

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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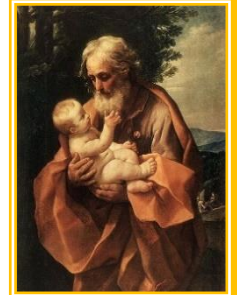
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SCHOOL CONTACTS

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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
Monday	06/05	St Joseph's	10:15am	Dead List
Tuesday	07/05	St Michael's	7:15pm	Christine & Eileen
Wednesday	08/05	St Joseph's	11:15am	Kathleen M ^c Kenna (RIP)
Thursday	09/05	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage & Single (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	9:15am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	10:30am	World Peace (School Mass)
		St Wilfrid's High School	11:45am	Special Intention
		St Michael's	7:00pm	P.M. Joseph (Anniversary)
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation)				
Friday	10/05	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Doreen Kelly
St John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church				
Saturday	11/05	St Michael's	10:00am	James A. John (Anniversary)
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

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 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

Jack Gallagher (Birthday), In Thanksgiving, 12th Wedding Anniversary (Konwea), Treasa Barker, Charles M^cCormack (RIP), Anne Todan

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 28th April	Envelopes - £315.00 Loose Plate - £456.00	Standing Orders for April £3,366
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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 – Isabel June Leslie Siddall who was Baptised last Sunday at St Joseph's Church



Second Collections in May

Sunday 5th May for Lepra.

Sunday 26th May for the Priest Training Fund

St. Wilfrid's Lourdes Appeal: winning ticket for chocolates White/Blue 139.

PARISH POOL - Winning Numbers for 28/04/24 are 23 and 36. 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

LEPRA - There will be a second collection after all Masses today. 2024 is Lepra's Centenary Year. For 100 years Lepra's research has led to new approaches to healthcare programmes. Please support them in their work. For further information please visit

www.lepra.org.uk

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 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 20th May 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

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.

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.

6th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 97(98):1-4

R: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

R:

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R:**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

R:

Second reading - 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's

love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation - Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel - John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

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