

Third Sunday of Advent(Guadete Sunday) – 16th December 2018

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate

Sunday 16th December 2018

6:30pm	Saturday (Vigil) Intention: Roy Hopper Reader: Imelda Morrirt
8:00am	Sunday Mass Intention: Bill Ratcliffe (A) Reader: Suzanne Ulyett
11:00am	Sunday Mass Intention: Wilf Quirke (A) Readers: Patsy Rochester & John Tweddle



Monday 17th December 2018

Feast:

Intention:

No Mass

Readers at Mass - next week

Saturday (Vigil): Jade Cooper

Sunday 8.00am: Teresa Carmody

Sunday 11:00am: Grace Foster & Pam Evans

Tuesday 18th December 2018

Feast:

Intention: Maria Deveney: Sp. Intention

9:30am **Mass with Year 6 & Reception in attendance**

Devotion

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each Mass.

Rosary recited after each Mass.

Confessions

5.30pm – 6.00pm

Saturday evening or by appointment.

Wednesday 19th December 2018

Feast:

Intention:

No Mass

Marriage and Baptism

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

Thursday 20th December 2018

HMP Wetherby Young Offenders)

Chaplaincy

No Mass

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:

Friday 21st December 2018

Feast:

Intention: November Dead List

9:30am **Mass**

Christmas Carol Service & Readings will be held TODAY at 4pm.

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.

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: **16th & 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 rehearsals.

Christmas Offering: The offering given during the Christmas Masses is YOUR personal gift to me, your priest and forms part of the annual income of priests. Along with the offering at Easter it makes up a significant proportion of our yearly income. If you are a taxpayer and would like to gift aid your offering (the gift aid element is retained by the Parish). Envelopes are available

FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS – There was a bigger take up than expected on this. A further supply of the leaflet 'Instructions for my Funeral Mass' are still available.

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

Diocesan Annual Review 2018: Copies of the third Diocesan Annual Review are available at the back of church for parishioners. The booklet can also be viewed online at www.dioceseofleeds.org

Decorating Church for Christmas: Please would you think about bringing a white or red **Poinsettia** to Church on, or before, Saturday 22nd December in memory of family and friends. There will be a retiring collection this weekend at all Masses for Christmas flowers.

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

- **Year 3 Parents Meeting:** Sunday 6th January 2019 at 12noon.
- **First Reconciliation Preparation Class for Year 3 Children:** Saturday 6th April 2019 at 10am-3pm
- **Celebration of Reconciliation:** Tuesday 9th April 2019 – 6pm-7:30pm.
- **Year 6 & 7 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. - I am grateful to those who have donated items for our Christmas Hampers. Hampers are available to win with the Christmas Squares. Thank you once again for supporting the parish in this way. To win one of the lovely hampers, squares are on sale after each Mass, £3 for one square and £5 for two squares. The draw will take place next Sunday.

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.'

Parish Christmas Walk on Saturday 29th December: Walk off some of those Christmas pounds with a gentle 6 miles around Swinsty and Fewston Reservoirs. Meet in Church car park for 10.00am departure to Swinsty Moor car park for 10.30 start. Further details from John Twedde: 523332.

Diocesan Year Books 2018 are still available to buy priced at £4 each.