



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others." Pope Francis

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 22nd November 2020 **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A**

Mass will be live streamed at the following times, and available afterwards at any time

5.30pm Online (sat)	Vigil Mass (Mary & Charles Trinnick [RIP] / PARISH)
10.00am Online	Mass (Dorothy Chambers [RIP])
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church Open for Private Prayer

Tuesday 24th November **St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

5.30pm Online	Mass (Holy Souls)
6.00pm - 7.30pm	Church Open for Private Prayer

Wednesday 25th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Online	Mass (Holy Souls)
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Thursday 26th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Offered Privately	Mass (Holy Souls)
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Friday 27th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Online	Mass (Queenie Naylor [A] / Holy Souls)
10.00am - 12.00noon	Church Open for Private Prayer

Sunday 29th November 2020 **First Sunday of Advent - Year B**

Mass will be live streamed at the following times, and available afterwards at any time

5.30pm Online (sat)	Vigil Mass (PARISH)
10.00am Online	Mass (Val Destouche [A])
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church Open for Private Prayer



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

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Val Destouche (A).

Church During Lockdown:

Masses will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel (*access this via the parish website and once logged on, subscribe to the channel, which will mean that notifications of livestreams are sent to you automatically*) at the times advertised on the front of this bulletin and Church will be open for Private Prayer at the following times:

Sunday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Friday 10.00am—12.00noon

If you are willing to offer your services as a Steward, please contact Elaine Flannigan on 07791 500359.

Let us keep each other in prayer during these coming weeks, and if you are able to collect a few bulletins whilst the church is open, to deliver to parishioners who may be shielding or isolating, then please do so.

Please remember to let me know of anyone who may need particular pastoral or practical help during this time. Thank you. Fr Stephen.

First Holy Communion:

Plans are progressing for the two special First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 12th December. Thank you to all parents and carers of our 2020 cohort for responding to my email. There will be a further email with more information about the day, and the Mass to which your child and 'bubble' have been invited. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for this very special day in their journey of faith. Fr Stephen.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

Masses for the Holy Souls are being offered throughout the whole of November and beyond. To date, those who are entered into our Book of the November Dead will have a share in 104 Masses.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Peru Commission Appeal:

On the First Sunday of Advent our churches will still be closed. With everyone's resources stretched in so many ways, let this year's support for the people of Perú be spiritual and from the heart. Perú is one of the countries most affected by Coronavirus with a great loss of life suffered throughout the nation. It is also in political strife as it seeks a President acceptable to the people. The people ask for our prayers as they also pray for us. Any donations which do come in will of course be forwarded to the Peru Commission Many thanks. Fr Jonathan Hart.

Online Advent Sycamore Course:

Monday evenings in Advent (from 7.00pm - 8.30pm), the Vicariate for Education will be running a short "Sycamore" course via Zoom. Sycamore offers adults a chance to discover and grow in faith through relaxed discussion, based around attractive videos (see www.sycamore.fm). Catechists interested in running Sycamore in their own parishes may also benefit from attending. For more information and an invitation email: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Events at the Briery:

The Briery Retreat Centre: an opportunity to partake in a **Living With Loss Zoom Course** for anyone who is grieving a loved one, no matter how long ago that bereavement was or what the relationship. There will be 5 Zoom meetings which will be held on alternate Mondays beginning 9th November, 6pm – 7.30pm. These sessions are free but registration is required. If interested please contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com for further details and the Zoom Link.

'The Gift of Jesus – Advent Unwrapped' an Advent Day of Recollection given by Fr Dennis Cassidy, Friday 4th December and repeated on Saturday 5th December. The suggested offering is £32.00 per person, to include a 2-course lunch. To book a place please contact The Briery as above.

'The Ever-Coming God' an Advent Preached Retreat given by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp beginning Friday 11th December until Sunday 13 December. The suggested offering for the weekend is £175.00 per person, to include all meals. To book a place please contact The Briery as above.

A Zoom Meditation is held every Thursday, 7.30pm – 8.15pm. This is free and open to everyone. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83610083525> Meeting ID: **836 1008 3525**. Looking forward to seeing you.

Relax and Revive with Catholic Care

Join Janet Kent from Catholic Care every Monday afternoon at 4pm for a friendly online relaxation group. For more information call Janet on 07739975008. Just cut and paste the link below to join in. Sessions will last 30 minutes. Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 742 8178 5015 Passcode: 9Td1UL

Catholic Care Community Response Service:

Are you finding lockdown isolating and would welcome some support? Catholic Care have organised a number of initiatives that are designed to help. We have weekly relax and revive sessions, a telephone befriending service or an online social group with different themes and speakers each week. For more details contact Catholic Care 0113 3885400 or Janet 07739 975008.

