



# Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Church Bilton, Harrogate



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*“As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling.” Pope Francis*

## SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 11th July 2021</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B</b>
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Brian Gallagher [LD])
	8.00am Mass Alan Geldart [RIP]
	11.00am Mass (PARISH)
	<b>2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 13th July</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
	7.00pm Mass (Margaret Boyle [A])
<b>Wednesday 14th July</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
<b>Thursday 15th July</b>	<b>St Bonaventure, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
	9.30am Mass (James Aherne [LD])
<b>Friday 16th July</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
	9.30am Mass (Helena Ford [B'day Thanksgiving])
<b>Sunday 18th July 2021</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B</b>
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Pearl Molloy [A])
	8.00am Mass (...)
	11.00am Mass (...)
	<b>2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer</b>

### We Pray For...

Let us pray for the Church, for our Holy Father Pope Francis, for our Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and for those who serve as chaplains, ship visitors and volunteers of Stella Maris. *Lord hear us...*

Let us pray for all who govern us, that God may grant them wisdom and compassion. We pray today that governments and international bodies may enact and enforce laws that promote the welfare of seafarers and fishers, whose rights and dignity are too often overlooked. *Lord hear us...*

This is the year of St Joseph, who Pope Francis describes as 'a working father, a father in the shadows'. Let us pray for all those who labour unseen, especially for those seafarers whose toil on far-off oceans is vital and yet so rarely noticed, as they work hard to transport the world's goods and to provide income for their own families. *Lord hear us...*

Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs to anoint sick people with oil and cure them. Let us pray for all those who are sick, for those who have been injured in accidents onboard ships, for those who are illtreated and frightened at sea or on land, and for the sick of our own parish: *Lord hear us...*

Let us pray for our own parish and community, and especially for anyone who is in need. We remember all seafarers and fishers and their families and ask God to comfort those who feel lonely and far from loved ones. *Lord hear us...*

We pray for all those who have died, especially members of our own family and community, and for all those lost at sea. We remember the dead of our parish: *Lord hear us...*

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

**Mass Intentions Received Recently:**

Brian Gallagher (LD); Helena Ford (B'day Thanksgiving); Special Intention (C); Elizabeth Costar (B'day A); Margaret Boyle (A); Antonio Mese (RIP).

**This Weekend:**

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's retiring collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

**Thank You from CAFOD:**

All through these difficult times, families and individuals in our parish have held out the hand of friendship to sisters and brothers in our global family. Whether you donated to the Coronavirus Appeal, joined in with Children's Liturgy LIVE, took part in the Walk for Water challenge or campaigned to Cancel the Debt we just wanted to say a MASSIVE thank you. If you or someone you know has been involved with promoting CAFOD in our parish community, please ask them to contact Bronagh Daly, your local CAFOD worker in the Diocese of Leeds [leeds@cafod.org.uk](mailto:leeds@cafod.org.uk) to help keep our list of CAFOD parish contacts up to date.

**Vacancies:**

St Mary's Menston Inclusion Support Team have some new support roles available to start in September 2021. Further details on the post available, including job descriptions and personal specifications can be found on our school website. [www.stmarysmenston.org/vacancies](http://www.stmarysmenston.org/vacancies)

**St Patrick's Mission Fundraiser:**

Three peaks challenge on 7th August and One peak challenge on 3rd July. More information: visit: <https://www.stpatricksmisson.co.uk/events>

**The Briery Zoom Meditation:**

Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. We open at 7.15pm for a chat and start promptly at 7.30pm. It is a simple format of praying with the Sunday Mass Readings and sharing in small groups. To Join Briery Thursday Meditation go to Zoom and use the following log-on details: Meeting ID: 834 3658 3706 Passcode: 977049

**Following Jesus - Discipleship in the New Testament: 12th-17th July** – Fr Donald Senior, CP, presents a live streamed retreat. Participants can be residential at the Briery from 12th-17th July with full board and en-suite accommodation (offering £400) or receive the link at home (offering £200). For further details and a booking form please email: [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com) or telephone: 01943 607287.

**Counselling Service:**

Catholic Care are offering a free and confidential counselling service to members of our Catholic community, if you free that you, a family member or friend might benefit from counselling support please contact us on 01133885400, 07739975008 or email [counselling@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:counselling@catholic-care.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.

**Chasing the Wind – Philosophy, The Bible, and the Problem of Evil:**

A series of 5 talks by Dr Gregory Stacey, exploring accessible responses to the claim that the existence of evil makes belief in God irrational, will take place via Zoom on Monday nights from 7.00 - 8.00pm, beginning on 14th June. For information and Zoom invitations, please email [gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**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/](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/finding-out-more/resources/)

**Exploring Vatican II: A New Diocesan Resource:**

The Second Vatican Council has had a profound influence on the life, teaching and worship of the Catholic church and yet – as Pope Benedict XVI so rightly pointed out – the Council's documents are *hardly ever read by anyone!*

Fr Mark Jarmuz has written a short six-session course, offering an introduction to the themes and teachings of the Council documents, as well as points for reflection. It is suitable either for personal or group use and can be found at: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/finding-out-more/resources/>

**Vacancies:**

Sacred Heart Ilkley are looking for 2 inspirational, experienced teachers for September 2021. The teaching posts are for 2 days a week in Y5 and a full-time position in our Y3/4 class. Please see the advert and documents on the school website at [www.sacredheartilkley.org](http://www.sacredheartilkley.org)

**Sea Sunday - Stella Maris:**

Sea Sunday is a special time for Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. This is the day every year when the church celebrates and prays for all those who live and work at sea.

