

Fourth Sunday of Advent– 23rd December 2018
St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bilton, Harrogate

Sunday 23rd December 2018

6:30pm **Saturday (Vigil)**
Intention: Shelagh O'Boyle
Reader: Jade Cooper

8:00am **Sunday Mass**
Intention: November Dead List
Reader: Teresa Carmody

11:00am **Sunday Mass**
Intention: People of the Parish
Readers: Grace Foster & Pam Evans



The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

5:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass with Children's Liturgy –
Father's Intention

11:30pm – Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
Father's Intention

Christmas Day

8am – Father's Intention
11am – Father's Intention

Readers at Mass - next week

Saturday (Vigil): Valerie Clemerson
Sunday 8.00am: Leonard Hulme
Sunday 11:00am: Helen Fletcher & Frank Naughton

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, Alex & Mary Hobson, Father Angelo, Mary Hammond, Marie Lockwood, Emma Tolan. Linda Rice, Jenny Brentnall, Father Angelo, Terry Mawn.

Those who have died:

Wednesday 27th December 2018

Feast:

Intention:

No Mass

Thursday 28th December 2018

HMP Wetherby Young Offenders)

Chaplaincy

No Mass

Friday 29th December 2018

Feast:

Intention: November Dead List

9:30am **Mass**

A Word of Thanks

Our Parish gathers and worships at three different masses. Each of these gatherings in the Lord's name along with the School, requires many volunteers to help make them work. On behalf of us all, I would like to thank every person who exercises **any** kind of ministry, service or help within our Parish.

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.

Christmas Mass Times & New Year

5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass with Children – (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.

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.

TODAY Cake Stall hosted by our Polish Parishioners will be held 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

EU CITIZENS' SETTLEMENT SCHEME Our Bishops' Conference has issued an important statement on this scheme which will affect EU citizens who have made their home in our country. It can be found at: www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Settlement-Scheme and on a flyer at the back of Church.

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.'

Christmas Flowers collection raised; £191.99.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Simon Randall who was the brother of Michelle Hardacre. Simon sadly died on Monday last. His funeral service will be held on Monday 31st December at Stonefall Crematorium.

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.

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 Tweddle: 523332.

Christmas 'Hamper's Squares - Thank you to all who contributed to the 'Christmas Hampers'. The draw will take place after the 11am Mass today.

**MAY YOU ALL HAVE A VERY
HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS**



May God bless you, your family and friends, on this feast when He sent His Son to show us how much He loves us.