



Bridget's Image

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Founded 1460

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Fifth Sunday in Easter

15th of May 2022

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Fr Maurice Belated Birthday wishes for 29th April

Bishop Thornton

Fr Maurice will be saying Masses here at St Joseph's, at the usual times

Sunday 15th May 9.30am

Tuesday 17th May 9.30am

Thursday 19th May 9.30pm

Pateley Bridge

Fr Maurice will be saying Masses at Mary Immaculate, at the following times.

Sunday 15th May 11.00am

Wednesday 18th May 9.30 am

Friday 20th May 9.30 am

Saturday 21st May 6.00 pm

Markenfield Hall

No public services until further notice

Although Masses can now be attended locally at St Joseph's Bishop Thornton, parishioners who still have concerns about attending public services can be in SPIRITUAL COMMUNION during these Masses. The Bishops have given people a dispensation from attending Sunday Mass. People can watch Mass on T.V. or a computer, but there is no obligation to do this

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 may not now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen

Cycle of Prayer Intentions

Throughout Easter we are asked to pray for the following intentions:

New Members of the Church

Vocations

Human Work

The right use of the Media

The Church

We Pray especially for the people of
UKRAINE

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=9xitdaUrcqI>

The Readings and Gospel for today

<https://universalis.com/20220515/mass.htm>

Order of Service:

FOR THE ATTENTION OF CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS IN THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

Dear Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and Seminarians

Please find attached a Message from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales encouraging all the faithful to return to Mass at Pentecost.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for this Message to be made available, particularly on your parish and community websites, to the members of your parish and religious communities.

It will also be available on the diocesan website.

Assuring you of my prayers and best wishes, I remain

Yours devotedly the Lord

+ Marcus

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Anniversaries

Colin Michael Skaife, Mgr Thomas Abberton
Mgr James Lahart, James Murphy
Bish William Gordon Wheeler

Recently Deceased

Ian Curteis, Peter Brown,

Jean Margaret McCann (21st Jan 2022)

Carolyn Hall.

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

Sick

John Crowther, Pat Hobbs, Christopher Browne,
Fr Eugene Mc Gillycuddy, Pat Jackson,
Fr Jim Leavy, Catherine Gilroy, Terry Gilbin,
Marjorie Hassett, Madeleine Cordero.

Data Protection: requests for names to be included in this list must include a sponsor's name and proposed review date, default 2 weeks, to allow follow up and review pursuant to good data protection practice

Funding

We are grateful to those who continue to donate by standing order. For those who prefer to put their donations in the collection plate, it will now be possible to give after mass in the collection box on the steward's table outside.

Monthly Standing Orders £555.00
Many thanks for your generosity.

See the DONATE link on the home page of the parish website-<https://www.stjosephsbishophthornton.co.uk/>

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We are yours faithfully Clive W. Leach CBE, KSG. (Chairman) & Michael Winterbottom (M E D)

100 Club Draw

The 11th draw of the Year took place last Sunday the 8th of May. The lucky winner of the £76 prize was Rachel Mellor with ticket No 20. Congratulations Rachel.

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

Returning to Mass at Pentecost

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales *This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)*

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference
Friday 6th May 2022