Sycamore for Young People:

The Youth Service are delighted to invite you to Sycamore, an online series of short films and discussions for young people aged 13-17 exploring the Catholic faith and what it means for us today. The sessions will be taking place on Wednesday from 4:30pm-6pm on Zoom. The first session will be Wednesday 4th November. For more information/to register, please email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Catholic Care's Community Markets:

The COVID-19 pandemic is bringing untold economic hardship, the impact of which is leaving many feeling unable to feed their families for the first time. Supporting families positively with dignity is the aim of our Community Markets. If you are interested in supporting us with this work please contact Janet Kent 07739 975 008 or email janet.kent@catholic-care.org.uk

FHL - Silent Nights in Bethlehem:

You are invited by the charity Friends of the Holy Land, which supports Christians in the Holy Land, to participate in two forthcoming free events. At 7.00pm on **Thursday 3 December**. Peter Rand, FHL's Vice Chairman and , is running a Zoom session for our Diocese. Peter has visited the Holy Land on around 25 occasions in the last 10 years and is in regular contact with the FHL Bethlehem office, the local FHL Committee and other partners including the Latin Patriarchate, the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Pontifical Mission. He would like to share with you and take questions on the reality of life with COVID for our Christian brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, as we approach Christmas – a very different experience to ours in the UK. Email Peter at peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk and he will send you the link to access the meeting.

Also at 10am on **Saturday 5 December**, FHL are organizing a live cookery demonstration by zoom of a traditional Palestinian Christmas meal, prepared by the ladies at St. Martha's House, a Day Care Centre in Bethlehem, supported by FHL. Again, please email Peter who will send you the link.

Missio Advent Reflections:

Join us online each Friday of Advent to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, with an input from a Mill Hill Missionary. At 10.30am Fridays 27th November; 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th December.

Each week the time of prayer and reflection will last for about 20 minutes. You are most welcome to stay online to talk with one another and the Mill Hill Missionaries after the time of prayer. To register or for more information please email redbox@missio.org.uk or call 020 721 9755

Each time of prayer will be available afterwards to take part in again or share with others. Please look out for them on the Missio Facebook page: [Facebook.com/MissioUK](https://www.facebook.com/MissioUK) and the YouTube channel.

You do not need to be able to make all 5 sessions. The final session on Christmas Day will be available online and a link sent to watch it.

At Sea: Awaiting Orders:

A book by Fr Colum Kelly. Fr Colum draws us into the lives of those seafarers, details how freight ships are the lifeblood of industry, and illustrates the hugely important role played by the priests, chaplains and lay visitors of Stella Maris. His humour and kindness - and his keen sense of the whimsical - will keep you reading, and will leave you with a smile on your face. Learn more about the hidden world of shipping today! With foreword by Rose George, author of Ninety Percent of Everything. Available at [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) priced just £5.99

Vacancy:

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Leeds KS2 Class Teacher (Maternity Cover) Required from January 2021. Closing Date: Friday 4th December. Further info at www.eteach.com/job/lower-ks2-class-teacher-1121977.

Catholic Care Vacancies:

A new and exciting senior management opportunity, at the heart of a charity that has supported vulnerable people for over 150 years. Catholic Care are looking to appoint an **Adult Learning Disability Senior Manager**. Salary: SP 38 – 41 £40,760 – £43,662 p.a. plus pension

and other benefits. Post: Permanent -37 Hours Full Time (Part time would be considered) Location: Based at Head Office in Headingley, Leeds. Closing Date: 27th November 2020. Interview Date: 7th December 2020.

A new and exciting senior management opportunity, at the heart of a charity that has supported vulnerable people for over 150 years. Catholic Care are looking to appoint a **Senior Manager for Older People's Services**. Salary: SP 38 – 41 £40,760 – £43,662 p.a. plus pension and other benefits. Post: Permanent -37 Hours Full Time (Part time would be considered) Location: Based at Head Office in Headingley, Leeds. Closing Date: 27th November 2020. Interview Date: 7th December 2020.

Leeds Residential Care Worker. Salary: SP 2 - 7 Salary £18,198 - £20,092 pro rata. Full & Part Time positions, Flexible.

Justice & Peace:

Online Day of Reflection: What Does Empowering Justice look like in our time? The J&P Commission of the Diocese have organised a day led by renowned Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchu. 21 November 10am - 4pm - with plenty of breaks to stop people getting 'zoomed out' See www.leedsjp.org.uk to book a place.

Government Survey:

Christians and those from other religious groups have the chance to have their voice heard by the UK Government in regards to how it engages with faith communities. It has launched an independent review to assess how people perceive the Government's engagement with faith organisations.

Colin Bloom, Faith Engagement Adviser at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is leading the review and has said that the Government knows it has areas to improve in.

"I think government recognises that it can always do better and that in engagement with faith communities, it might be good, but it could be better. We're going to explore how government can do it better and indeed, perhaps areas that it shouldn't be doing."

Mr Bloom said this is the perfect time for Christians to voice their opinions on how they feel the Government has handled the coronavirus crisis with faith communities.

"I want everybody, whether they're from Church of England, or whether they're another Christian denomination, or whether they have no faith at all, or whether they're from another faith to engage with it so that we can really analyse that data. It's both qualitative and quantitative and it will inform the recommendations that we're going to make that I'm going to make next year so that government can listen better and can engage better with those communities."

The consultation period lasts until 11th December. Find the link to the survey on our parish website.

Parish Finance:

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the work of our parish through weekly or monthly giving, your generosity is greatly appreciated, please don't forget us over the coming four weeks of lockdown! You are able to leave donations in Church during Opening Times, or through the Presbytery letterbox at any time. Standing Order forms are available at the back of Church. Thank you, and bless you! Fr Stephen.