

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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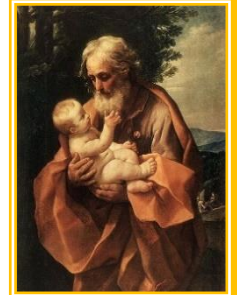
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	21/04	St Michael's	9:00am	Ava & Henrietta Konwea
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Father Dan Spaight
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	22/04	St Joseph's	10:15am	Foundation Mass
Tuesday	23/04	St Michael's	7:15pm	Special Intention (Ancy, Anna, Paul)
SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND				
Wednesday	24/04	St Joseph's	11:15am	Tony Cairns (RIP)
Thursday	25/04	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Special Intention (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Mary & Albert Morgan (RIP)
ST MARK, EVANGELIST				
Friday	26/04	St Wilfrid's High School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	John & Myira (sick), (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Kath Sloan
Saturday	27/04	St Michael's	10:00am	Private Intention
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

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

Steve M^cCann (RIP), In Thanksgiving for Bishop Marcus Visitation, James A John (Anniversary), P.M. Joseph (Anniversary), K.C. Joseph (Anniversary), For Favours Received, Special Intention.

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 14th April

Envelopes - £510.00
Loose Plate - £585.00

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 –
Lucinda Lily Banks who was Baptised last Sunday at
St Joseph's Church**



Welcome to Bishop Marcus who will be making his Official Visit to St Joseph's Parish today 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 today.

PARISH POOL - Winning Numbers for 14/04/24 are 14 and 19. 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 all the parishioners who gave their Red Boxes in at St Joseph's Church in 2023. We raised £760.00.

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 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.

4th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading - Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

R: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R:**

I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R:**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R:**

Second reading - 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to

be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation - Jn10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.