



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 11th October 2020	Twenty-eighth 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 (Ruth Trollope [Sp Int])
	8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am	Mass (Christine Fletcher & Eddie Hodgson [RIP])
	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church Open for Private Prayer & Exposition
Tuesday 13th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	7.00pm	Mass (Fr Ben Hilton [Sp Int])
Wednesday 14th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am	Mass (Private Intention [PW])
	6.30pm	Reception of Remains - Albert Powell
Thursday 15th October	St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin & Doctor of the Church	
	9.30am	Mass (Shelagh O'Boyle [RIP])
	10.30am	Requiem Mass for Albert Powell
Friday 16th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30am	Mass (Private Intention [MB])
Sunday 18th October 2020	Twenty-ninth 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 (Anne-Marie O'Hagan [Sp Int])
	8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am	Mass (Albert Powell [LD])
	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church Open for Private Prayer & Exposition

Please pray for...

Brothers and sisters, let us make our prayers to God, who gently shepherds his flock.

For the Church in every place, that our faith is nourished and sustained each day *(pause)* Lord, hear us...

For prisoners, their families, victims of crime and all who work within the criminal justice system, that all may find ways of building justice through repentance, forgiveness, mercy and rehabilitation *(pause)* Lord, hear us...

For all who suffer because of COVID-19 and the latest restrictions — that all people may work for the common good and the care of the vulnerable *(pause)* Lord, hear us...

For all those who are sick at this time, particularly people who are depressed and anxious *(pause)* Lord, hear us...

For our friends who have gone before us in death and all whom we love, but see no longer, that a place at the eternal banquet may be theirs *(pause)* Lord, hear us...

God our shepherd, you invite us to your table in heaven: give us the grace we need on our journey, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Anne-Marie O'Hagan (Sp Int); Private Intention (PW); Private Intention (MB).

First Sacraments Catch-up Programmes:

First Reconciliation: The date of First Reconciliation is Saturday 7th November. If you haven't yet collected your pack - see Fr Stephen after Mass.

First Holy Communion: Please look out for an email during the coming week, and news by next weekend.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

November will soon be upon us, and it is a time when we particularly remember all those whom we have loved but see no longer, all our deceased relations, friends and past benefactors of the Parish.

All Souls Day is celebrated this year on Monday 2nd November, and we shall be offering Mass for all the Holy Souls at 12.00noon and at 7.00pm. At the All Souls Masses we shall remember all our loved ones who have died. Please do come along.

In preparation for the Mass, and for the month of the Holy Souls, I have now made available the Holy Souls envelopes at the back of Church. These are for you to take, and complete with a list of your departed loved ones to remember and add to the "List of the Dead", for whom we shall offer Masses throughout November and the rest of the year, both in the parish and outside the parish. Once you have completed your list, please place it with your offering into the envelope and return it to the Presbytery or else the large wooden collection box on the way into church, as soon as possible. Please remember that these envelopes are for the "List of the Dead / Holy Souls", and not for individual Masses to be offered as is the custom in November each year. Many thanks, Fr Stephen

Face Coverings in Church:

Face coverings became mandatory in Places of Worship from Saturday 8th August 2020. **Parishioners attending churches should bring face coverings with them, and wear them in church so that they cover both mouth and nose, unless they are exempt from doing so.** This is for the good of all who gather in the church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.

Vacancy - PA to the Chief Operating Officer:

Based at Hinsley Hall. Excellent opportunity for an experienced PA or Executive Assistant to join the Executive Team providing administrative support across our Diocese. Job description available via www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies. More details from Jo-anne.hughes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk CV with a covering letter may be submitted to recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk at any time before the closing date: **Friday, 23 October 2020.**

Alcohol(ism?) Alcoholics Anonymous:

A.A. Harrogate available to all through lockdown and beyond - join us and find out more on Wednesday November 18th 2pm-3.45pm. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship offering help to anyone with a desire to stop drinking. Maybe their life has become unmanageable or worse through excessive drinking? Perhaps they have begun to recognise unhealthy use of alcohol damaging themselves and relationships at

home or at work? Our forum is designed to help understand more about A.A.; what we have to offer and how we can help those with a problem with alcohol. There will be shares from local A.A. Members with varying periods of sobriety, support for those affected through Alanon and guest keynote speaker - Professor Thomas Baldwin Non-Alcoholic Trustee of Board of Directors Alcoholics Anonymous UK. Meanwhile it would help us tremendously if you would kindly indicate your attendance by emailing harrogate.aa.publicinformation@gmail.com

Statement on the development of a COVID-19 vaccination:

The Bishops' Conference Department for Social Justice has released a statement on the development of a vaccine against COVID-19.

It addresses ethical matters surrounding the development and distribution of a vaccine such as cell-lines which have their origin in tissues taken from human foetal tissue, as well as issues that may arise from testing, consent and justice.

