



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"There are difficult moments in life, but with hope the soul goes forward and looks ahead to what awaits us."
Pope Francis

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 10th January 2021	The Baptism of the Lord - Year B
	5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Private Intention [RP])
	8.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
	11.00am Mass (PARISH)
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer
Tuesday 12th January	St Aelred of Rievaulx
	7.00pm Mass (Holy Souls)
Wednesday 13th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Thursday 14th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Friday 15th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
Sunday 17th January 2021	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat) Confessions
	5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Teresa St John [LD])
	8.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
	11.00am Mass (PARISH)
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer

Please pray for...

God will gather his own at the end of time. Let us ask God to strengthen our faith, our perseverance and our love.

As we remember the Baptism of Jesus, we ponder our own baptism and give thanks for the gifts we have received from the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...

As we begin this New Year, let us remember all those whose lives have been affected by the Coronavirus: those who have died and their grieving families, the dedicated NHS staff, those people who are shielding and everyone finding it difficult to remain at home without seeing their families. Lord in your mercy...

We give thanks for the vaccine and the hope it offers us. We pray that it is made available to peoples in all countries and brings an end to this pandemic. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our country and for all its peoples and politicians. Help us all live in the spirit of joy, fairness, love and co-operation and not build walls between us and the rest of the world. Lord in your mercy...

Help us to consider the gifts we have to offer and the service we can do – how to help our neighbour, our church, our community and our world. Lord, in your mercy...

Lord God, how great you are, how many are your works! Let your Spirit guide your people, to strengthen them in every need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

Mass Intentions Received Recently:
Teresa St John (LD); Bernard Frost (A).

National Lockdown - Covid-Secure Measures:

We are allowed to open for Mass at this time according to law, but as I said on the YouTube video last week and the parish webpage, we are 'proceeding with caution'. In light of increasing local infection rates, I will be reducing the number of tickets available for all Masses as from Tuesday. This is to ensure a full 2 metre social distance from others whilst in church. If the infection rates continue to increase locally, I would much rather that St Joseph's be part of a solution rather than a problem, and so would take the next step of cancelling public Masses, and replacing them with live-streamed Masses. In the coming weeks I shall livestream all but the 8.00am Mass on a Sunday morning, and please remember that during this period of pandemic, there is no obligation to attend Mass. We must do all that we can to protect the wellbeing and health of all parishioners, and those at home. I know you will understand this caution, and I will continue to update the website should there be any changes to our Mass schedule over the coming weeks.

Church Opening - Stewards Required:

Whilst ever we can open church safely for the celebration of Mass and Private Prayer, we still need Stewards to do so legally and safely. Please, if YOU can help, contact Elaine Flannigan on 07791 500359, training will be given!

Confirmation 2021:

In light of the present National Lockdown, I have had to postpone the planned celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for the children in Year 6 and above who have not yet received it. I will continue to monitor the situation along with the Catechists and School Staff involved, and will make further announcements after the February half-term break.

Friends of the Holy Land – Update:

As a Parish we will once again support the work of Friends of the Holy Land with our particular Crib Offerings - from Christmas Eve, and throughout the Octave there will be a box available to place in your offerings for Friends of the Holy Land close to the crib. If you place any offerings into the main collection box, specifically for FHL then please place them in an envelope and clearly mark it FHL. Thank you for your support.

Leeds International Organ Festival 2021:

Following the success of 2020's online Leeds International Organ Festival, LIOF Live, we are now delighted to launch the 2021 Festival through a live-streamed performance of Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur* from Leeds Cathedral this Sunday (10th January) at 7.00pm. Planning for the 2021 summer Festival is now underway, and we hope that by May we will be able to enjoy live music events together again, featuring organists from home and abroad, albeit with distancing and safety measures in place.

If you missed any of the LIOF Live 2020 Festival you can find more details on our website, including concerts broadcast on www.lioflive.org.uk and episodes of our new 'Pipe Up! The Organ Podcast'. We will also be releasing plans for the summer 2021 events on our website, www.leedsiof.org, within the coming months.

Take care and stay safe, David Pipe.

Leeds Cathedral Organist and Leeds International Organ Festival Artistic Director

The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation:

A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. At 7:30pm every second Thursday, **from 14th January to 25th March**. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

Leeds Diocese Justice & Peace:

Pathways to Peace for Earthlings – A Liturgy for Peace Sunday on Sunday 17th January @ 4.00pm

Join us for some prayer, reflection and quiet time on Peace Sunday. We reflect on the Pope's message "**A culture of Care as a Path to Peace**". A culture of care is needed not just in how we relate to each other. It also extends to how we live sustainably – as Earthlings - alongside the myriad forms of life on this planet.

The liturgy will last no more than an hour. **Please book a place using our Eventbrite page for this event.** This just makes it easier to manage letting everyone know the details.

Here is the link: tinyurl.com/peacesundayyorkshire

An Introduction to Nonviolence

Tuesday 2nd February @ 7.00pm via Zoom

This one hour Zoom meeting has been organised by the Leeds Diocese J&P Commission and the Leeds Diocese Pax Christi group. Not sure about nonviolence? What is it? What has it to do with Catholic Christianity in the twenty-first century? Didn't we Catholics sort this all out years ago with the Just War theory???? – Well, there is a lot of new Catholic thinking around these topics! The Pax Christi Group in collaboration with the J&P Commission are running a 5 week introductory course during Feb and March. This pre-session, led by former General Secretary of Pax Christi UK – Pat Gaffney – will give you a flavour of what to expect and help you decide if you want to do the course. tinyurl.com/leedsjppgaffney

Diocese of Leeds Year Book 2021:

Copies of the Diocesan Year Book have now arrived, they are available upstairs in church at a cost of £4.00 per copy...just a few copies remain.

