

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

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<p>To reach the Parish website or the Donation page, use the relevant QR codes.</p>		 QR Code for the Donation Page	 QR Code for the Parish Website	<p>Holy Family and St Michael's Catholic Primary School Telephone: 01977 798303 admin@hfsmbkcat.co.uk http://www.hfsmbkcat.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs C. Cade</p> <p>St Wilfrid's Catholic High School and Sixth Form College Telephone: 01977 691000 email@st-wilfrids.bkcat.co.uk https://www.stwilfrids.bkcat.co.uk Headteacher: Mr P. Dore</p>

5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pg 133)	08/02	St Michael's	9:00am	Special Intention (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Lorraine Trias (Children's Liturgy)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	09/02	St Joseph's	10:15am	Judy Kear
Tuesday	10/02	St Michael's	4:30pm	Reception into Church for Nora M ^c Cann
		St Michael's	7:15pm	Private Intention
St Scholastica, Virgin				
Wednesday	11/02	St Michael's	1.00pm	Requiem for Nora M ^c Cann
Our Lady of Lourdes				
Thursday	12/02	H.F.S.M	9:15pm	Mary Cave (RIP) (School Mass)
Friday	13/02	St Joseph's	9:30am	John Carroll (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Dead List
Saturday	14/02	St Michael's	10:00am	Silver Wedding
Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe				
6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pg 136)	15/02	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Special Intention
		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	
Wednesday	St Joseph's	
Friday	St Joseph's	
Saturday	St Michael's	
		Before 10:15am Mass
		Before 11:15am Mass
		Before 6:15pm Mass
		Before 10:00am Mass

<p align="center">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for: Nora McCann 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), Duggie Wigglesworth</p>
<p align="center">MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p align="center">Special Intention, Friends & Family of Nora M^cCann, Nora M^cCann, Anna (RIP), Lily Fernandes & Leo Fernandes, Louise Arrowsmith</p>	

PARISH NEWS

Thank you – Canon Tim would like to thank the Faith and Friendship group for their donation of £400 towards the purchase of Parish Mass books.

Faith and Friendship- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the raffle, which raised £75.00 and for your continued support over the year. Please can we ask for donations that can be used as raffle prizes in the future e.g toiletry sets etc.

Mary's Meal's – We have received a communication thanking the Parish for the donation of 'Foreign Currency', (converted to £188.26), which we sent to them. This money is being used 'to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school. Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future'.

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.

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 01/02/2026 are: 11 and 57. Congratulations to the winners.

Collections- Envelopes £320.00, Loose Plate £473.00
Standing Orders for January- £2963.00. Thank you for your support.

Prayer meeting – During Lent we will be saying the Rosary 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 16th

February 2026 at 7:00pm, at St Joseph's, Pontefract.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 19th February 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

DIOCESE NEWS

GIFT AID - Many taxpaying parishioners already have a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD). This is a valuable source of income for the parish, enabling us to claim back 25p for every £1 donated. If you are a taxpayer, but don't have a GAD with the parish, or are unsure if you have a GAD, please complete a form here www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/gift-aid-declaration/ (paper copies are also available at the back of church and can be returned in the collection bag/basket). If you have any queries or are unsure whether you can Gift Aid your donation, please consider contacting Louise Ward (Diocesan Gift Aid Administrator) on 0113 2618023 / louise.ward@dioceseofleeds.org.uk - this may be especially relevant to couples where only one person is a taxpayer. We can back claim up to 4 years' worth of donations, so a quick conversation could be worth a lot of money to the parish!

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS: Free Guided Tours will take place on Saturday 14th February and Saturday 7th March, starting at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. Booking not required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

NEW MEN'S GROUP: The Oratory of St Joseph, for young Catholic or other interested laymen aged between 21 & 35. Monthly meetings at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX, for prayer, Benediction, talks, social time & free supper. Inaugural meeting Thursday 26th February, 6.30-8.30pm. Contact: benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield. Start: September 2026 or earlier. Closing date: Monday 23rd February 2026. For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Rob Barraclough, Acting CEO, The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust on 01924 802285, rbarraclough@bkcat.uk Visit <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/> for more details and to apply.