

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 25th October 2026	**Thirtieth Sunday in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Anna Allen & Family
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Catherine Imee Rose Abaluyan
Tuesday 27th October	**Weekday in ordinary Time**	
		No Mass here today
Wednesday 28th October	**Ss Simon & Jude**	
	9:30am	**Apostles**
		Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 29th October	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	12:00 noon	
		Requiem Mass for Michael Power
Friday 30th October	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	
		Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 31st October	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30am	
		Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 1st November	**All Saints**	
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Seamus McCaul (Birthday Ann)
		Mass: Janina & Marian Wlodyga (A)

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

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 & 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: 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

Next Weekend: 31st Oct & 1st Nov (All Saints)
Vigil: P Rochester, J Cooper (D Olszewski, M Flanagan)
8.00am: D Bovo, A Keith (V Burdon)
11.00am: C Bohills, Pam Evans (B Gotting, C Hudson)
Counters: See new rota

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: 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 is the Annual Mission Appeal, and the Retiring Collection will be for the work of the Comboni Missionaries (formerly knows as The Verona fathers)

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.

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 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: What a wonderful start to the school year we have had at St Joseph's! As our first half term draws to a close, we have so much to be grateful for. Our new children and staff have settled beautifully into school life and are already very much part of the St Joseph's family. Across every classroom, the children have embraced new learning, friendships and challenges with enthusiasm and kindness. The Holy Spirit is truly at work in our school, and it is a joy to see our community growing together in faith and love.

This week, we welcomed parents and carers for our Parent Consultations, celebrating the children's achievements and discussing how we can continue to help them flourish. Our partnership with families is so important, and we are deeply grateful for the trust, encouragement and support that make such a difference to every child's journey.

Members of Year 6 have now completed two of their three Confirmation catechesis sessions, taking another meaningful step in their journey of faith. It is a joy to see them beginning to take greater responsibility for their own relationship with God, recognising that faith is something they can nurture and deepen throughout their lives. The children are now researching the lives of the saints, seeking one whose example speaks to their hearts and whose footsteps they would like to follow as they choose their Confirmation names. What a beautiful reminder that we are all called to holiness in our own unique ways.

All you holy men and women, pray for us!

Meanwhile, members of Year 3 enjoyed another football festival, representing St Joseph's with determination, teamwork and wonderful sporting spirit. We are proud of the way they continue to encourage one another, both on and off the pitch.

As we look forward to a well-earned half-term break, we give thanks for the many ways our children have lived out our school virtues of gratitude, courage, humility and service, reminding us that "Let all that you do be done in love" is at the heart of our school family.

We ask St Joseph, our patron, to intercede for all our families, bringing our prayers before God. May the coming week be filled with rest, laughter, autumn adventures and precious time together. May God watch over everyone, keeping them safe and filling their homes with peace and joy.

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

St Joseph, pray for us.