Fourth Sunday of Easter – 7th May 2017
St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate

Sunday 7th May 2017

6:30pm  Saturday (Vigil)
  Intention: Tony Maddy (A)
  Reader: Jade Velez

8:00am  Sunday Mass
  Intention: Joe Billington (A)
  Reader: Leonard Hulme

11:00am Sunday Mass
  Intention: People of Parish
  Readers: Paul Fletcher & Gosia Smith

Monday 8th May 2017
Feast:
Intention: No Mass

Tuesday 9th May 2017
Feast:
Intention: Audrey O'Mahoney (A)
9:30am  Mass with Year 1 in attendance.

Wednesday 10th May 2017
Feast:
Intention: Gillian Jackson
9:30am  Mass

Thursday 11th May 2017
(HMP/YOI Wetherby Young Offenders)
  Chaplaincy
  No Mass

Friday 12th May 2017
Feast:
Intention: Special Int (BF)
9:30am  Mass

Readers at Mass - next week
Saturday (Vigil): Valerie Clemerson
Sunday 8:00am: Mark Gargan
Sunday 11:00am: Linda Francis &

Devotion
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each Mass. Rosary recited after each Mass.

Confessions
5.30pm – 6.00pm
Saturday evening or by appointment.

Marriage and Baptism
By appointment and after preparation. Marriages require a minimum of 6 month notice.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are sick: Jean Harston, James Mularkey, Lilia Moreland, Georgina McCaul, Baby Elspeth Morris, Gemma Smith, Alex & Mary Hobson, Michael Evans, Tony Barnes.

Those who have died:

Colin Smith, the father of Louise Hartmann. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Today, Sunday 7th May is Good Shepherd Sunday which is kept as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please include this intention in your prayers that the Lord might be pleased to continue to provide many more priests and religious for His Church. **A second collection will be taken up for the training of our students for the priesthood.**

YOUR VOICE MATTERS—MEGA YOUTH POLL
In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God’s call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link: **www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll** If you’re not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link or QR code. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: **synod2018@cbcew.org.uk**

First Holy Communion:
- Next Preparation Class – Saturday 13th May in the Parish Hall. Parents are reminded to stay for the parents talk in church.
- First Confession: Tuesday 13th June – Children are in groups of nine and we will start at 6pm in church.

Sacrament of Confirmation:
- Preparation Class: Saturday 20th May in the Parish Hall from 10am –3pm.
- Confirmation Day: Tuesday 6th June at 7pm at St Robert’s.
- Presentation of Certificates: Sunday 11th June at the 11am Mass. Followed by a shared table in the Hall.

Many Thanks to the Catechists who hand on the Faith in our parish so faithfully whether that’s with the baptism programme, the First Confession/Holy Communion programme or the Confirmation programme. Your work is much appreciated.

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**Regina Caei (Latin)**
V. Regina Caeli, lactare, Alleluia.
R. Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia.
V. Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia.
R. Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia

**Queen of Heaven (English)**
V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.
V. Has risen as He said, Alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

**Offertory Collection:**
Our Offertory Collection declined in the last financial year. We have a lot of expenses with the upkeep of the Church & Hall and to finance any new developments. It is very likely that we will need to purchase a new boiler for the church!! Rather at this stage than doing a Pulpit Appeal, please consider putting £1 extra in the collection each week so we can meet our commitments.

**CONFIRMATION**
The Bishop is going to introduce a new style of Catechesis which is very much based on the family. We have a wonderful team of Catechists in our parish and I’m very grateful for all they do but they wouldn’t thank me if I missed this opportunity to ‘expand their ranks’ and invite a few new members, particularly men, to join them in helping the parish in its grave responsibility to educate our young people in the Faith. Full training and support will be given. If you would like to assist your priest in this most important task then please let him know and join him for a ‘introductory/fact finding’ meeting at St Robert’s Parish Centre on Thursday 22nd June at 7.30pm. If you wouldn’t like to assist your priest in this most important task, why not?!? Make sure you have a good answer ready as he’s casting his eye over you all during these next months.

**Deanery Day of Renewal:**
Saturday 13th May from 11.30 to 4.00 pm in St Adred’s Church Hall. The Speaker will be Fr. Chris Thomas. Fr. Chris is a priest of the Liverpool Archdiocese, director of the Iraneus Project, retreat leader, conference speaker and author of several books. The title of his talk is “When the Spirit Comes.” There will be a shared table for lunch so please bring a small contribution. For further information please ring Dolores Omand 01423- 870789 or visit our website **ccrleeds.org.uk**

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