

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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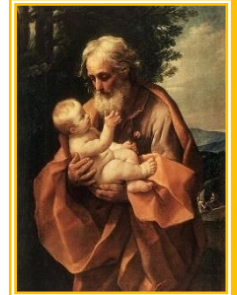
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	28/04	St Michael's	9:00am	John Saul (Anniversary)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Father Lawrence Kirkham
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	29/04	St Joseph's	10:15am	Margaret Thorpe (Anniversary)
Tuesday	30/04	St Michael's	7:15pm	Steve M ^c Cann
Wednesday	01/05	St Joseph's	11:15am	Anne Doyle (RIP)
Thursday	02/05	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Michael Walsh (RIP) (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Special Intention
Friday	03/05	St Wilfrid's High School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Winnie, Gerry James Nicholson (RIP)
Saturday	04/05	St Michael's	10:00am	James Walsh (Anniversary)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	05/05	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Ann Roberts (Anniversary)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Mgr Peter Grant

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 Gerry Thornton, Anne Toolan 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

Teresa 3rd Birthday, Martin Waller (RIP), Roger Metcalfe (Anniversary), Laurie Williams (Birthday), Special Intention, Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage & Single, Father Gerry Thornton (RIP), Elizabeth Milnes (Birthday), AnnaKutty John

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 21st April

Envelopes - £359.00
Loose Plate - £476.00

Standing Orders for March
£2,948

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>



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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 –
Amy Elizabeth Bell who was Baptised last Sunday at
St Joseph's Church**



Second Collections in May

Sunday 5th May for Lepira.

Sunday 26th May for the Priest Training Fund

St. Wilfrid's Lourdes Appeal: winning ticket for hamper - White/Pink ticket 441, winning ticket for chocolates White/Blue 139.

PARISH POOL - Winning Numbers for 21/04/24 are 9 and 127. 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.

Red Boxes – Thank you to all the parishioners who gave their Red Boxes in at St Joseph's Church in 2023. We raised £760.00.

Thank you to all the parishioners who gave their Red Boxes in at St Michael's Church in 2023. We raised £332.93.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 9th 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 29th April at 7:00pm, in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's Church.

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting every 2nd Saturday 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.



DIocese NEWS

Fr Gerry Thornton: Funeral arrangements:

Thursday 2nd May 11.30am at St Patrick's Church, Torre Road Leeds

THE DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE: is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales. This year's focus is on

communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse – especially, but not exclusively, within the Church. This may be associated with clergy, a teacher in a local school, a leader of a Catholic group or other person or group whose investigation or conviction is likely to affect the wider community. It is intended to provide specific opportunities for all in the Catholic community to pray for the healing of those who have suffered abuse. A Mass will be offered at St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds on Tuesday 30th April at 12.30pm. All welcome.

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.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – CAR PARK SALE FUNDRAISER: There will be a car park sale on Saturday 11th May from 12.00noon until 4.00pm. Sale of New Designer Clothing, Furniture, Bric-a-brac, and lots more! Raising funds for the building of a new home at Mount St Joseph's. See poster on notice board of each Church.

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.

5th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading - Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

R: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R:

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him; They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *R:*

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' *R:*

Second reading - 1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if

we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation - Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.