



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

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

Sunday 4th July 2021	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Our Altar Servers [Thanksgiving])
	8.00am Mass (Unberto Burdon [Sp Int])
	11.00am Mass (PARISH)
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer
Tuesday 6th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	7.00pm Mass (Holy Souls)
Wednesday 7th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (C. Farr [A])
Thursday 8th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (James Aherne [LD])
Friday 9th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	9.30am Mass (Margaret McKee [RIP])
Sunday 11th July 2021	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
	4.30pm - 5.00pm (Sat Eve) Confessions
	5.30pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass (Brian Gallagher [LD])
	8.00am Mass (...)
	11.00am Mass (...)
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Church Open for Private Prayer

We Pray For...

My brothers and sisters, let us pray for a renewed faith in God's providence among all people as we intercede for those who are in need, for healing and unity in the Church and for the salvation of all people.

For the Church, called to hear Christ in the voice of today's prophets; for all Church leaders and missionaries who proclaim God's truth even in the midst of rejection and disbelief; and for those who give witness by word and action to Jesus in their families and community. *Lord, in your mercy...*

For political and corporate leaders who are responsible for the economic development of countries and corporations; for refugees and all exiled from their homes and families; and for all who speak for the cause of life, justice and peace; *Lord, in your mercy...*

For the injured, the suffering and the sick, for all facing pain and agony; and for those questioning their faith in the Church these days. *Lord, in your mercy...*

For the spiritual and physical well-being and renewal of all parishioners; for those who have died recently, especially: Darryl Wood, and for all who are in mourning. *Lord, in your mercy...*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give us a prophet's heart and wisdom to witness and proclaim your loving plan of salvation through Christ your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Brian Gallagher (LD); James Aherne (LD) x2.

Diocese of Leeds Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Join Our Spiritual Pilgrimage 3rd to 7th July 2021

Once again, although unable to travel on our Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Bishop Marcus, Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage Director Fr Phillip Hall and our newly-appointed Executive Manager for the Pilgrimage, Kim O'Connor are pleased to welcome you to our Spiritual Pilgrimage.

Join us from Saturday 3rd July to Wednesday 7th July when in addition to online celebrations of Mass and Devotions from the Blessed Grotto via <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> there will be a special Mass at Leeds Cathedral dedicated to the Lourdes Pilgrimage, which will be celebrated by Bishop Marcus at 11am on Sunday 4th July, and can be accessed online via www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk. This year, pilgrims can also meet in person: at 3pm on Sunday 4 July, praying the Rosary in the Grotto at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Moortown, will be followed by Mass.

Together with Diocese of Leeds Youth Director, Fr Marc Homsey, Kim has put together this year's schedule of events for our Spiritual Pilgrimage, which is available on the diocesan website – but at any time, though, we can all join Lourdes Pilgrims in making this Prayer:

O ever immaculate Virgin,
Mother of Mercy,
Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners,
Comforter of the Afflicted,
you know my wants, my troubles,
my sufferings.

Look upon me with mercy.

When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes,
you made it a privileged sanctuary
where you dispense your favours,
and where many sufferers have obtained

The cure of their infirmities,
both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence
to implore your maternal intercession.

My loving Mother, obtain my request.

I will try to imitate your virtues

so that I may one day share your company
and bless you in eternity. Amen.

Caritas Leeds:

Caritas Leeds is holding a virtual workshop on Restorative Justice, as a means of helping both the victim and perpetrator of crime on Thursday 8th July @ 5.30pm Booking is through the link on the website: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/caritas/

Deanery Day of Renewal:

On Saturday 10th July 2.00pm to 4.00pm on-line. Speaker Pastor David Bolton. There will be: praise and worship - Pastor Bolton talk on "The Ascension of Christ" - sharing groups for reflection - intercessory prayers and farewells. To register please e-mail Val at: vmese@hotmail.co.uk the zoom access will be sent to you on the day.

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

The Leeds Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies:

The CCRS is a new course, exploring Catholic faith, education, and spirituality, will be offered by the Diocese and Leeds Trinity University from Autumn 2021. An online information evening, on 22nd June (7.00pm - 8.00pm), will introduce the course in detail. Email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information

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 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.

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

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/

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

Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul Pope Francis: The Angelus

Saint Peter's Square - Tuesday, 29 June 2021

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

At the heart of today's Gospel (*Mt 16:13-19*) the Lord asks the disciples a decisive question: "Who do you say that I am?" (v. 15). It is the crucial question that Jesus repeats to us today: "Who am I to you?". *Who am I to you*, who have accepted faith but are still afraid to set sail on my Word? *Who am I to you*, who have been a Christian for such a long time but, worn out by habit, have lost your first love? *Who am I to you*, who are going through a difficult time and need to rouse yourself in order to begin again? Jesus asks: *Who am I to you?* Let us give Him an answer today, but an answer that comes from the heart. All of us, let us give Him an answer that comes from the heart.