As a global maritime charity, Stella Maris has been playing a crucial role in supporting seafarers and fishers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and is continuing to offer spiritual and practical help to those most in need. It has been well-documented how India has been struggling with a devastating second wave of coronavirus. Thousands have been dying on the streets as hospitals there find themselves running out of oxygen.

Now, though, more than 1,000 Indian seafarers' families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic will benefit from support in the port of Cochin.

Through Stella Maris's involvement, 10 oxygenators are being purchased. This will prevent an estimated 60 lives a month being lost to the virus, amid a drastic shortage of oxygen tanks in hospitals.

With the charity's and its donors' support, 1,100 food parcels are also being purchased and distributed to seafarers' families in Cochin devastated by COVID-19. Each parcel is sufficient to feed a family of five for one month.

Pandemic precautions in the United Kingdom have also led to the charity adopting different approaches to its work with seafarers and fishers around the UK.

For example, Stella Maris chaplains have delivered welfare packages to vessels' gangways or via rope links to ships to maintain social distancing protocols. These packages comprise essentials such as PPE equipment, clothing, toiletries and foodstuffs.

Seafarers have expressed their gratitude for being able to stay in touch with their families, through Stella Maris' provision of internet access in ports thanks to Wi-Fi Units.

When this has not been possible, top-up cards for mobile phones have been provided to seafarers by the charity. These have been invaluable to seafarers. Captain Flover Santos, the Master of a tanker, expressed his thanks, when Stella Maris in Tees port provided top-up cards to the crew who were not allowed to leave their ship to go ashore at any of the ports at which they were calling.

"You help us to connect with our families. You guys are truly friends, and an instrument of God," he said.

**Seafarers need help now more than ever.**

A survey Stella Maris conducted found that 69% of seafarers suffered significant financial impact during the pandemic.

Almost half said they support three or more people with their income, and their top concern was feeding their families.

Financial worries like these and the stress that thousands face from having to spend more than a year on board due to extended contracts or, on the other hand, not having any work at all, has had a negative effect on their mental, emotional, and psychological wellbeing. Adrian Gannon, Director of Development at Stella Maris, has appealed to Catholics throughout the United Kingdom to support Sea Sunday.

He said: "On Sea Sunday this year, we will thank God for the seafarers and fishers who have kept food and medical supplies moving during the pandemic and for the sacrifices they have made over the last year to supply our provisions.

"We will pray to Our Lady, Star of the Sea, to protect them in harsh conditions at sea and from coronavirus.

"We respectfully appeal to parishioners to support our

ministry with fishers and seafarers at this critical time by praying for them on Sea Sunday and kindly making a donation to support our work through our website: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate/](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate/) We will be especially grateful for any support you can kindly provide."

**STELLA MARIS**SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS  
AROUND THE WORLD**Pope Francis 'Doing Well' after Surgery:**

Pope Francis was hospitalised and underwent surgery last Sunday after giving his Angelus address in Rome. The surgery was on his sigmoid colon, the lowest part of the large intestine, the Vatican press office said.

"The Holy Father reacted well to the surgery, which was conducted under general anaesthesia," the press office said in a note issued just before midnight. The statement did not say how long the Pope was expected to stay in the hospital, although Italian surgeons interviewed on television said four to five days is normal. The 84-year-old Pope was admitted to Rome's Gemelli hospital in the afternoon after leading the midday recitation of the Angelus with visitors gathered in St Peter's Square.

The Pope was to undergo "a scheduled surgical intervention for a symptomatic diverticular stenosis of the colon", the Vatican press office said.

Dr Sergio Alfieri, a staff surgeon at the Gemelli who specialises in surgery of the digestive tract and colon, led the surgery, assisted by a team of surgeons.

Stenosis is a narrowing of a passage in the human body. The Vatican's description of the Pope's condition indicated a partial blockage of the lower intestine. It provided no information about the cause or suspected cause of the blockage nor of the symptoms the Pope had been experiencing.

As soon as the Vatican announced the Pope's hospitalisation, get-well messages began being posted on social media.

Italian President Sergio Mattarella, who had just arrived in France when the news broke, sent a telegram, his office said. The president said he and the Italian people were accompanying the Pope with "affectionate thoughts" and wishes for a speedy recovery.

Pope Francis has been generally healthy since becoming Pope in March 2013 except for recurrent bouts of sciatica, which causes sharp pain that radiates along the path of the sciatic nerve, which branches from the lower back through the hips and down each leg. In late December and early January, he missed several events because the pain was so intense.

The Pope also suffered from a pulmonary condition in 1957 at the age of 21 that required him to undergo surgery to remove the upper right lobe of one of his lungs.

Please remember our Holy Father in your prayers as he continues his recovery.