



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****

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
Tuesday 27th April	Weekday of Easter
	7.00pm Mass (Jonathan Baylis [Birthday Thanksgiving])
Wednesday 28th April	Weekday of Easter
	9.30am Mass (Robert Collinson [A])
Thursday 29th April	St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe
	9.30am Mass (Private Intention)
Friday 30th April	Weekday of Easter
	9.30am Mass (Alan Geldart [RIP])
Sunday 2nd May 2021	Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Canon Phil Fitzgerald [RIP])
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Chris, Nick, Helen & Kate [Sp Int])
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer

We Pray For...

We pray for Pope Francis, and for all members of the Church, that we may care for each other with the spirit of the Good Shepherd. *Lord, hear us...*

On this Vocations Sunday, we pray for those whom God is calling to serve him in the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, in marriage and in the single life. May all the baptised sense their call with greater clarity and have the courage to respond generously. *Lord, hear us...*

For Bishop Marcus and all the priests of our diocese - that they might be renewed in faith and continue to be good shepherds of the people of God with truth, charity and joy. *Lord, hear us...*

For all seminarians and students for the diaconate in our diocese. May the Lord bless them and guide them as they prepare for ordination. *Lord, hear us...*

For all who are sick at home or in hospital – and for all who serve others to bring healing and restoration. *Lord, hear us...*

For those who have died recently, and for all who mourn them, May Christ the Good shepherd welcome them into his fold. *Lord hear us...*

Father accept these prayers and may we never grow indifferent to the needs of your people, through Christ our Lord.



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:

Robert Collinson (A).

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:

Please keep our young people in your prayers this week as they prepare to make their First Confession on Wednesday. All those who are involved already have the details of the service they are attending, and I look forward to celebrating the sacrament with you this week!

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

The Logos & Literature - Elaborating the Divine:

A series of online evening talks exploring some of the great themes of Catholic Christianity in writing old and new, with Catholic scholars and contemporary authors. Every second Thursday at 7:30pm from 29th April. For info and registration:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/logos-and-literature/>

Day of Recollection for the Year of Saint Joseph:

St Patrick's Elland, Saturday 1st May, 9am-3pm. Begins with Extraordinary form Mass, reflections, devotions, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Booking essential, please email Fr Michael Hall at michael.hall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or text: 07525 419806.

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.

Catholic Care: Hypnobirthing for the Community:

Hypnobirthing supports women and their partners to find ways to manage any anxiety and fear they may have around birth. Catholic Care uses the Wise Hippo programme, studied by many NHS professionals. Their deep relaxation techniques reduce stress during pregnancy, birth and help to manage pain. This can be helpful no matter how you choose to birth your baby. Belief and trust create confidence, allowing you to have the right birth for you. Suitable from 20 weeks pregnant onwards. The programme will be delivered initially on-line and then in person when allowed. We envisage that it will take between 4-7 weeks to complete all the programme depending on the length of the sessions. All participants will receive a handbook and access to a range of online mp3 tracks video clip and support information. If you're interested in attending a course, please contact Janet Kent at Catholic Care at Janet.kent@catholic-care.org.uk or 07739975008

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.

Vacancy for Headteacher:

Headteacher required for St. Mary's Primary School, Batley. Closing date: 4th May 2021. Interview date: 13th May 2021. Please contact Mrs. Annette Crowther, Email: a-crowther@stmarysbatley.co.uk to arrange a confidential discussion regarding the school, the post and to arrange a visit to the school.

Vacancy for Payroll Manager:

A Payroll Manager is required for the Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust. £31,346 - £35,745 - NJC Scale PO1 / PO2 (up to PO2 for experienced candidate) Full time, 37 hours a week, permanent - immediate start available. Further information: www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies/ Closing date: Monday 3 May 2021 - 12.00 noon.

An Appeal to Parishes - to Respond to the Environmental Crisis:

"We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world." (Laudato Si para 212)

UK Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill

This Bill was tabled by Caroline Lucas, Green Party leader, and is supported by MPs of all parties, and by organisations like Green Christian and Operation Noah. With the local elections coming up, parishioners are invited to bring the bill to the attention of candidates with these two steps:

- 1) On the [CEE Bill Campaign site](http://www.cee-bill-campaign.org.uk), you will find a website where you can enter your postcode to find your local election candidates.
- 2) You can use a template or your own words (short and simple might work best) to ask all of them to support the Bill.

You can also write to your MP. Ask them to support the CEE Bill, and remember to include your address and phone number to show that you are in their constituency.

The G7 Summit 2021

The G7 Summit is the annual meeting of the Group of Seven leaders. It is an intergovernmental organisation made up of the world's largest developed economies: France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada. Invitations are extended to the EU, the UN, China, India, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, South Korea and to the leaders of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

It is to take place from 11-13th June in Cornwall. Background information can be found through our website. Besides the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, leaders are expected to address trade, climate change, and technological changes. The **G7 Official Page** invites comments from the public. The email address for your comments is: G7correspondence@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

- Point out that the G7 members must:
- Commit to ending destructive and polluting businesses and agriculture
- Promote sustainable businesses and agriculture
- Commit to zero carbon emissions

Mention any other environmental issues that you're concerned about. Remember, short and simple makes your letter easy to read.

Thank you - David Jackson, LAUDATO SI ANIMATOR in the Diocese of Leeds

Post-Pandemic Recovery in the Church:

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments. The Bishops met for their Spring plenary meeting from 19 - 22 April 2021. In a reflection entitled *The Day of the Lord*, the Bishops also praise families, parish communities and those who have worked tirelessly in hospitals, care homes, schools and prisons during these challenging times of ill-health, grief and isolation.

The full text of this document is available at: <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/04/Day-of-the-Lord-220421.pdf>

(I will attempt to include a digest of this document in next week's bulletin. - Fr Stephen)