

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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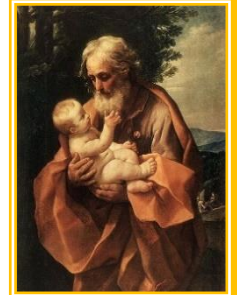
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Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 5pm



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	14/04	St Michael's	9:00am	Elizabeth Milnes (Special Intention)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Anthony Winn
Monday	15/04	St Joseph's	10:15am	Steve M ^c Cann (RIP)
Tuesday	16/04	St Michael's	7:15pm	Martin Waller (RIP)
Wednesday	17/04	St Joseph's	11:15am	Policarpio Dela Luna (Anniversary)
Thursday	18/04	H.F.S.M	9:15am	John Taylor (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	10:15am	Funeral Service for Billy Corr
Friday	19/04	St Wilfrid's High School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	Game Family (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Sylvia Hawksworth (Anniversary)
Saturday	20/04	St Michael's	10:00am	Jim Cowan
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	21/04	St Michael's	9:00am	Ava & Henrietta Konwea
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Father Dan Spaight
		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: Billy Corr, Kathleen Mary Evans, Father Gerry Thornton, Ann 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

Gordon Lumb (Anniversary), Coleen, Dominik, Liz and Family, 40th Wedding (Jon & Janice), Policarpio Dela Luna (Anniversary), Ann Roberts (Anniversary)

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 7th April	Envelopes - £275.00 Loose Plate - £651.00	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 –
Amelia Emily Malkowska who was Baptised last Saturday at
St Joseph's Church**



Bishop Marcus begins his visitation to the Parishes in the Pontefract and Wakefield Deanery after Easter. Bishop Marcus will be making his Official Visit to St Joseph's Parish on Sunday 21st April and will celebrate the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses.

Second collection for April: Students from St Wilfrid's High School who are going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be making an appeal at all Masses on Sunday 21st April.

PARISH POOL - Winning Numbers for 07/04/24 are 58 and 104. 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.

'Welcome Refugee Action Project (WRAP) – Thank you for continuing to support this project.

Tombola

The first tombola's will be held at the coffee mornings on Sunday 14th April after the 9am Mass in St. Michael's and after the 11am Mass in St. Joseph's.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 25th April 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.



PARISH NEWS

St. Joseph's.

Our latest Quinquennial Report (5-year property Report) on St. Joseph's has been produced by our Architect at Purcell's.

The previous report helped us to have the major external work done for the Church, paid for by Grants. To have any work done on St Joseph's as it is a Grade 2 star Church, an Architect must be involved and work approved by the Diocesan Art and Heritage Committee, before approval at Historic Churches Committee. Finance must be approved

ultimately by the Diocesan Trustees, which is why Grants are applied for work to be done.

The new report highlights a number of small issues to be addressed. As well as those issues the interior decoration of the Church, including flooring and kneeler repairs (already approved by Historic Churches) will have to be funded by possible grants.

On the grounds of the property the walls, especially the retaining wall around the back of the Presbytery towards the club, need a structural Survey to inspect.

Canon Tim spoke to the Diocesan Property Office before Easter, and along with the Architect a structural Survey will be undertaken.

Watch this space for updates when they come.

DIOCESE NEWS

PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS:

Preparations are now underway for the second session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome this October 2024. The Synod Office in Rome has asked the local Churches to reflect on the following specific question: 'HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?' For further information on this stage of the synodal process and to submit any reflections please visit the diocesan synodal webpages: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission/>.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:

5-11th July 2024 from Leeds/Bradford Airport: The theme is 'and that people should come in Procession'. Booking now open and places are filling up. Please book with Tangney Tours T: 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. Dates for your diary: Sunday 14th April Meet the pilgrims, Hinsley Hall, 2-4pm. Saturday 8th June Pre-departure Mass 11:30am Leeds Cathedral.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

R: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! *R:*

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. *R: '*

What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. *R:*

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. *R:*

Second reading - 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar,

refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation - cf. Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

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