

**Sixth Sunday of Easter: Year B – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

6:30pm	<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b> <b>Intention:</b> John Hough <b>Reader:</b> Elizabeth Tyszka
8:00am	<b>Sunday Mass</b> <b>Intention:</b> People of the Parish <b>Reader:</b> Mark Gargan
11:00am	<b>Sunday Mass</b> <b>Intention:</b> Mary Leanagh-McGeogh <b>Readers:</b> John Tweddle & Grace Foster



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Feast**

**Intention:**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Feast:**

**Intention:** Holy Souls

**9:30am** **Mass** *with Year 3 in attendance*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Feast:**

**Intention:**

**No Mass**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Feast: Solemnity of the Ascension** (*Holyday of Obligation*)

**Intention:**

**9:30am** **Mass:** Father's Intention

**6:30pm** **Mass:** Father's Intention

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Feast:**

**Intention:** Margaret Sutcliffe

**9:30am** **Mass**

**Readers at Mass - next week**

**Saturday (Vigil):** Alicia Player

**Sunday 8.00am:** John Warren

**Sunday 11:00am:** Pam Evans & Helen 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, Jacqueline Scruton, Carol Wood, Mary Hammond, Marie Lockwood, Emma Tolan, Michael Flynn.

**Those who have died:**

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**Parish Priest: Rev. Father Neil Byrne**

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## **Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates**

who were confirmed by Bishop Marcus last Thursday. Thank you to all who helped in anyway in making the Confirmation a truly enjoyable celebration: The altar servers, the choir, those who provided the flowers and for preparing the church so beautifully. A big thank you to the Catechist who prepared the candidates for their special day, and to everyone who helped to make the Confirmation Mass possible. Bishop Marcus commented on how friendly the people were who he met during the evening. Photographs taken on the night will soon be available to view on the parish website [www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk](http://www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk)

- The Confirmation Candidates will be presented to the Parish today during the 11am Mass and be presented with their Certificates. A Reception in the hall will follow with a shared table.

**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.

**Replacing the Parish Hall Floor.** The Diocese has now approved plans to replace the floor in the Parish Hall. The work will take place over the summer holidays and the Hall will be closed for 3 weeks from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 19 August. A lot of work has been done to put together a plan to use Parish Volunteers as much as we can to help keep down costs, nevertheless it will still cost £12,000. To help pay for the new floor the Parish is grateful for a grant of £4,500 from The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, a Charity founded in 1887 to help Parishes in England and Wales. Please remember the 'Ransomers' in your prayers offering special thanks for their generosity. There will be a list for Volunteers on the noticeboard in the church entrance showing what help is needed and when. If you can help move furniture, strip out the old floor and repaint the hall please consider booking some of your time to help with this work.

**Parish Accounts 2017/18** The Parish Finance Committee met on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April and signed off the 2017/18 Accounts which were then submitted to the Diocese, well ahead of time. The accounts are now be subject to inspection and review by the Diocese and we may be selected for Audit. Once the Accounts are approved by the Diocese we will be able to publish them to the Parish; Hopefully this will be in June.

**Offertory Envelope No 94.** Would the user of envelopes box 94 please contact John Tweddle (01423 523332)

**Holyday of Obligation on Thursday for the Feast of the Ascension: Masses: (9:30am & 6:30pm).**

**MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (THE WHITE FATHERS)** – Are the officially named Missionary Society making appeals in the Diocese of Leeds. The purpose of the appeal is not only to raise funds, but also to talk about their work. “The Missionaries of Africa” aka “The White Fathers”, are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa.....and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches. **(Father John Gerrard will be here with us over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> May).**

**Father Angelo:** On July 8<sup>th</sup> 2018, Father Angelo will celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood. As you know Father Angelo does not have parish of his own and therefore, no parishioners to organise anything for him. That's where we come in. I'm sure you will agree that Father Angelo enjoys coming to St Joseph's and providing cover for me and that we appreciate his time with us. I propose that we hold a collection for him to mark his Ruby Jubilee Anniversary and a celebration 'shared table' in the parish hall. Envelopes will be available shortly for you to make a donation to Father Angelo. There will be a notice on the board asking for people to help organise this celebration.

**Regina Caeli Prayer:** This prayer will be recited before the 6:30pm and 8am Mass each week and after the 11am Mass on Sundays. It will also be recited before each weekday Mass. The Regina Caeli is a prayer in honour of Our Lady – Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. Translated from Latin, it means Queen of Heaven. It is traditionally prayed at the end of each day. During Eastertide – from Easter Night to Pentecost – it is prayed three times a day in place of the Angelus, at 6.00am, 12.00 noon and 6.00pm.

### **Regina Caeli**

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.  
R. For He whom you worthy to bear, Alleluia.  
V. He has risen as He said, Alleluia.  
R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

**Congratulations and Welcome to:**

- George Martin Corbett and
- Dylan Nathaniel Evans

who were Baptised last weekend. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**Last Week's Collection: Loose: £422.28 – Envelopes: £386.50 – Total: £808.98 - (Weekly S/O's: £434.17)  
200 Club Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: (156) J Gibson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: (103) G Unwin – 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: (65) S Hird**