D Bovo (G Turner)
11.00am: A Roberts, A Player (A-M Perry, A Roberts)
Counters: Warren Considine & Denise Findlay
Next Weekend: 24th & 25th Oct (30th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: R Currie, C Devlin (P Durbin, E Durbin)
8.00am: C Currie, J Walker (D Bovo)
11.00am: S Butters, J Tweddle (P & P Evans)
Counters: Michelle Todd

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: You will be advised of what the Offertory Collections, Retiring Collections and other moneys received have been when Fr Ben returns from holiday.

Retiring Collection: Today being World Mission Sunday, there is a retiring collection to support the Association for the propagation of the Faith (APF)

Next Weekend: The Comboni Missionaries, formerly known as the Verona Fathers, will be making the Annual Mission appeal. There will, of course, be a retiring collection to support their work in the missions.

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

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

Update on the Lift Repair: There will be nothing to report until Father Ben gets back from holiday.

Live Screening of the Mass in the Hall: With the lift not working, the Mass has been live-screened in the Parish Hall. We **strongly advise** that anyone who would normally use the lift to get to the church would remain downstairs. Holy Communion (under one-kind) will be brought to you. We had a "near.miss" incident recently where an elderly parishioner wobbled at the top of the stairs at the end of Mass. That could have had a catastrophic ending! Apologies for the inconvenience.

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for the 100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday

Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and embodying daily your faithful love for all creatures. Bless our missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope! Mary, Queen of the Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognise in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

Pray for Pope Leo: as he recovers from surgery for a nodule on his lung. May the Lord preserve him and give him life and make his name blessed on the face of the earth.

This Weekend: We welcome and thank Canon Lawrie Hulme, who is well known to many of you, who will be saying all three of the Masses here.

Leeds Catholic Post: As we work more closely together as the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam, the decision has been made to circulate a free monthly diocesan newspaper once again. It will help us to get to know what is going on in the Catholic Church across Yorkshire. Copies are available to take home with you after Mass today.

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.**

Dates for your diaries re: Confirmation.

Catechetical Sessions: Sat 24th October and Sat 28th November 10am-2:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Day: Thursday 3rd December at 6:00pm here at St Joseph's, celebrated by Fr Ben.

Gift-Aid Declarations: A special word of thanks to all who Gift-Aid your donations to the Parish, and to John Tweddle, Rich Gundich and John Gibson who each in their own way contribute to preparing our Gift-Aid reclaims through the Diocese. If you need your letter saying how much your contributions have been to help you complete a Self-Assessment tax form, please let Fr Ben know, preferably by email: benjamin.griffiths@dioceseofleeds.org.uk and he will provide you with the letter which has been sent from the Diocesan Gift Aid Administrator, Louise Ward.

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

News From the School: Year 6 celebrated the feast day of their class saint, St Carlo Acutis, with a very special visit to church. We are grateful to Fr Ben, who kindly arranged for the Blessed Sacrament to be displayed in the monstrance upon the altar, allowing the children to spend time in quiet encounter with Christ. Inspired by St Carlo's devotion to the Eucharist, the children chose how to respond: through meditation, heartfelt prayers, reflective writing or art. Each was a personal offering to God. Back in class, they enjoyed a little feast of their own, celebrating the joy of St Carlo's life and remembering his words, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven."

Our Year 6 pupils also began this year's visits to the parish Friendship Group, with the first group enjoying a lively game of Beetle Drive! These visits are so much more than an afternoon of games; they nurture friendships across generations and strengthen the precious bond between our school and parish community. We are grateful for the warmth with which our children are always welcomed.

Meanwhile, members of Year 3 represented St Joseph's at a local football festival, showing excellent teamwork, cooperation and sporting spirit. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and encouragement for one another.

Key Stage 2 took part in another Be Internet Legends assembly, this time exploring artificial intelligence (AI). The children considered how this rapidly developing technology can be used positively, but also how it can be misused, helping them to become thoughtful, responsible and discerning digital citizens.

Finally, Year 6 rounded off the week by sharing their adventures from Herd Farm in a Celebration Assembly. With so many memories of challenges overcome, friendships strengthened and laughter shared, it was a lovely opportunity to reflect on their residential experience and celebrate all they had achieved together.

Another week in which our children have shown gratitude, courage, humility and service, reminding us that our faith is lived through the choices we make and the love we share.

"Let all that you do be done in love."

St Joseph, pray for us.

Come and See St Joseph's!

We would love to welcome you to our next **Open Day on Saturday 14th November, 10:00am-12:30pm.** If you, your family or someone you know is looking for a school, please come along and discover our happy, welcoming community. Meet our staff, explore our school and see what makes St Joseph's such a special place to learn and grow. Everyone is welcome, and no booking is needed. Can't make the date? You are always welcome to contact the school office to arrange a visit at a time that suits you. Places are currently available in Reception and Years 1 & 2. Please help us spread the word!
Saturday 14 November: 10.00am–12.30pm

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