



# 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 18th July 2021</b>	<b>The Dedication of the Cathedral (Diocesan Feast) - Year B</b>
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Pearl Molloy [A])
	8.00am Mass (Holy Souls)
	11.00am Mass (PARISH)
	<b>2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 20th July</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
	7.00pm Mass (Brian Gallagher [LD])
<b>Wednesday 21st July</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
	9.30am Mass (Alan Geldart [B'day A])
	10.45am Requiem Mass for Randolph Gotting
<b>Thursday 22nd July</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>
	9.30am Mass (Holy Souls)
<b>Friday 23rd July</b>	<b>St Bridget of Sweden, Religious &amp; Patron of Europe</b>
	9.30am Mass (St Anthony [Thanksgiving])
<b>Sunday 25th July 2021</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B</b>
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Special Intention [C])
	8.00am Mass (PARISH)
	11.00am Mass (Chris, Helen, Nick & Kate [Sp Int])
	<b>2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer</b>

### We Pray For...

Like a shepherd, the Lord continues to care for us, so we pray with confidence:

For all bishops, priests and ministers — that they may be good shepherds of God's people. *Lord, hear us...*

For Pope Francis, our Holy Father — that he may continue to grow stronger in health. *Lord, hear us...*

For the people and communities in Germany affected by the recent floods. *Lord, hear us...*

For our Young People, their teaching staff and support staff, approaching their summer break from school, that all may be kept safe. *Lord, hear us...*

For all whose lives are and have been affected by COVID-19. *Lord, hear us...*

For the sick, at home or in hospital – and for all who have been shielding because of the pandemic. *Lord, hear us...*

For those who have died recently, among them Randolph Gotting, that he and all the Faithful Departed may dwell in God's house for ever. *Lord, hear us...*

O God, our Shepherd, your goodness and kindness help us every day: Hear our prayers and be with us in our needs, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

### Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Thanksgiving (C); Chris, Helen Nick & Kate (Sp Int); Dorothy Antram (A); Dorothy McEvoy (A); Alan Gedart (B'day A)

### Lifting of Covid Restrictions - What it will mean for us at St Joseph's:

On Monday 12th July, the Prime Minister outlined his plans for the lifting of Covid Restrictions in England as from 19th July. Whilst we welcome further progress in the fight against Covid-19 and a return to near normal, we have been advised by both the Government and the Bishops of England and Wales to continue to proceed with caution.

Covid-19 infection rates continue to rise all over the country, and particularly so here in Harrogate, and so in the coming weeks we shall proceed as follows:

- The advance booking system for Mass will be suspended – please come to Mass without booking but check-in on arrival by either using the NHS Covid App and scan the QR code upon entry, or else one person from each family/group must leave their name and telephone number for the Track and Trace system.
- A Steward will welcome you, and check your temperature as at present, and you should continue to use the hand sanitiser upon entering and again upon leaving the Church.
- Once in Church, the Bishops request that face coverings still be worn, both as a safety measure against the spread of the virus and as a consideration to others attending Mass; we could possibly see the return of some of our more vulnerable parishioners, as well as higher numbers attending.
- Once upstairs in Church please select a bench for you (or your group) to sit in – please remember to fill up from the end (and not the middle) of the bench, to allow for groups or individuals to fill up spaces as necessary. All benches will be re-opened.
- Congregational singing during the Mass can resume, and so will now be re-instated at the 11.00am Sunday Morning Mass. Hymnbooks can be used, and then 'quarantined' between uses.
- Livestreaming of Mass will continue as is at the present time, as the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will not be re-instated until Advent Sunday 2021.
- The present 'one-way' system in Church shall be maintained, and Stewards will guide people to move forward to receive Holy Communion (or a blessing). Holy Communion will still be administered under just one kind (the Host).
- We are encouraged by the Bishops to continue receiving Holy Communion onto the hand – but to receive the host on the tongue is permissible.
- Please observe the directions of Stewards at Holy Communion and also at the end of Mass, to ensure safer movement around our Church.

The Church will be sanitised after each use, as it is presently, by our team of Stewards and to whom I am immensely grateful for their dedication and help over this past year...without their generosity, I would not

have been able to open the Church for anyone to attend these past 12 months – Thank you all! If you would like to become part of our Stewards' rota, please contact Elaine Flanagan or speak to any of the Stewards after Mass.

Please be aware that this is a dynamic assessment of the present situation, and may have to change again, in the future. Let us all work with and for each other in these coming weeks and months, and continue our prayers for all whose lives are being and have been affected by Covid-19.

