

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf

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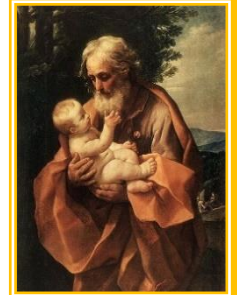
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	12/05	St Michael's	9:00am	Dead List
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Canon Robert Justice
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	13/05	St Joseph's	10:15am	Elizabeth Milnes (Birthday)
Tuesday <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	14/05	St Michael's	9:15am	Chris Brown
Wednesday	15/05	St Joseph's	7:00pm	Gordon Lumb
Thursday	16/05	St Michael's	11:00am	Thomas Thorpe (Anniversary)
		St Wilfrid's High School	12:15pm	Special Intention
Friday	17/05	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Laurie Williams (Birthday)
Saturday	18/05	St Michael's	10:00am	Teresa 3 rd Birthday
PENTECOST SUNDAY	19/05	St Michael's	9:00am	12 th Wedding Anniversary (Konwea)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Jack Gallagher (Birthday)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Confessions: St Michael's; Saturday: After 10am Mass until 11am.

St Joseph's; Friday 5:30pm to 6pm and on request

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Exposition will begin about 45 minutes before Mass)

Monday	St Joseph's	Before 10:15am Mass
Wednesday	St Joseph's	Before 11:15am Mass
Friday	St Joseph's	Before 6:15pm Mass
Saturday	St Michael's	Before 10:00am Mass

Silence before Mass Please respect silence before Mass. Please ensure that mobile phones are switched off! This is a precious time for people to pray and prepare themselves spiritually.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for: Father Jim Leavy, Charles McCormack and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Sir Bill O'Brien, Francis Keane, Kathleen Bourke, Nick Yarsley, David Walsh, and Christine Fenton

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Mary Nolan, Susan Sims (RIP), Shirley Binks, Special Intention, World Peace, All the Relatives & Friends of James & Maureen Walsh Living & Dead and those who care for them, John Barker (RIP), Anne Toolan (RIP), John Barker (RIP), Passing G.C.S.E Exams (Henry)

FOR MASS INTENTIONS

- Hand to Canon Tim or Father Joshy after Mass (envelopes available in the entrance to both Churches)
- Post in the letterbox on the door into the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's.
- Send via post to the Presbytery
- Please state the name and Intention (e.g. Sick, Anniversary, RIP, Birthday etc).
- If you wish a particular day, please mention. (2 weeks' notice is needed).
- Note - one of the Masses on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For information regarding all Sacramental Preparation (First confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms, Adults received into the Church, Adult Confirmation and Marriage please see the Parish Website <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

FOR A POLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE GO TO <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

COLLECTIONS

Sunday 5th May

Envelopes - £658.00

Loose Plate - £504.00

Standing Orders for April £3,366

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

OFFERINGS – If you have any questions about any of the methods of making your offering to the Parish then call or email the Parish Office or go to

<https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>



Scan QR code for Parish Website



ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (Please note the following)

St Joseph's Church will be open from 8am to 4pm **Monday to Friday** for Private Prayer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S during 9am Mass & **ST JOSEPH'S** during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS –served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall & after the 11am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.



**WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH –
Kasper Andriekus and Olivia Rose Abbott who were Baptised
last weekend at St Joseph's Church**



Second Collections in May

LEPRA - We raised £536 in the second collection for LEPRA last Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 26th May for the Priest Training Fund

Changes to Mass Times – Please note the change in Mass times on Tuesday and Wednesday, this is due to Canon Tim and Fr Joshy attending a 24-hour Clergy gathering with Bishop Marcus at Hinsley Hall, Leeds.

PARISH POOL - Winning Numbers for 05/05/24 are 2 and 20. Congratulations.

If you would like to join, then can you select a number(S) in the entrance to either Church before the following Masses or by going to the church hall after the 9am Mass at St Michael's or 11am Mass at St Joseph's. Each number will be £1 per week.

PARISH NEWS

St. Wilfrid's Lourdes Appeal: winning ticket for chocolates White/Blue 139. Please check your tickets as this has not yet been collected.

The Catholic Safeguarding Agency are asking that all who undertake **any ministry** in Parishes – from serving tea, welcoming, to gardening, to reading at Mass, Music, to helping with Children's Liturgy – read their Safeguarding summary, and **sign to having read it**. If you have not yet seen a copy, please collect one from the entrance to either Church, this weekend, to note that you have read it. A confidential file is to be kept in the Presbytery, but nothing else is to be done with it, unless the CSA request to see it.

St Wilfrid's Catholic High School & Sixth-Form College invites ex-students, ex-staff and their visitors to their Alumni Event. St Wilfrid's celebrates its 60th Anniversary this year and would be delighted if you would come along. There are two dates to choose from – Saturday 15th June 2024 for a 10am start or Saturday 22nd June for a 1pm start. Please see the poster on the notice board of each Church for booking details.

Petitions for Lourdes – Please place these in a sealed envelope and either give them to Canon Tim or Father Joshy or place them in the collection.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on

Thursday 23rd May at 11.30am 2024 in

St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

Next SVP meeting will be on the 20th May at 7:00pm, in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's Church.

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 4pm to 5pm at St Michael's Church, Knottingley. This is conducted by the St Michael's and St Joseph's prayer group and will be in Malayalam. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

St. Joseph's School Playground, is used on Sundays as a Car Park for those attending Mass. Could parents please ensure that they always accompany their Children as they enter the Playground. Cars are leaving and entering, and safety of the Children is so important.

St Joseph's Grotto. As you came into St Joseph's today you will have seen lots of flowers. On Friday St Joseph's primary School had a lovely May Procession and each child laid a flower in front of Our Lady, to represent them and their families.

DIOCESE NEWS

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE: On Saturday 18th May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and return by 3rd May.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 5-11th July 2024 from Leeds/Bradford Airport. Please book with Tangney Tours Tel: 01732 886666 or online: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/>. Further information is available at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/>. If you are interested in volunteering, (especially appealing for doctors, particularly GPs and nurses) please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Pre-departure Mass, Saturday 8th June 11:30am, Leeds Cathedral.

CENTENARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL JULY 2024: On Thursday 18th July at 11.30am, together with the Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay Faithful, Bishop Marcus will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral Church of St Anne, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Leeds, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral's Dedication. More information about the Cathedral's centenary celebrations will be published in due course.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION: The annual Diocesan Eucharistic Procession will take place on Sunday 9th June 2024, 3:00pm at Hinsley Hall (weather dependent). Barbecue and children's games afterwards. All invited to participate including Altar servers and First Holy Communion children (wheelchair/pram accessible route). Further details will soon be on the Diocesan website!

VACANCIES

DIOCESE OF LEEDS MUSIC VACANCIES: We wish to appoint a Choral Director, an Instrumental Tutor and a Whole-Class Ensemble Director. For more information, please request an application pack from recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk. Closing

Date: Monday 13 May 2024, 12 noon.

7th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading - Acts 1:15-17,20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20

R: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *R:*

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. *R:*

The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word. *R:*

Second reading - 1 John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen

God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation - cf. Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Jn 17: 22

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.