



Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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"Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost!" Pope Francis

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

**** Please Note - as from 8th August 2020 face coverings are required to be worn in Church****

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| Sunday 18th April 2021 | Third Sunday of Easter - Year B |
| | 4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions |
| | 5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (PARISH) |
| | 8.00am Mass (Birthday Blessings [GL]) |
| | 11.00am Mass (Martin Jakubin [RIP]) |
| | 2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer |
| Tuesday 20th April | Weekday of Easter |
| | 7.00pm Mass (Elena Mese [Sp Int]) |
| Wednesday 21st April | Weekday of Easter |
| | No Mass Today |
| Thursday 22nd April | Weekday of Easter |
| | No Mass Today |
| Friday 23rd April | St George, Martyr & Patron of England |
| | No Mass Today |
| Sunday 25th April 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B |
| | 4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions |
| | 5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (George Daly [RIP]) |
| | 8.00am Mass (PARISH) |
| | 11.00am Mass (Private Intention [AS]) |
| | 2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer |

We Pray For...

As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection and confident that Christ intercedes for us with the Father, we place our needs before him:

For Pope Francis, that he may continue to shepherd Christ's sheep, helping them to grow in holiness.

For all who feel distant from the presence of God, that they may encounter him anew through the witness of the Church.

For those persecuted for their faith, that they will not lose their confidence in the promises of Christ.

For all those whose decisions shape the lives of others, that all in authority may act with courage, decide with wisdom and always strive to serve the common good.

For all who are sick, and for those close to death, that Jesus, the risen Saviour, will give them grace and strength.

For all who have died recently, among them, His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip; that he and all who have died may find eternal rest in Christ, and that those who mourn may find comfort and strength in their grief.

Almighty and ever-loving God, you raised Jesus from death to life. Open our ears that we may know your will and our hearts that we may do your will. We ask this in his name, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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



The Regina Coeli

**Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae.

Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Chris, Nick, Helen & Kate (Sp Int); Private Intention.

This Weekend's Masses:

Thank you to both Mgr Lucey and Fr Ryan for celebrating this weekend's Masses - their ministries among us are such a blessing...Thank you, Fathers!

Requiem Mass for HRH The Prince Philip:

Bishop Marcus celebrated a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on Friday 16th April. The Mass was attended by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire and his wife, Mr Tim Hare and Mrs Di Hare and the Lord Mayor of Leeds and her consort, Councillor Eileen Taylor and Mr Audley Taylor. A recording of the Mass is now available via the cathedral website or on their YouTube channel.

Mental Health in Education: A Catholic Approach:

An online conference for those involved in the education or catechesis of young people. Friday 28th May 2021, 9am-3.30pm (online) Hosted by Leeds Trinity University. Input from Christian psychiatrists, psychologists, counsellors, academics, clergy, media professionals and students. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. More information: email Hannah Hayward at h.hayward@leedstrinity.ac.uk or www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/events/

First Reconciliation - Year 3 and above:

The course of preparation continues at: www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk/confession/ alongside the physical resources you already have. The celebration of the Sacrament is planned for **Wednesday 28th April**, after school has finished. Please remember to keep all our young people in your prayers as they make these preparations.

Confirmation - Year 6 and above:

The course of preparation continues at: www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk/confirmation-2/ alongside the physical resources you already have. The date for the celebration of Confirmation is **Saturday 15th May**. There will be two or more Masses as required to safely cater for our Young People who wish to receive the sacrament this year. Please remember to keep all our young people in your prayers as they make these preparations.

First Holy Communion - Year 4 and above:

Parents of children in Year 4 and above, who have not yet made their First Holy Communion - please look out for more information in the coming weeks - but for your diaries, the date of First Holy Communion is planned for **Saturday 12th June**, when we will have to celebrate more than one Mass to comply with covid-safe regulations

Spark Social Justice:

People under 30 who are passionate about social justice are invited to send in a 2 minute video about issues which concern them. £25 will be paid for every video used on social media. Go to: jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Justice & Peace Spark:

As part of our SPARK Social Justice project, aimed at 18-30-year-olds in the Leeds Diocese, we are offering people in this age group the opportunity to be sponsored to attend the Catholic National Justice & Peace Network (NJPN) Conference in July of this year. We have funding to sponsor about ten people.

I know that younger generations are just as passionate about issues of social justice as older generations. The NJPN Conference this year is about our Climate Emergency and what more we can do, as Church, to take up the challenge of Pope Francis in 'Laudato Si'. This scheme provides the opportunity to let younger people in the diocese, the people who will be most affected by our changing climate, lead us towards a new vision of how we can live sustainably with all other life on Earth, and to consider what actions we should be taking in our parishes and schools.

The Conference theme is "Action for Life on Earth". The Conference Chair for the weekend is Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD. The conference will include a number of keynote speakers, various workshops and Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, will be the lead celebrant at the main conference mass. It takes place from teatime on Friday 23 July to lunchtime on Sunday 25 July at the Christian Conference Centre in Swanwick.

In the company of many catholic social justice activists from across England and Wales, this conference offers a unique opportunity to share hopes and fears about our future and be inspired to take action, based firmly on Church teaching.