Fr Stephen Webb PP

### Parish Accounts and Financial Statement 2020/21:

Bishop Marcus has recently signed off the Diocesan Accounts and we can now report on St Joseph's Parish Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. As we all know it has been a difficult year with limits on those who can attend Mass and the resulting loss of Offertory income, fortunately many Parishioners have continued their support through bank payments, cheques and envelopes. Although we are reporting a deficit this year against last year's surplus, thanks to your generosity the Parish has been able to meet in full all our responsibilities to support Fr Stephen's ministry in our local Catholic community and beyond as well as payments towards the cost of running the Diocese. In addition, much needed repairs and maintenance has been carried out on the Presbytery and live streaming installed in Church.

In summary our income and expenditure is as below:

	2021	2020
<b>Income</b>	£67,696	£93,966
Expenditure	£66,188	£76,529
Repayments to Diocese	£ 9,362	£12,046
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£75,550</b>	<b>£88,575</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(£ 7,854)</b>	<b>£ 5391</b>

A sheet showing further details has been placed on the notice board in the Church entrance and copies are available for those who wish to study it more. A slide presentation explaining the accounts is being prepared and once it is available it will be downloadable from the Parish website. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please ask John Tweddle who will be do his best to answer them.

### Good News in Leeds – House of Questions Exhibition:

*If you could ask one question of God, what would it be?* On Wednesday 21st July until Wednesday 28th July, Leeds Church Institutes Bursary recipients bring an immersive and explorative exhibition to the Church of the Epiphany 227, Beech Lane Leeds LS9 6SW.

The Exhibition begins with a launch, includes a pilgrimage and workshops, delivered by the works of visual artist Phill Hopkins and supported by community theologian Dr Charlotte Naylor Davis who began with the brief of exploring good news in Leeds and people's experience of lockdown. As we come out of the current lockdown period this exhibition provides an opportunity to reflect on the past year and challenge and inspire our questions to God.

At the heart of the installation is the question, 'If you could ask one question of God or about religion, what would it be?' This immersive and engaging exhibition will encourage you to find your way to respond to the question. The exhibition is facilitated by workshops delivered by Charlotte inviting people to reflect on their encounters, beliefs and experiences. A fascinating and insightful workshop which focuses on questions from the people of Leeds and includes responses from the Church on Black Lives Matter as well pertinent health and wellbeing issues occurring during the pandemic.

All are welcome to attend.

To find out more visit: [www.lcileeds.org](http://www.lcileeds.org)

The exhibition programme is:

- 21st July (6-8pm) Launch Event
  - 22 – 24th July Exhibition Open
  - 24th July (10am) House of Question Pilgrimage
  - 28th July Workshops with Dr Charlotte Naylor Davis
- Full event times and booking info can be found here: <https://lcileeds.org/events>

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

### 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/](https://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/>

### POPE FRANCIS – ANGELUS:

*"A. Gemelli" University Hospital  
Sunday, 11 July 2021*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
*Buongiorno!*

I am glad to be able to keep the Sunday Angelus appointment, even here from "Gemelli" Polyclinic. I thank you all: I have felt your closeness and the support of your prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! The Gospel passage we read today in the Liturgy recounts that Jesus' disciples, sent by him, "anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them" (Mk 6:13). This "oil" also makes us think of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which gives comfort to spirit and body. But this "oil" is also listening, the closeness, the care, the tenderness of those who take care of the sick person: it is like a caress that makes you feel better, soothes your pain and cheers you up. All of us, all, need this "anointing" of closeness and tenderness sooner or later, and we can all give it to someone else, with a visit, a phone call, a hand outstretched to someone who needs help. Let us remember that, in the protocol of the final judgment — Matthew 25 — one of the things they will ask us will be about closeness to the sick.

In these days of hospitalization, I experienced once again how important is good healthcare that is accessible to all, as there is in Italy and in other countries. Free healthcare, that assures good service, accessible to everyone. This precious benefit must not be lost. It needs to be kept! And for this everyone needs to be committed, because it helps everyone and requires everyone's contribution. In the Church too it happens that at times some healthcare institution, due to poor management, does not do well economically, and the first thought that comes to mind is to sell it. But vocation in the Church, is not to have money; it is to offer service, and service is always freely given. Do not forget this: saving free institutions.

I would like to express my appreciation and my encouragement to the doctors and all the healthcare workers and staff of this and of other hospitals. They work so hard! And let us pray for all the sick. Here there are some friends, sick children.... Why do children suffer? Why children suffer is a question that touches the heart. Accompany them with prayer and pray for all those who are sick, especially for those in the most difficult conditions: may no one be left alone, may everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness, tenderness and care. Let us ask this through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, Health of the Sick.

Francis