

Feast of the Holy Family - 31st December 2017
St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate

Sunday 31st December 2017

6:30pm **Saturday (Vigil)**
Intention: Sean & Shelia Boyle
Reader: Alicia Player

8:00am **Sunday Mass**
Intention: People of the Parish
Reader: Teresa Carmody

11:00am **Sunday Mass**
Intention: Wilf Quirke
Readers: Gosia Smith & Greg Warren



Monday 1st January 2018

Feast: *Mary, Mother of God*
Intention: Private Intention
12noon **Mass**

Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Feast:
Intention: Bridie & Peter Bradshaw
9:30am **Mass**

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Feast:
Intention:
No Mass

Thursday 4th January 2018

(HMP Wetherby Young Offenders)
Chaplaincy

Friday 5th January 2018

Feast:
Intention: Helena Ford
9:30am **Mass**

Readers at Mass - next week

Saturday (Vigil): Imelda Morrill
Sunday 8.00am: Leonard Hulme
Sunday 11:00am: Linda Francis & Paul Fletcher

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, Georgina McCaul, Baby Elspeth Morris, Gemma Smith, Alex & Mary Hobson, Father Angelo, Monsignor Philip Holyroyd. Anne Hennigan, Jacqueline Scruton, Carol Wood, Arthur Thompson, Mary Hammond.

Those who have died

Parish Priest: Rev. Father Neil Byrne

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THANK YOU... I wish to say a sincere word of thanks to the many people who shared the work of the Parish in the last 12 months. Many Parishioners are actively involved in the various ministries, (some up front for all to see, others quietly in the background). My thanks to all of our regular church-goers. It is wonderful to hear visitors comment on the welcoming, friendly atmosphere we have at St Joseph's. I would like to thank you personally as well, for your encouragement and support, prayers and kindness throughout the year, and for the incredible number of greetings and gifts you have given me during this Christmas season. Thank you so much also for your very generous Christmas Offerings.

Welcome – If you are a visitor to our Parish St Joseph, on behalf of the parishioners we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you are from another parish in the diocese, or from another part of the country. A special welcome to you if it's been a long time since you have been to Mass – it's good to have you here with us. Welcome one and all. Welcome Lord Jesus.

CRIB OFFERINGS: Once again this year, with the encouragement of Bishop Marcus, our parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing initiatives. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. For further information, please take a look at the poster on the notice board and please keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.'

Feast of the Epiphany As 6 January 2018 falls on a Saturday this year, the celebration of the Epiphany is transferred to the Sunday (so there's an extra day of Christmas!).

New Year Resolutions - Every year we make and break the same old resolutions, but that's no reason not to try again. This year invite the Holy Spirit into your plans. Why have our resolutions failed in the past? Do we need to ask the Holy Spirit for discernment in what we plan to do? Do we need to ask the Holy Spirit for willpower, courage, or persistence? This year make God part of your new direction

Sacramental Preparations: The Bishop has determined that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is to be prepared for and celebrated in Year 3 of Primary School, and First Eucharist (Holy Communion) in Year 4. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Year 6 for this cohort, with some preparation in Year 5. Next year, 2018, Confirmation will be celebrated for candidates in Year 7 and 8. Parents who have children in our Catholic School will receive further information directly from the school in due course. Parents who have children in schools other than St Joseph's or St John Fisher should provide their contact details and the name and DOB of the children to be prepared. We will then arrange a meeting for all parents to enrol their child onto the programme. The programme for Sacramental Preparations in accordance with the Diocesan recommendations are as follows:

- **Year 3 Parents Meeting:** Thursday 18th January 2018
- **First Reconciliation Class for Year 3 Children:** Saturday 17th March 10am-3pm
- **Celebration of Reconciliation:** Thursday 22nd March 2018 – 6pm-7:30pm.
- **Confirmation for Year 7 Children:** Class: Saturday 21st April 2018 – 10am-3pm.
- **Confirmation Mass:** Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 7pm here at St Joseph's Church.

Second Collection Next Weekend After all Masses next weekend there is a second collection for what is known as the **Poor Mission Fund in our Diocese**. It's a technicality that what we now know as Parishes were in earlier times called missions. The name has stuck to refer in the accounts at least to those Parishes who struggle to survive financially. There are Parishes where it is important that there is a Church and if possible a priest. In the past these may have been largely rural areas, but today that can also be in some of the urban areas. Please do support the collection as much as you can

Father Neil wishes you all a very holy and enriching peaceful New Year. May the Holy Family bless you and your families and may God's holy angels guard and protect you today and through this New Year.