

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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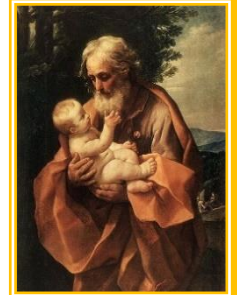
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<b>Easter Vigil</b>	30/03	St Joseph's	7:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	31/03	St Michael's	9:00am	For those who support the SVP in the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Departed Family & Friends of Carolina
Monday	01/04	St Joseph's	10:15am	Doreen Kelly
Tuesday	02/04	St Michael's	7:15pm	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	03/04	St Joseph's	11:15am	Michael Walsh (RIP)
			4:00pm	Reception of Steve McCann
Thursday	04/04	St Joseph's	10:00am	Funeral Service for Steve McCann
		St Michael's	<b>12:00 noon</b>	Reacraft Family
Friday	05/04	St Joseph's	6:15pm	All the Sick and those who Care for them.
Saturday	06/04	St Michael's	10:00am	Dorothy Howley (RIP)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY</b>	07/04	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Granville Jackson (Anniversary)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Jack Willis (RIP)

**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: Steve M<sup>c</sup>Cann, Billy Corr, 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

Elizabeth Milnes, Ricky O' Hara, Martin Waller (RIP), Sylvia Hawksworth (Anniversary), Katerzyna Pasiek, Prince & Princess of Wales and Family, Private Intentions

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> March

Envelopes - £315.00  
Loose Plate - £501.00

Standing Orders for Feb £2,995

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 –**  
**Nicholas Castiblanco Hammond who was Baptised last Monday at St Joseph's Church**



**Easter:** Canon Tim and Fr Joshy would like to wish you all a very happy and Holy Easter.

**THANK YOU:** to all who have helped prepare for Easter.

For all the help in Lent, and Holy Week, To our Choirs and Organists, Readers, Altar Servers, welcomers, church cleaning and linen, preparing the Altars for our Flowers and for our Easter Gardens, Brass cleaners, sidesmen, Children's Liturgy, to our teams of tea and coffee makers after Sunday morning Masses. To our 2 Primary Schools for their beautiful Holy Week Liturgies.

**THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – Please collect your offertory envelopes from the entrance at our churches.

**Welcome and congratulations** to Christopher Williams and David Thomas, who were Baptised, Confirmed and received Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

**The Bishop – 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 21<sup>st</sup> April and will celebrate the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses.

**Second Collections and Fund Raising** – The Parish is very generous in its fund raising for Charities and good causes. We are very grateful for this and endeavour not to be over asking for financial help. At the moment we do not take any of the Diocesan collections!

After Easter when there is more than one Diocesan collection in a month, we will have just one second collection (on the last Sunday of the month) which will be divided up by the number of Diocesan collections due. Parishioners can give to one of them by stating so on an envelope which contains their donation. One other Sunday per month will be available for fund raising.

If you wish to fund raise could you please see Canon Tim or contact the Office to arrange which Sunday is Free. At least one month's notice, will need to be given. Obviously, when an emergency collection needs to be taken for CAFOD or the SVP, that notice will not apply.

**PARISH POOL** - Winning Numbers for 24/03/24 are 86 and 113. 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 to everyone for your support with the hamper raffles. The hamper at St. Michael's has gone to a good home after a second draw of raffle tickets. Also a huge thank you to parishioners at both churches for the generosity shown over the last few weeks in supporting the community project.

The funds are vital in order to help us secure a rental home for a family in need. The search for a home has started, in addition, anyone who may have knowledge of a possible home please contact Marlyn Morgan 01977 690441"

**Tombola - Thank you for the very generous donations for the tombola, we now have enough items for the time being.**

**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.**



**CAFOD Big Lent Walk** - Kate and Hannah completed their Lenten

challenge on Wednesday. They have walked a total distance of 282km! On the way they have raised an amazing £625 for CAFOD. Kate and Hannah say: "Thank you for all your generous donations, for joining us on our group walks and for all the lovely words of support. We've really enjoyed doing the walk (even on rainy days!) and the money raised will make a real difference to CAFOD."

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



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

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm, in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's Church.

**Prayer meeting** – There will be a prayer meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Knottingley Art and Craft Group** – All raffle prizes that have not yet been claimed can be collected from the hall at St Michael's Church. Thank you. Thank you for their donation of £116.

### **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/>.

# Easter Sunday

## Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

## Collect

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

**R:** *This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.*  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R:**  
The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R:**  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R:**

## Second reading - Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## Sequence - Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## Gospel Acclamation - 1Cor5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel - John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'  
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon - 1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.