

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRAC T (Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf). Parish Priest: Canon Tim Wiley. Assistant Priest: Father Joshy Philip

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3 rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) (Page 88)	14/12	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Louise Arrowsmith
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	D Booth (Anniversary)
Monday	15/12	St Joseph's	10:15am	Private Intention
Tuesday	16/12	St Michael's	7:15pm	In Thanksgiving for a Successful Operation
Wednesday	17/12	St Joseph's	11:15am	Fr Joshy
Thursday	18/12	St Michael's	11:00am	Sister Patricia Harris
		St Joseph's	1:00pm	Funeral Service for Patricia Flatters
Friday	19/12	St Joseph's	6:15pm	George Hawksworth
Saturday	20/12	St Michael's	10:00am	Moya Moran
4 th Sunday of Advent	21/12	St Michael's	9:00am	Special Intention (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Jenny's Special Birthday (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Confessions: St Michael's, Saturday: After 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)			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.	
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		

<p align="center">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for: Father John B. Murphy, Father David Bulmer, Ruth Ketteringham, Patricia Ann Flatters, John Carroll and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.</p>	<p align="center">PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</p> <p>Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden, (nee Land), Nora McCann, Dougie Wigglesworth</p>
<p align="center">MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p align="center">Special Intention, Thanksgiving for Favours Received, Peter Wilson, Mrs Florence Memery, For Illness, Julia asking For Mary's Protection, John Carroll (Lately Dead), The Wilson Family</p>	

PARISH NEWS

Holy Family Church and Site.

An expression of interest has been received to convert the former Holy Family Church into a Community Hub with special provisions for children with learning difficulties or disabilities. The individuals involved have engaged locally and nationally to raise the awareness of their proposal which will rely heavily on grant support. We will keep you in touch with developments.

Canon Tim: Bishop Marcus has asked Canon Tim in his role as Dean of Pontefract and Wakefield to take on temporary, the Pastoral and spiritual responsibilities of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Wakefield (in addition to his responsibilities as Parish Priest at St Joseph's).

Readers For Christmas Masses:

There are sign-up sheets at the back of both Churches for Readers for Masses Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass and Christmas morning Mass.

The Big Draw- Will take place on Sunday 21st December 2025. The first two numbers will be drawn in the hall after Mass at St Michael's and the second two numbers will be drawn in the hall at St Joseph's after Mass. Please ensure numbers are paid up to date for this year.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Advent Fair. We are pleased to say we raised £1,038

towards sponsoring a family.

The winning raffle tickets:

1st prize, green beginning 625 -claimed

2nd prize, green beginning 291 -claimed

3rd prize, green beginning 699 -claimed

4th prize, green beginning 451



Knottingley Food Bank – Please can we request the following items:

Squash bottles (small), Rice pudding, Biscuits, Jam

Tinned tomatoes, Rice instant or dry

Any Christmas items e.g. selection boxes, biscuits etc

Thank you for your support this year.

Vocations Prayer: The Bishop has asked that the following prayer be said after each Mass for Vocations. We will say the prayer after the Prayer to St. Michael.

Our Lady of Unfailing Help!

Pray that the Lord of the Harvest

will send labourers into His harvest

and that He will grant an abundance of vocations

to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life

within the Diocese of Leeds,

and throughout the world. Amen.

CAFOD Christmas Raffle



The parish CAFOD group will be raffling a Christmas hamper at both our churches. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday 14th December and the winning tickets will be announced in next week's bulletin. All proceeds will go towards CAFOD's work to support the most vulnerable people around the world. Thank you.

Monday Nights with Mary – Come and Pray the Rosary with us at St Joseph's Church every Monday at 6.30pm. Pray for yourselves, the church and the world. "Pray the rosary everyday" Our Lady of Fatima 1917.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 07/12/2025 are 43 and 59. Congratulations.

Collections- Envelopes £305.00, Loose Plate £475.00
Standing Orders for November- £2630.00. Thank you for your support.

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting on the Second Saturday of each month after the 10am Mass 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.



SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 15th December at 7: 00pm at St Joseph's.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 18th December 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

Diocesan News

LEEDS CATHEDRAL DAY OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday 16 December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions, and Exposition all day.

JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS:

Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETING: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 19th December, Leeds University Chaplaincy, St Margaret's Avenue (please note parking is very limited) Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.