



St Joseph's Catholic Church

Founded 1460

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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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Christ The King

Bishop Thornton

No Public Masses until further notice

St Joseph's Confessions

None until further notice

Pateley Bridge

Fr Maurice will say a strictly private Mass at the usual times:

Sunday & Weekdays 09.30am

Markenfield Hall

No public services until further notice

Parishioners can be in **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** during these Masses. Although once again Masses cannot now be attended locally, at Our Lady Immaculate Pateley Bridge and St Joseph's Bishop Thornton, parishioners during this period. The Bishops have given people a dispensation from attending Sunday Mass, and can watch Mass on T.V. or a computer, but there is no obligation to do this.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL

To participate online, please access the following YouTube channel which, will be live each Sunday until further notice:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mJG56L23o&ab_channel=LeedsCathedral

The Readings and Gospel for today
<https://universalis.com/>

The closure of the church is in line with current Government guidance which can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

Spiritual Communion

Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen

NO MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN

Please see the message about the closure of St Joseph's Church, Bishop Thornton during the National Lockdown between 5 November and 2 December 2020

<https://www.stjosephsbishopthornton.co.uk/no-masses-at-st-josephs-church-during-lockdown/>

Fr Maurice's Message

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King by acknowledging our sinfulness, accepting death and bowing to God's judging of us. Today's gospel is the last judgement; let's put our faith in God's mercy, rather than in our ability to do good. Today's feast marks the end of the Church's year; next Sunday we begin Advent when we start to think of the coming of Christ into our lives. At Christmas we will celebrate the coming of Christ into our world as a real historical event. How do you envisage celebrating Christmas this year? Will coming to Mass be part of it? It looks as if it will be the case that we will not be in lockdown at Christmas, although we can't be certain of this. Let's hope we can celebrate Mass in church on Christmas day. Because of limited numbers of people in church due to the coronavirus, the bishop has suggested we think in terms of the Octave of Christmas. The Church thinks of itself as celebrating Christmas day on each of the eight days beginning 25 December and ending on 1 January. The bishop is suggesting that if we think in terms of the Octave of Christmas it opens the possibility to a lot more people coming to Mass on Christmas day than if we restrict Christmas day to the 25 December. It could be the case that many of you will simply not be coming to Mass this Christmas, and this is perfectly understandable. However, the task of working out a Christmas time-table of Masses this year is going to be difficult. Let me know what you are thinking.

Cycle of Prayer

Throughout Ordinary Time: Autumn we are asked to pray for the following intentions:

- The Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation
- Students and Teachers
- The Spread of the Gospel
- Justice and Peace in the World
- Prisoners and their Families
- All Victims of War - Young People

Anniversaries

Catherine & Victor Craggs, Ellen & Bernard Kennedy, Bill (William) Parker, Florence Parker, Patrick Waldron, Henry Thompson, Henry Thompson, Ellen Slinger, Mgr Edward Heeran, Fr Henry Tattan, Jim Kennedy, Fr Hubert Mc Namara, Kathleen Gilmartin, Gemma Giblin, James Wilcock, Maureen Wilson, Shirley D'Crus.

Recently Deceased

Patty Smith, Eugene Hassett.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed Through the mercy of God Rest in peace. Amen

100 Club Draw

The draw took place on Sunday 1st Nov and the winner was Mary Atkinson of the £82 prize, with ticket No 30.

Monthly Standing Orders £780.00 est
Many thanks for your generosity.

Please consider texting CHURCH BT to 70500 to contribute £5 to the Offertory of our Parish, or See the DONATE link at the top of the parish website -

<https://www.stjosephsbishopthornton.co.uk/>

Parish Database

St Joseph's is setting up a parish database as a list of parishioners does not currently exist. If you would like to add your details to the Parish database, please email Helen Jordan on helen.jordan.farming@btinternet.com or telephone on 07957112753. You do not have to have an email address or the internet to be registered on the database. If you wish, you can have the Bulletin sent to you (or someone else who can print it off on your behalf) by weekly email. Thanks. Helen Jordan

Fr Maurice asks us to support

Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit <http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk> to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

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Any news & information for the next bulletin, email: michaelhcoglan@googlemail.com