

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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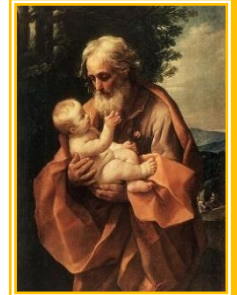
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Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 5pm



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY	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)
Monday	08/04	St Joseph's	10:15am	Donna Story (RIP)
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD				
Tuesday	09/04	St Michael's	7:15pm	Joseph Thorpe
Wednesday	10/04	St Joseph's	11:15am	Maureen Walsh (Birthday)
Thursday	11/04	St Michael's	11:00am	Michael & Marie Foy (RIP)
Friday	12/04	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Doreen Kelly
Saturday	13/04	St Michael's	10:00am	David & Marjorie Walsh
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
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Anthony Winn

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 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

In Thanksgiving for those who help and support at both churches, Thomas Thorpe, Joseph Thorpe, Margaret Thorpe

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>

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COLLECTIONS

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.

THANK YOU: Canon Tim and Fr Joshy would like to thank everyone for their kind Easter Offerings, including those edible and drinkable.

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 The Easter Draw on 31/03/24 are:

	NUMBER
1 st - £500	45
2 nd - £300	150
3 rd - £200	33
4 th - £100	47
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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 11th 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 8th 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.

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.

2nd Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon - 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

R: 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.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord 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. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **R:**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R:**

Second reading - 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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 - Jn20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel - John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.