

First Sunday of Advent: Yr C – 2nd December 2018
St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate

Sunday 2nd December 2018

6:30pm	Saturday (Vigil) Intention: In Thanksgiving (Lockwood) Reader: Elizabeth Tyszka
8:00am	Sunday Mass Intention: Terence Mawn (Sick) Reader: Mark Gargan
11:00am	Sunday Mass Intention: People of the Parish Readers: Greg Warren & Gosia Smith
4pm:	Reception of the body of Gemma Smith into church



Monday 3rd December 2018

Feast:
Intention:
11:30am **Requiem Mass:** Gemma Smith

Tuesday 4th December 2018

Feast:
Intention: Maise Cunningham
9:30am **Mass** *with Year 3 in attendance*

Wednesday 5th December 2018

Feast:
Intention: Michael Byrne
9:30am **Mass**

Thursday 6th December 2018

HMP Wetherby Young Offenders)
Chaplaincy

No Mass

Friday 7th December 2018

Feast: *St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church*
Intention: Lillian Allison
9:30am **Mass**

Readers at Mass - next week

Saturday (Vigil): Alicia Player
Sunday 8.00am: John Warren
Sunday 11:00am: Paul Fletcher & 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, Gemma Smith, Alex & Mary Hobson, Father Angelo, Mary Hammond, Marie Lockwood, Emma Tolan. Linda Rice, Jenny Brentnall, Father Angelo, Terry Mawn.

Those who have died:

The Annual Retiring Collection for the Diocesan Peru Commission this weekend. The money goes directly to help provide health care for the very poor, a welcome home for people with learning difficulties and support for students who would not otherwise be able to continue their studies

Carol Service: The Parish Choir has started rehearsing for the Christmas Carol Service., which will be held on **Sunday 16th December at 4pm.** The rehearsals last for approximately one hour each Tuesday evening. Next rehearsal will be 4th December at 7pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to join the choir and male voices particularly, would be most welcome. Please contact Gill Crowther (Parish Organist) for any further information on (817885).

Children's Christmas Nativity Rehearsals for this year's Christmas Nativity will be held during the Children's Liturgy Group sessions in December,. Rehearsal dates are: **2nd, 9th, 17th & 24th December.** The Nativity is great fun for the children to be involved in, and helps them to understand the real meaning of Christmas in a very engaging way. We'd like the children wishing to take part in the Nativity to attend each of the four rehearsals so that they feel comfortable and happy with the part they are playing. Roles will be allocated via a random draw at the first rehearsal. If your child would like to take part in the Nativity, we ask that they attend Children's Liturgy Group on Sunday 2nd December.

FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS –please read the bulletin item on the next page from your priest and take home one of the 'Instructions for my Funeral Mass' leaflets. If you wish Father Neil to assist you in completing it, then please feel free to give him a call and arrange a time to meet. Don't say he never gives you anything!!

Carols by Candlelight at Fountains Abbey – Sunday 9th December 3.30 to 4.15pm. Pick up a candle on your way in and see the flickering glow of nearly 1,000 candles light up the Abbey Cellarium. Grab a mulled wine or a hot chocolate and have a sing-a-long to all your favourite traditional carols.

Cake Stall hosted by our Polish Parishioners will be held on Sunday 23rd December after the 11am Mass.

Decorating Church for Christmas: Please would you think about bringing a white or red **Poinsettia** to Church on, or before, Saturday 16th December in memory of family and friends. There will be a retiring collection for Christmas flowers after all Masses over the weekend of 16th/17th December.

Advent Confession Day for the Deanery
Saturday 16th December: St Robert's 10am -6pm

Sacramental Programme: First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2019

- **Year 3 Parents Meeting:** Sunday 6th January 2019 at 12noon.
- **First Reconciliation Class for Year 3 Children:** Saturday 6th April 2019 at 10am-3pm
- **Celebration of Reconciliation:** Tuesday 9th April 2019 – 6pm-7:30pm.
- **Year 7 & 8 Parents Meeting for Confirmation:** Sunday 13th January at 12noon.
- **Confirmation for Year 6 &7 Children:** Class: Saturday 9th February 2019 – 10am-3pm.
- **Confirmation Mass:** Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7pm here at St Joseph's Church.
- **First Holy Communion for Year 4:** Saturday 29th June 2019

Preparing Children for the Sacraments: We are in need of new Catechists to help with sacramental preparation this coming year. The current team have done this for over 20 years and intend to retire in 2019. It is now time for new helpers to come forward and help. Please think about this very valuable and important role in our parish. Training will be provided. Please contact one of the current team or Father Neil.

Christmas Squares Draw for Christmas Hampers.

This popular fundraiser is being organised with sales at all weekend Masses starting on Sunday 25th November up to the **draw after 11.00am Mass on Sunday 23rd December.** Everyone can join in and help make it a success by:

- donating seasonal items for the hampers; bottles (Spirits, Wine, Champagne or Prosecco to make up hampers, boxes of chocolate and all manner of Christmas goodies. Bring them to church as soon as you like
- Helping sell squares – there is a list for volunteers on the notice board downstairs.
- Buying squares. £3 each or 2 for £5.

Please help and support your Parish of St Joseph.

Christmas Stamps – When you buy your stamps for Christmas, ask in the Post Office for the Christmas (Religious) ones. Keep Christ in Christmas!

Christmas Mass Times & New Year
5:00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass – (would all children who are involved in the Nativity play please meet in the hall at 4:00pm).
11:30pm – Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
Christmas Day- 8am and 11am.
New Year's Day
12noon.

Collection taken for the Youth Service raised: £276.73. Thank you.

Last Week's Collection: Loose: £316.26 – Envelopes: £387.80 – Total: £704.06 - (Weekly S/O's: £434.17)
200 Club Winners: 1st Prize: (30) A Lockwood – 2nd Prize: (12) J Amos – 3rd Prize: (19) A Morrow