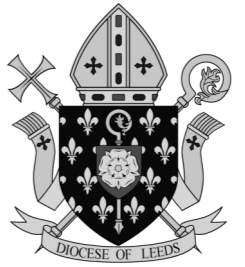




Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"Things have a price, and can be for sale; but people have a dignity which is priceless, and worth far more than things." Pope Francis

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

**** Please Note - as from 8th August face coverings are required to be worn in Church****

Sunday 13th September 2020 **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

****Please book in advance to attend any of the Masses throughout the week****

4.30pm - 5.00pm	Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Vigil)	Mass (Shaun O'Boyle [sick])
8.00am	Mass (Olive Schiendorfer [A])
11.00am	Mass (PARISH)
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church Open for Private Prayer

Tuesday 15th September **Our Lady of Sorrows**

7.00pm Mass (Gill & George Daly [60th Wedding Anniversary])

Wednesday 16th September **Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

9.30am Mass (The Holy Souls in Purgatory)

Thursday 17th September **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)

Friday 18th September **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Mass (Cleovaldo; Concordia; Lucio jr; Lucio sr; Juliet)

Sunday 20th September 2020 **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

****Please book in advance to attend any of the Masses throughout the week****

4.30pm - 5.00pm	Confessions
5.30pm (Sat Vigil)	Mass (David Hughes [LD])
8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
11.00am	Mass (Peggy & Albert Powell [Sp Int])
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church Open for Private Prayer

Please pray for...

For the Church – that it be a house of mercy reaching out to the world with arms of comfort and healing...

For world leaders – that they focus their power and energy on creating pathways of peace rather than seeking retribution for wrongs done in the past...

For an end to the Covid-19 pandemic – that there will be effective healthcare services for refugees and people living in poverty and that a vaccine will be found and made available to them...

For an integral ecology – that as families we discuss and recognize the effect our way of living has on our planet, and that as families we talk about how we might understand and support the wellbeing and interconnectedness of all life...

For the each of us gathered here – that we forgive those who have hurt us, show mercy to those who have wronged us, refrain from harsh judgements about other people and use our energy to build relationships of love and mercy...

For the sick, sorrowful, lost and lonely, that we may be as Christ to them in bringing healing and hope...

Confirm, O God, in unity and truth the Church you gather in Christ. Encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful, and bring back the wayward. Bind us together in mutual love, that our prayer in Christ's name may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen



Please remember to turn-off mobile phones before Mass begins...Thank you!

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Peggy & Albert Powell (Sp Int) x2; Fr Ben Hilton (Sp Int); Gillian & George Daly (60th Wedding Anniversary).

Mandatory Second Collections – Autumn 2020:

We have just received instruction that there are three mandatory second collections to be taken this autumn in our parishes - the first is this weekend! All three relate to the Holy See, and are as follows:

- Holy Places of Palestine – weekend of 13th September (transferred from Good Friday 2020)
- Peter's Pence – weekend of 4th October (transferred from Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul 2020)
- World Mission Sunday – weekend of 18th October.

Baptisms:

The celebration of Holy Baptism is still available in church, however there are a few Covid related restrictions, as you would assume. To book a baptism, please speak with Fr Stephen after Mass and collect a form, once the form is completed and the date is agreed, then the Baptism would take place around 12.15pm on a Sunday in Church. Numbers are limited to 30 people in accordance with Government guidance.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):

It is not possible to use the small confessional to hear confessions at the moment, because of Covid restrictions, and the need to sanitise and ventilate enclosed areas between uses, however I am keen to make available the sacrament of Reconciliation each week. So as of this weekend, I shall be available in the south transept (close to the old confessional) to hear confessions on Saturday evenings before Mass between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.

Booking for Mass Online:

Due to COVID-19, it has become necessary for the parish to operate a registration system, in order for us to reduce the risk of infection for parishioners and visitors.

Please make bookings via the parish website: www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk

Before registering to attend Mass, please ensure:

- You do not have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, sneezing/runny nose or loss of sense of smell)
- You do not have COVID-19 nor are you awaiting the results from being tested for COVID-19
- You have not been in contact with any known or suspected cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- You have not returned, or been in contact with anyone else who has returned, from overseas in the past 14 days.

We very much look forward to seeing you once again at Holy Mass.

Full Circle Funerals offer a free online Bereavement Support Group:

Sometimes we just need someone to talk to, someone to listen, someone to cry with. To adapt to the new normal our once in-person support group has moved online and is being held via a Zoom meeting. It is held on the first Wednesday of the month between 5.00pm-6.30pm and everyone is welcome. We offer a safe

space to talk and share, listen and support.

For more details please contact David on 01423 740799 or david@fullcirclefunerals.co.uk

The God Who Gives Life:

The Year of the Word has now been extended due to the pandemic, and events will continue into 2021. Although our events were disrupted by the lock-down, we are delighted to announce that our 'The God Who Gives Life' series of talks on Flourishing in Scripture will be resuming online from next month. The talks will now be hosted live via Zoom meetings, and later available as recordings on the Diocesan Year of the Word YouTube Channel where previous talks are also available.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCQkXJV2I_tfKN8mprT5SNnA
The first talk will be given by John Newton (Senior Press Officer for Aid to the Church in Need), who will speak to us via Zoom on 'The God who Suffers: Flourishing in the Face of Persecution', from 7.00pm – 8.00pm on Wednesday 9th September 2020. There is no limit on places, but to receive a link to attend the Zoom meeting, please email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters:

We will be offering a series of online talks, "Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters", over the next few months. Exploring some of the great figures of Western spirituality with well-known experts, the series is free to attend online. It will take place at 7:30pm on Thursdays, beginning on 3rd September and running through till 10th December. Simply register to receive a link, either online at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/> or by email to events@christianheritagecentre.com

Solomon Islands' "flying Bishop" on climate change and Care for Creation:

Bishop Luciano Capelli of Gizo brings first-hand testimony of the terrible impact of climate change on the magnificent South Pacific Solomon Islands and the livelihood of its people. By Benedetta Capelli & Linda Bordoni.