Anyone who is interested just needs to go to our website, www.leedsjp.org.uk and follow the link to the webpage with more details and the online application form.

With warmest regards, John Battle,
Chair: Diocese of Leeds Justice & Peace Commission

Short Online Course on the Early Church:

The Church that Follows Jesus Christ, covering the early life of the Church leading to the Council of Nicea

(325CE) is now available as six 30-minute recordings available on the diocesan website at: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/finding-out-more/resources/

Encountering the Risen Jesus:

A series of 5 reflections taking place on Zoom on Mondays 7-8pm, beginning 12 April. Led by Fr Mark Jarmuz these will explore the varied responses to the resurrection of: the women who followed Jesus (12 April), Peter (19 April), the disciples (26 April), Emmaus (10 May) and the beloved disciple (17 May). For further details and Zoom invitation, please email: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

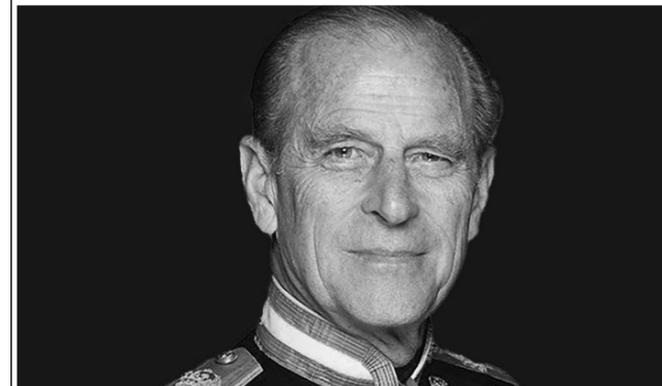
Catholic Care Community Response Service:

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.

Vacancy:

In the Diocesan Finance Department for an Accounts Assistant to provide accounting and clerical support to a small dynamic team based in Hinsley Hall. Please contact john.moran@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for a full job description and an outline of the application process. Closing date for applications Friday 14 May 2021.

Homily of the Archbishop of Westminster:



Today our Royal Family is grieving. Their beloved Prince Philip has died, their faithful rock. Today we mourn his death. We pray for him, and for every member of that family, but especially for Her Majesty the Queen.

Every family in grief needs comfort and support, and none more so than a grieving wife, our Queen. May our prayers contribute to her comfort and support.

I recall so clearly the words of her Christmas Message to us all last year. She said: 'The teachings of Christ have always served as my inner light.' How much she will cherish that inner light today! How much we pray that this light of Christ will give her consolation, warmth and hope.

Her message last Christmas was about darkness and light. She spoke of the darkness of the months of almost total lockdown that we were living through at that time. She spoke of 'Jesus, the light of the world' and the light given by so many who, in selfless duty put the lives of others above their own.

Surely these words of Her Majesty may be applied to

her beloved husband, Prince Philip. His long, long life is marked by many achievements. They are being gratefully recalled in these days: achievements for young people, for engineering, for the environment, in the defence of our nation, for so many charitable causes. Yet it is for his selfless loyalty to the Queen and his tireless, generous sense of duty and service for which we give the most heartfelt thanks. Inspired by his Christian faith, and, I believe, by the example of his extraordinary mother, Princess Alice, the service given by Prince Philip will long be an inspiration to us all. Little wonder that, as they celebrated their Golden Jubilee, Her Majesty spoke of him as her 'constant strength and stay'.

His long life has also been marked by great sadness and difficulties, as is often the case in family life. Yet, for this family, it has all been played out in the glare of publicity. I hope there is much consolation in the words of St Paul when he says: 'I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us', the freedom and glory of the children of God (Rom.8.18-21).

An abiding memory of mine is the sight of Prince Philip, standing for hours on end, upright and alert, in the cold and pouring rain on that long celebratory Pageant on the River Thames, marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. How he must have longed to take shelter. But he did not. A steadfast and indomitable spirit marked every one of his seventy years of service. For this we thank God and pray that he may now rest in peace.

But peace and rest are not the whole story. No, the promises made by Jesus and handed on to us by St John, are more rich and fulfilling. Jesus says: 'This is the will of him who sent me that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me' (John 6.39). Yes, nothing of the gifts given to this Prince Philip, from his strength of spirit, sharpness of phrase, kindness of heart, shall be lost. Indeed the promise of Jesus is so explicit: 'It is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life and that I shall raise him up on the last day' (John 6.40). This promise of the Lord is made good, guaranteed, by his victory over death, celebrated in this Easter Feast. Yes, he is risen. He alone has the ultimate victory over death. He alone is able and so willing to share this victory with every one of us.

This is the fullness of the light brought into the world by Jesus. It is a light that brings hope, even in the darkest night, as Her Majesty said last Christmas. This light and hope, we pray, will now soften the sadness of our Royal Family and lead them through the darkness of their loss and grief.

I pray that as we too mourn the loss of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, we too will remember these promises of the Lord and cling to them in steadfast hope. We are saddened by his going; we thank God for the gifts given to us through his example; we are strong in our faith that he will rise to the life of glory in the presence of God, the glory for which he has been created. Therein lies everlasting royalty, everlasting praise, everlasting joy.

Eternal rest grant to him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols Archbishop of Westminster