"Catholics have a responsibility to voice their concerns about the origin of vaccines and argue that research and funding should be directed to sourcing a vaccine in an ethically sound way. If this is not possible, many Catholics and others will experience moral distress when faced with a choice of rejecting vaccination, either for themselves or their children, with its serious and life-threatening consequences, or seeming to be complicit in abortion. We hope that the government will ensure that ethically sourced vaccines are also available."

The statement stresses that a vaccine should be welcomed not only for the sake of the individual but for the good of society – especially the most vulnerable:

"Catholic teaching protects the good of every life and the health of all and teaches that one must not do harm to another. A vaccine will seek to protect the whole of society from this virulent virus. Individuals should welcome the vaccine not only for the sake of their own health but also out of solidarity with others, especially the most vulnerable."

SACRE:

A Catholic Representative is needed on North Yorkshire SACRE: An opportunity has arisen for a Catholic representative to sit on North Yorkshire SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) from January 2021. SACRE is the statutory body that advises the North Yorkshire Local Education Authority on matters connected with Religious Education and Worship in non-Catholic schools. North Yorkshire SACRE consists of members of all the faith communities within the local area and meets at least once per term during school term time usually at County Hall, Northallerton, occasionally at schools within the North Yorkshire area but more recently online. If you are interested in learning about different faith communities or have a background in education please do consider this role. For more information about the role please contact Mr. Christopher Devanny at chris.devanny@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Mandatory Second Collections – Autumn 2020:

World Mission Sunday – weekend of 18th October.

On the Road to Sainthood - Carlo Acutis:

Carlo Acutis died at the age of 15 of a galloping leukaemia, leaving in the memory of all those who knew him a great feeling of emptiness and great admiration for his brief but intense testimony of authentic Christian life.

From the day he received his First Communion at the age of 7, he never missed an appointment with daily Holy Mass. He always tried, either before or after the Eucharistic celebration, to pause before the Tabernacle to adore the Lord, always truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady was his great confidant and he never failed to honour her by reciting the Holy Rosary every day. Carlo's modern and up-to-date ways combined perfectly with his profound Eucharistic life and Marian devotion, which helped to make him that very special boy who everyone admires and loves.

To quote Carlo's own words: "Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. The Infinity is our homeland. We are always expected in Heaven". Another phrase of his was: "All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies". To move towards this goal and not "die as photocopies" Carlo said that our compass must be the Word of God; that we have to measure up to constantly. But to reach such a lofty goal very special measures are necessary: the Sacraments and prayer. In particular, Carlo placed the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the centre of his life and he called it "my highway to Heaven".

Carlo was very gifted with everything related to the world of computers so that both his friends and adults with computer engineering degrees considered him a genius. Everyone was amazed at his ability to understand the secrets of computers that are normally only accessible to those who have specialized university degrees. Carlo's interests involved computer programming, film editing, website creation, editing and laying out small publications, to helping those most in need especially children and the elderly.

This young believer of the Diocese of Milan was a mystery, who before he died was able to offer his suffering up for the Lord, the Pope and the Church.

"To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life". These few words Carlo Acutis, the boy who died of leukaemia, said outline the distinctive feature of his short life: living with Jesus, for Jesus, in Jesus. (...) "I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting

even a minute of it on anything displeasing to God". And Carlo asks of us the same thing: he asks us to spread the Gospel through our lives, so that each of us can be a beacon to light the journey of others.

Carlo Acutis will be beatified by Pope Francis on Saturday 10th October 2020 at the basilica in Assisi. Carlo lived most of his life in Milan, Italy, but what is less well-known is that Carlo was born in London on 3rd May 1991 to Italian parents and was baptised at Our Lady of Dolours on 18th May of the same year by Fr Nicholas Martin OSM, Parish Priest at the time. The family moved to Italy shortly afterwards where Carlo was raised in the same active faith as his parents.

'He was a remarkable young man, who had a great understanding of the sacraments and scripture', explains Fr Patrick Ryall OSM, current Parish Priest of Our Lady of Dolours.

Carlo died in 2006 at the age of 15. His cause was opened in 2013 and he was declared a Servant of God. On 5th July 2018, Pope Francis declared him to be venerable. Beatification is the final step before sainthood and was helped when a young Brazilian sought his intercession in healing from a serious pancreatic disease. In February this year, the Pope approved a miracle attributed to him.

Looking forward to his beatification, Fr Patrick added: 'We're grateful that Carlo and his family had that time with our parish. We are sure he will be a source of blessing for us.'



Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Booking for Mass Online:

Please make bookings via the parish website: www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk Before registering to attend Mass, please ensure that you do not have any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, and please do cancel tickets if you can no longer attend.