21 years in the South Pacific and nearly 8 years as Bishop of Gizo Diocese in the Solomon Islands have made Bishop Luciano Capelli a prime witness to the devastating effects wreaked by climate change on one of the earth's most beautiful, but most fragile, ecosystems.

The Italian-born Salesian missionary has been caring for the souls and the wellbeing of Solomon Islanders,

seeing to their pastoral and spiritual needs and delivering medicine and basic necessities to the poor since he was sent to the area following a devastating earthquake destroyed homes, schools and churches.. He's known as "the flying Bishop" because he pilots a small aeroplane across some 40 lush islands that make up the Diocese of Gizo, home to about 120,000 inhabitants.

But life in Australia's next door neighbour isn't as simple or easy as tourist pamphlets suggest. The nation is still struggling to overcome the devastation of civil war and many of its people continue to lack running water, basic health care, education and nutritious food.

In all of this, Bishop Capelli told Vatican Radio, climate change is a real threat in a territory where islands, atolls and large swaths of land and villages disappear into the ocean as the coastline is eroded and overwhelmed.

"We are exposed to the consequences of climate change", he said explaining that migrants, forced to flee their homes because of the rise of sea levels, continue to arrive in the area and live in precarious conditions which lack basic services.

The impact of climate change, Bishop Capelli said, is far-reaching and ranges from a shortage of fish caused by dying coral reefs, to rising costs of food, to floods, displacement and unemployment.

"The Pope invites us to change course; he exhorts us to greater justice and here we see how this touches us closely. Some people own a lot of land and others live in shacks on islands made of dead coral or on stilts in unhealthy conditions in mangrove forests."

The plundering of forests and resources

"Here we see the injustice," Capelli continued, "that comes from lacking a place in which to live with dignity: there is a lack of schools, toilets and sanitary facilities for about 150 families".

He expressed particular concern for what appears to be a total lack of attention on the part of the powers-that-be regarding the continued exploitation of the Solomon Islands' natural resources by some multi-national organizations.

"What is worrying is that none of the powerful people seems to see the presence of some multinational organizations that are not allowed to fell trees in their countries, come here and raid our lungs," he said.

This particular injustice was highlighted by Pope Francis in his Prayer Intention for September dedicated to the Season of Creation: a month of reflection that began on 1 September and is scheduled to last until 4 October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Bishop Capelli concluded pointing out that in his part of the world, as in many others, it is the Church that makes up for so many shortcomings.

"I hope to be able to continue to serve the people spiritually and materially, involving the laity more and more."

Bishop Luciano Capelli has been the Bishop of the Diocese of Gizo since 2007. He was sent there after 35 years of missionary work in the Philippines in the wake of a devastating earthquake. Some 15% of the inhabitants on his 40-island diocese is Catholic. Recently in Nusabaruku, an area of fishing villages, a primary school was inaugurated for children who have difficulty reaching the town of Gizo by boat every day.

Our New Laudato Si' Advocates Promote the Season of Creation:

Five years on from Pope Francis's Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, the Diocese of Leeds is proud to announce our first official local advocates, known as 'Laudato Si' Animators': members of our Justice and Peace Commission's Climate Crisis Action Group, including four parishioners from St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Shipley and one from a Leeds parish.

Completing their course during the annual Season of Creation, which runs from 1 September to the Feast of St Francis on 4 October, the online programme from which Shipley parishioner David Jackson and others will 'graduate' in October, is an initiative of the Global Catholic Climate Movement which is based in Rome with close links to the Dicastery for Integral Human Development.

Our parishioners joined more than 600 people of all ages and backgrounds from across the Universal Church via 'Zoom' meetings, hearing many speak movingly of how climate changes are already impoverishing swathes of poor communities around the world with loss of life, livelihoods and homelands.

Laudato Si' Animator David Jackson said that he, like many others, is anxious that we do 'all we can to act to reduce the damage we are inflicting on our common home, so that coming generations will not need to ask, "What did you do to prevent it?"'

For more information, prayers, resources and ideas regarding the Season of Creation, visit their website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/> – and to join our local advocates for living sustainably and acting for climate justice, visit the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission Website

Our next Diocesan Laudato Si' Mini Pilgrimage through the Myddelton Grange estate in Ilkley to the Calvary is provisionally planned for Saturday 17 October – but as with all events at present, this will be subject to local restrictions and if it is able to go ahead numbers will be limited. To register your interest, please email communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Giving to St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has continued to support St Joseph's week in and week out, especially those who have made new arrangements to donate towards the continuing work of our parish during these difficult times. It is possible to make your weekly or monthly offerings in several ways:

1. Set-up a Standing Order with your bank or building society. (GAD forms can be downloaded)
2. Make a one-off payment via internet or telephone banking to the Church using the details below:
Diocese of Leeds St Josephs Harrogate
Sort Code: 40-27-15 Account No: 11017500
3. Use the new text service, to donate £5 text CHURCH BILTON to 70500.
4. Leave a donation (cash or cheque) through the Presbytery letterbox.

Thank you all for your generosity and the support you give to your parish. Bless you all!

Your Parish Needs You!

If we are to be able to open our Church for Private Prayer and for Public Mass we need to increase our team of Stewards. If YOU are able and willing to help by becoming a Steward please contact Elaine Flanagan on 0779 150 0359