

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

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th October 2026	**Twenty Seventh Sunday in OT**	**11am (Votive Mass of St Francis)**
	4:30-5:00pm (Saturday)	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Damian Hough (Anniversary)
	8:00am	Mass: Donald & Betty MacCormick
	11:00am	Mass: Helena Karbowniczek (A)
	4:00pm	**Pet Blessing Service**
Tuesday 6th October	**St Bruno**	**Priest**
	7:00pm	Mass: People of the Parish
Wednesday 7th October	**Our Lady of the Rosary**	
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday 8th October	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:15am:	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 9th October	**St John Henry Newman**	**Priest & Doctor of the Church**
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Saturday 10th October	**St Paulinus of York**	**Bishop**
	9:30am	Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 11th October	**Twenty Eighth Sun in OT**	
	4:30-5:00pm	Confessions
	5:30pm (Saturday)	Mass: Yorkshire Brethren
	8:00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mass: Jenny Roberts (4th Anniversary)

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
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Piety Stall
Contact: Helen Fletcher 07837 928851
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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: 3rd & 4th Oct (27th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: V Clemerson, I Morritt (P & E Durbin)
8.00am: J Walker, G Turner (J Walker)
11.00am: J Tweddle, P Onuorah (B Gotting, C Hudson)
Counters: Rich & Jean Gundich
Next Weekend: 10th & 11th Oct (28th Sunday in OT)
Vigil: W Considine, P Allinson (D Olszewski, M Flanagan)
8.00am: A Keith, C Currie (A Keith)
11.00am: Pam Evans, M Smith (H & P Fletcher)
Counters: Michelle Todd (or Bernadette Oakes)

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

Offertory Collection: Loose plate & envelope £436.54. Weekly average direct to bank & Dona £716. Votives £39.24, Coffee £6.43, Flowers £5.00. Thank you.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Was on Friday. Please return your envelopes **TODAY** with your contribution.

CAFOD's World Gifts: Leaflets are available at the back of Church, if you are looking for "alternative" presents to give people this Advent and Christmas.

St Francis 800: To commemorate the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis, the 11am Mass **TODAY** will be celebrated, with permission, as a Votive Mass of St Francis. The readings will remain those of the Sunday in the liturgical cycle (as on your bulletins) but the prayers will be different.

Pet Blessing Service: Calling to mind St Francis's love for the natural world and its creatures, there will be a Pet Blessing Service **THIS AFTERNOON at 4pm in Church.**

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.

Deanery Day of Renewal: Saturday 10th October, 11:30am to 3:45pm in St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 7BE. The speaker is Lyn Bradbury, Lay Franciscan Formation Minister. The subject is "Celebrating the Year of StFrancis of Assisi: The Franciscan Cord." **All Welcome!**

Update on the lift repair: As you can see, the lift still isn't repaired. A further email from Curti Lifts said that they haven't heard back from the Italian Company regarding the RAM Seals. So, I read that to mean that they haven't even secured an order for the part yet. I have informed them that this is simply not good enough, and unless they come up with a rapid solution we will be seeking other companies who can deliver on their repairs and maintenance contracts. They claim they are trying to get this matter sorted as quickly as possible!!! I've long since ceased to believe that. Please keep the pressure up on Curti Lifts: 01274 299975 is their number.

Improvements in the Parish Kitchen: We are in the process of ordering a new hob (as the present one is broken) and oven for the Parish Kitchen. Thanks to Elaine for her help with this. We also need someone to help dispose of the freezer in the SVP/Meeting Room. It is in working order, but very old, and surplus to requirements. If anyone can help with it's transport, please speak with Elaine or Father Ben.

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: Application forms are now available for those whose children didn't make their First Holy Communions here. Those who did should have received an Email asking them to confirm their desire for their children to be Confirmed this year. Children need to be in at least Year 6. **Dates for your diaries:**
Parent's Meeting: Wednesday 14th October 6pm (Church)
Catechesis Sessions: Saturday 17th October, Saturday 24th October and Saturday 28th November 10am-2:00pm in the Parish Hall. The **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** will be on **Thursday 3rd December at 6pm,** with Fr Ben as the Celebrant.

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

Day of Prayer: St Peter in Chains, Doncaster, is hosting a "Day of Prayer" on Saturday 24th October, promoting the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster, 10am to3pm. Adoration/Benediction, confessions, Holy Mass, reflections and rosary led by the Irish singer Dana. Please ask Our Lady of Doncaster and the four beatified martyrs of the Diocese of Hallam (Blessed Nicholas Garlik, Robert Ludlum, John Anne and William Richardson) to intercede for us. Please book in advance. For further information Email: hailfullofgrace2026@gmail.com

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 6th November, 4th December: 7-8:30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

News from the School: It has been another joyful week at St Joseph's, beginning with a very special Welcome Blessing for our Reception children and their Year 6 buddies. We are so grateful to Fr Ben, whose thoughtfulness and special touches add so much to the prayer life of our school. It was a beautiful way to celebrate the friendships beginning between our youngest and oldest pupils and to ask God's blessing upon their year together.
Years 1 and 4 attended Mass on the feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux, where Fr Ben shared more about this much-loved saint and her "Little Way"—showing us that we can grow closer to God through small, everyday acts carried out with great love.
Our new Praise and Sing! gathering also launched this week, and we were delighted to welcome parents and grandparents to sing and pray alongside us. They even joined in with the actions—because you are never too old for an action song! Families and parish friends are warmly invited to join us at 9.00am each Tuesday if you would like to begin your day with prayer, a song and a smile in your heart.
We also discovered that our Macmillan Coffee and Cake Afternoon raised an amazing £630. Our families were incredibly generous with their baking and donations, with enough treats left for a bake sale so the children could enjoy some cake at break time too! We are continually grateful for the way our families support us in reaching beyond our school and helping others.
Friday brought an explosion of colour as our wonderful PTFA hosted the Colour Run. The field became a riot of colour as children enthusiastically became less and less recognisable with every lap, while others had just as much fun cheering them on! Funds raised will support the PTFA's aim of purchasing much-needed laptops for pupils, helping to enhance computing lessons across school. Thank you to everyone who organised, supported and took part.
Finally, our Year 6 pupils welcomed visitors for the first of our three Open Day sessions. Their confidence and genuine joy when talking about their school was heart-warming to see—they are wonderful ambassadors for St Joseph's.
We would love to welcome you too! If you, your family or someone you know is looking for a school, please come and see our happy school community in action at one of our remaining Open Days:
Monday 5 October: 1.30–3.00pm
Saturday 14 November: 10.00am–12.30pm
Come and meet us, see the children learning and discover what makes St Joseph's such a special place. Everyone is welcome and no booking is needed. Places are currently available in Reception and Years 1 & 2.
Another week in which we have seen gratitude, courage, service and humility lived out in so many different ways as we strive to "Let all that we do be done in love."

St Joseph, pray for us.