



# 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\*\***

<b>Sunday 18th October 2020</b>	<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</b>	
<b>**Please book in advance to attend any of the Masses throughout the week**</b>	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
<b>Tuesday 20th October</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	7.00pm	Mass (Tania Findlay [Sp Int])
<b>Wednesday 21st October</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9.30am	Mass (Shaun O'Boyle [Sp Int])
<b>Thursday 22nd October</b>	<b>St John Paul II, Pope</b>	
	9.30am	Mass (Ted Costar [RIP])
<b>Friday 23rd October</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9.30am	Mass (Daly Family [Sp Int])
<b>Sunday 25th October 2020</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</b>	
<b>**Please book in advance to attend any of the Masses throughout the week**</b>	4.30pm - 5.00pm	Confessions
	5.30pm (Sat Vigil)	Mass (George Daly [LD])
	8.00am	Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am	Mass (Susannah McDaid [RIP])
	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church Open for Private Prayer & Exposition

Please pray for...

Let us make known our intentions to our God of glory and power.

For Pope Francis — that he may have courage (*pause*). Lord, hear us...

For Missionaries — that they may be safe and strong (*pause*). Lord, hear us...

For all of us — that we may spread peace (*pause*). Lord, hear us...

For all working to combat with COVID-19, and for those who have contracted the disease — that God may help them all (*pause*). Lord, hear us...

For doctors, nurses and carers — that God may protect them (*pause*). Lord, hear us...

For ourselves — that we may keep each other safe (*pause*). Lord, hear us...

For all who have gone before us in faith, especially George Daly and Sharon Carrick who have died recently, and all the faithful departed — that God may call them to his side in heaven (*pause*). Lord, hear us...

God of glory and power, you will judge the peoples in fairness: hear the prayers we make and graciously grant them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Mass Intentions Received Recently:**

Tania Findlay (Sp Int); George Daly (LD) x3.

**World Mission Sunday:**

Today is World Mission Sunday! World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilcéia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit *Missio's* website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) Thank you

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to *Missio* helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

We are all called to share God's love

In the Holy Father's message for World Mission Sunday, he says:

*'The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and cultures.'*

On this day through prayer, reflection and material help we express our support of missionaries from all continents who are striving to preach and live the Gospel among those have yet to receive it.

There will be a retiring collection at the end of each of the weekend Masses - Thank you for your generosity.

You can watch a short video about the work of *Missio* here at: <https://youtu.be/XWDV-x7s0v8>

This video will be available through our parish website too.

**First Sacraments Catch-up Programmes:**

**First Reconciliation:** The date of First Reconciliation is Saturday 7th November.

**First Holy Communion:** The email was sent out to parents and carers who had already signed-up for the programme last year, most people have responded. If your child is in Year 5, and has not yet received their First Holy Communion, and would like to do so this year, please e-mail Fr Stephen at [stephen.webb@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:stephen.webb@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) as soon as possible. Resources will be made available through school to those children who attend St Joseph's school, but if your child attends elsewhere, you will need to collect your resources from Fr Stephen after any Mass during this week, or the coming weekend. Many thanks! The date for First Holy Communion will be during special Masses on the weekend of 21st / 22nd November, and of course these events will be limited in the numbers attending, probably the candidate and up to four others from the same household/bubble.

**Everything is of course subject to change because of the current and any future restrictions which may be placed upon us.**

**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

**Joy Boyce - Broadcast:**

Faith & Community (in times of adversity) will remain very relevant to us for weeks and months to come. If you have 30 minutes to spare you may like to listen to this BBC Local Radio Broadcast on this theme by Jo Boyce. [www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08snwsl](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08snwsl)

**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](http://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](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) at any time before the closing date: **Friday, 23 October 2020.**

**Deanery Day of Renewal:**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00pm to 4.00 pm on -line with our speaker: Pastor Vernon Roosevelt. Welcome: 2.00pm to 2.10pm; Praise and Worship. 2.10pm to 2.40pm; Pastor Vernon: "The 6 principals for Christian living". 2.40pm to 3.20pm; Break 3.20pm to 3.30pm; Sharing groups for reflection. 3.30pm to 3.45pm; Intercessory prayers and farewells. 3.45pm to 4.00pm.

To register please e-mail Val: [vmese@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vmese@hotmail.co.uk) The Zoom link will be sent to you on the day.

**On Yer Bike, Sisters!:**

In the Diocese of Leeds, the Little Sisters of the Poor are known for their wonderful work at Mount St Joseph's Care Home. Sister Caroline Mary is Mother Superior and has written about the needs and challenges they face each day (not least the need for donations, all most gratefully received) and she describes a recent event that put the 'fun' into 'fundraising'...!

You can imagine that, as for everyone in Care, the past seven months have been some of the most challenging of our lives. We have been so blessed that over this time all our residents have remained Covid-free, and the hard work of the sisters and staff in abiding by the infection control measures at all times has so far been successful. We are not complacent and we are aware particularly with the rise of infections in the Leeds area, that the risk is very high. We count on the Lord's protection to continue to bless our own efforts to keep the residents here at Mount St Joseph's safe and well.

As we rely on Divine Providence and charitable fundraising is such an important part of meeting our day to day needs, it is a struggle to find innovative Covid-secure means of fundraising. Mark, our Chef Manager, who has previously done a sponsored cycle for the Home, and Sr Christina our Collecting Sister, decided that a sponsored cycle could be a means of raising money towards the £250,000 we need to complete works necessary to meet enhanced Fire Safety in the nine lounge areas of the home.

Sr Christina worked hard to round up staff and residents who were willing to participate and to get sponsors for the event. Then Leeds went into local restrictions and the Rule of Six came along. However, undaunted, all the participants said they would complete the cycle from Rodley to Saltaire and back along the canal path, separately or in groups of six or less, or would cycle 14 miles elsewhere.

The date of 3 of October was planned for a small group of four from Mount St Joseph's, which included Sr Christina, Ann (Reception), Mark (Chef Manager) and me. The weather forecast was for heavy rain all day, so it was transferred to the following day. So after Mass, and strengthened by the Eucharist, Fr Kevin our Chaplain at the end of Mass wishing us well and telling us 'On your bike!' and the blessing of three of our retired clergy, Fr Don Clements, Fr Billy Steele and Fr Jim Leavy, who waved us off in the minibus, we set off to Rodley.

Take into consideration that three of us had not been on a bike in about thirty years – so the thought of a 14 mile

cycle seemed huge! But as St Jeanne Jugan, our foundress said, 'If God is with us, it will be accomplished.' So the intrepid four set off. Mark, an experienced cyclist, ever attentive to ensure we were all safe, and that no one was left behind, kept whizzing up to the front runner (Sr Christina) and then back to Ann and me further back.

The day was lovely, we sighted two rainbows, and took these as God's blessings on our endeavours. The canal path, had lots of puddles from the rains of the day before, but we were blessed that the skies cleared after a shower when we first arrived, and we were able to complete the cycle, muddy, but dry! We managed a total of 15.69 miles almost two more than we thought the journey was!! – and enjoyed a picnic at the end.

We are thankful to all our benefactors, who help us care for the elderly here in Leeds as we have done for the past 160 years, in the spirit of St Jeanne Jugan, who told the young sisters, 'Make our old people happy.' Thank you and God Bless.

Sr Caroline Mary, Mother Superior, Little Sisters of the Poor

**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 . 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](mailto:harrogate.aa.publicinformation@gmail.com)

**Booking for Mass Online:**

Please make bookings via the parish website: [www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk](http://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.

**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!**