Mill Hill Missionaries - Red Box Appeal:

Thank you on behalf of the Mill Hill Missionaries Red Box appeal—we have just banked a total of £542.64, being the proceeds of the boxes brought back to church over the past months. Please remember to collect your box from Church, and begin collecting again!! Thank you.

Light for the Blind Appeal:

Our collection during Advent raised £90. A great and warmest thank you for your contributions, intentions and empathy. Your effort will be fully used to make a difference to the survival or death of some of the most deprived people on Earth. Like the "two small copper coins" of the biblical widow, your offerings might achieve unexpected results. Let's wish that 2021 will be a discerning and more generous year - Agnes

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.

Bishop John Sherrington - Open Churches:

On Friday 8 January, following some questions about why our churches remain open, Bishop John Sherrington, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, issued the following letter explaining the position and role of our churches during the current lockdown:

We are aware that questions are being asked as to why churches remain open during this National Lockdown. We are also aware that many local authorities are calling for places of worship to close. We wish to respond to these concerns.

Churches are allowed to open for prayer and communal worship at this time according to the provision of the most recent national legislation and Government guidance.

This decision is based on two factors: the recognition that our churches are safe, and that the service they offer is essential.

The safety of our churches has been affirmed by Public Health England (PHE) in its current advice to the Government. This is publicly recognised to be the result of the great efforts made by many people in the implementation of procedures mandated by PHE and thereby establishing the necessary conditions within churches for their safe use.

Our churches are making a significant contribution to the personal resilience and inner strength of people which is much needed at this time. Many are hubs from which essential support is offered especially to those most in need, extending well beyond the faith communities which use them. This includes the regular provision of food; the care of the homeless; and being a place of peace and reflection (which is safe) for many whose living conditions are very limited. This will become more appreciated as the programme of vaccination increases. The vital link between prayer and action is important to maintain this service.

At this phase of the pandemic, which is causing alarm and fear, our churches will exercise their role with increased diligence to ensure continuing safety and service.

Our clergy will ensure that all are aware that there is no duty or responsibility to come to church and communicate to all there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. They will review, in each local area, the provision offered by the church in order to ensure that the highest standards of safety are maintained. This will include a review of the role of stewards, the provision of additional social distancing within the church, a review of cleansing routines, and consideration of the personal circumstances of the priest(s) and people. On this basis there will be a local evaluation and decision about the possible reduction in the times of opening and the frequency of communal worship.

In conclusion we recognise the higher levels of fear and anxiety which the new strain of the virus has prompted and we have a very proper awareness of the care which must be exercised by everyone, under the guidance of PHE health professionals.

We recognise, too, that isolation is having a profound detrimental effect on people and that the role of churches in easing that isolation in ways which are safe and supportive has been recognised as a positive and beneficial contribution to the common good.

We pray for the dedicated work of the NHS and continue to provide spiritual support to staff and patients through the network of chaplains working both in the hospitals and the community.

New Abbot of Ampleforth - Dom Robert Igo:

Bishop Terry Draney (Middlesbrough) will preside in a ceremony at a date to be arranged to bless Dom Robert Igo, who has been elected ninth Abbot of Ampleforth.

Dom Robert was elected on Tuesday January 5 in the presence of Abbot Paul Stonham OSB, delegate of the president of the English Benedictine Congregation, and the Rt Rev Christopher Jamison OSB.

Dom Robert takes on the role of abbot with immediate effect and replaces Abbot Cuthbert Madden, whose eight-year term of office had come to an end. The new abbot will now hold overall responsibility for the monastic community and its works.

Dom Robert was born and educated in Manchester and worked at Manchester Royal Infirmary as a student nurse for three years in the 1970s. He was ordained priest in the Anglican Church in 1980 and served in parishes in Sunderland and Hartlepool.

He was received into the Catholic Church in 1987 and joined the monastic community at Ampleforth, the UK's largest Benedictine community, in August 1988.

He was ordained a Catholic priest on June 27 1993 and three years later joined a small group of Ampleforth monks in Zimbabwe, at the monastic foundation established by the Ampleforth community in 1996, the Monastery of Christ the Word in Macheke. Since 2005 he has been prior at the Monastery of Christ the Word.

The Order of St Benedict designates those monks who follow the Rule of Saint Benedict written in the sixth century. The order spread from Italy to all continents, with all Benedictine monasteries basing their life on St Benedict's Rule. The English Benedictine Congregation is the only survivor of the congregations formed in the 13th century, making it the oldest of the 21 congregations in the order.

Previous Abbots of Ampleforth

1900 – Oswald Smith: first Abbot of Ampleforth, re-elected in 1908 and 1916, died November 1924

1924 – Edmund Matthews: elected December 1924, re-elected 1932, died April 1939

1939 – Herbert Byrne: elected April 1939, re-elected 1947 and 1955, retired as Abbot 1963, died October 1978

1963 – Basil Hume: elected April 1963, re-elected 1971, appointed Archbishop of Westminster 1976, died June 1999

1976 – Ambrose Griffiths: elected 1976, parish priest in Leyland 1984-1992, appointed Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle 1992, retired as Bishop 2004, died 14 June 2011

1984 – Patrick Barry: elected 1984, re-elected 1992, retired as Abbot 1997, died 21 February 2016

1997 – Timothy Wright: elected March 1997, died 29 May 2018

2005 – Cuthbert Madden: elected 15 February 2005, re-elected 12 February 2013