Prior to this question, Jesus asked the disciples another one: "Who do people say that I am?" (cf. v. 13). It was a test to find out opinions about Him and the fame He enjoyed, but notoriety does not interest Jesus, it was not that kind of test. So, why did He ask the question? To underline a difference, which is *the fundamental difference of Christian life*. There are those who stop at the first question, opinions, and talk *about Jesus*; and there are those who, instead, talk *to Jesus*, bringing their life to Him, entering into a relationship with Him, making the decisive step. This is what interests the Lord: to be at the centre of our thoughts, to become the reference point of our affections; to be, in short, the love of our lives. Not the opinions we have of Him; that does not interest Him. He is interested in our love, whether He is in our heart.

The Saints we celebrate today took that step and became *witnesses*. The step from opinion to having Jesus in their heart: witnesses. They were not *admirers*, but *imitators* of Jesus. They were not spectators, but rather protagonists of the Gospel. They believed not in words, but in deeds. Peter did not speak about mission, he lived the mission, he was a fisher of men; Paul did not write learned books, but letters of what he lived as he travelled and bore witness. Both spent their lives for the Lord and for their brothers. And they provoke us, because we run the risk of stalling at the first question: of giving views and opinions, of having grand ideas and saying beautiful words, but never putting them into action. And Jesus wants us to put ourselves on the line. How often, for example, we say that we would like a Church that is more faithful to the Gospel, closer to the people, more prophetic and missionary, but then, in practice, we do nothing! It is sad to see that many speak,

comment and debate, but few bear witness. Witnesses do not lose themselves in words, but rather they bear fruit. Witnesses do not complain about others and the world, but they start with themselves. They remind us that *God is not to be demonstrated, but shown*, by one's own witness; not announced with proclamations but shown by example. This is called "putting your life on the line".

However, looking at the lives of Peter and Paul, an objection might arise: they were both witnesses, but they were not always exemplary - they were sinners! Peter denied Jesus and Paul persecuted the Christians. But - here is the point - they also bore witness to their failures. Saint Peter, for example, could have said to the Evangelists: "Do not write down the mistakes I have made", make a Gospel for fun. But no, his story comes out naked, it comes out raw in the Gospels, with all its miseries. Saint Paul does the same, recounting mistakes and weaknesses in his letters. This is where his witness begins: with the truth about himself, with the fight against his own duplicity and falsehood. The Lord can do great things through us when we are not careful to defend our image, but are transparent with Him and with others. Today, dear brothers and sisters, the Lord is questioning us. And His question is the same one - *Who am I to you?* It delves into us. Through His witnesses Peter and Paul He urges us to take off our masks, to renounce half-measures, the excuses that make us lukewarm and mediocre. May Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, help us in this. May she enkindle in us the desire to bear witness to Jesus.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

The day after tomorrow, 1 July, a special day of prayer and reflection will take place in the Vatican. Together with the Heads of all the Churches present in the Land of the Cedars, we will let ourselves be inspired by the Word of the Scripture that says: "The Lord has plans for peace" (*Jer 29: 11*). I invite you all to join spiritually with us, praying that praying that Lebanon may recover from the serious crisis it is going through and show the world once again its face of peace and hope.

And today marks an anniversary that touches the hearts of us all: 70 years ago, Pope Benedict was ordained a priest. To you, Benedict, dear father and brother, goes our affection, our gratitude and our closeness. He lives in the monastery, a place intended to house the contemplative communities here in the Vatican, so that they could pray for the Church. He is now the contemplative of the Vatican, who spends his life praying for the Church and for the diocese of Rome, of which he is bishop emeritus. Thank you, Benedict, dear father and brother. Thank you for your credible witness. Thank you for your gaze, constantly directed towards the horizon of God: thank you!

I warmly greet you all, pilgrims from Italy and from various countries; but today I address myself in a special way to the people of Rome, on the feast of our Patron Saints. I bless you, dear Romans! I wish every good to the city of Rome: that, thanks to the commitment of all of you, of all citizens, it may be liveable and welcoming, that no one may be excluded, that children and the elderly may be cared for, that there may be work and that it may be dignified, and that the poor and the last may be at the centre of political and social projects. I pray for this. And you too, dear faithful of Rome, pray for your Bishop. Thank you.