

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

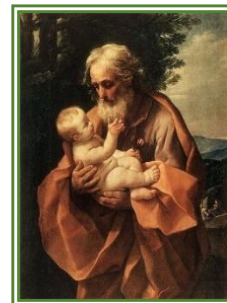
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19 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/08	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Sir Bill O'Brien
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Dead List
Monday <i>St Clare, Virgin</i>	11/08	St Joseph's	10:15am	Carlos Sanchez
Tuesday	12/08	St Michael's	7:15pm	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	13/08	St Joseph's	11:15am	Father Simon Lodge
Thursday <i>St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i>	14/08	St Michael's	11:00am	Special Intention
Friday	15/08	St Joseph's	9:30am	Patrick Duffy (RIP)
		St Michael's	7:00pm	People of the Parish
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- Holy Day of Obligation				
Saturday <i>Mass of Our Lady</i>	16/08	St Michael's	10:00am	Golden Wedding
20 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	17/08	St Michael's	9:00am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Levey Golden Wedding
		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)

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 John Carter, Christine Harrison (Former Parish Secretary) 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: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Margaret Clamp, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Angela Berry (nee Land)

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Carlos Sanchez, For a Successful Surgery and Recovery, Anne Wheatley, Louise Arrowsmith, Christine Harrison (Lately Dead), In Thanksgiving for all the many Blessings Bestowed on Us

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.**
- **(3 weeks' notice is needed).**
- Note - one of the Masses on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism: Please see Canon Tim after Sunday Mass if you wish to arrange a Baptism.

Marriage: At least 6 months' notice needs to be given.

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

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

Sunday 3rd August

Envelopes - £527.00
Loose Plate – £486.00

Standing Orders For July
£2978

OFFERINGS

There is now a Link on the Parish Website Offertory Page (<https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>) where you can make a Donation to the Parish. The Link takes you to a page where you can set the amount you wish to donate and then put in your Card Details. You will then be asked if you wish to "Gift Aid" your donation. If you are a Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your Donation, then the Parish will be able to claim a further 25% to add to your donation.



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St Joseph's Church will be open Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.

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.

St Joseph's retaining wall: Permission has been given by all the necessary committees! for the repair work on the wall to begin. The Architect is awaiting health and safety documents from the Contractors via the Diocese before the work can commence. The work is going to cost in the region of £37,000 (in VAT). Your continued support is very much needed and appreciated. **The work has now begun and will continue for approximately 4 weeks more weeks**

Mary's Meals - Are asking for donations of unwanted foreign currency. Please place your donations of foreign currency in the baskets that are placed in the entrance of each Church. Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future.

PARISH NEWS

Christine Harrison (Former Parish Secretary)- It is with sadness that we inform you that Christine died suddenly last weekend. Our thoughts and Prayers are with her husband and Family.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 03/08/25 are 3 and 59. 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.

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



Anyone who is able to contribute towards WRAP funds may pay into our Bank Account.

Account name: Catholic Care
(Diocese of Leeds)

Sort Code 05-00-05

Account number 10508810

Thank you for your continued support

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 14th August 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 11th August at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.



DIOCESE NEWS

FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS: Mass for the Feast of St Bernard, Wednesday 20th August, 12noon. All welcome. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/events>

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025: Taking place at Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025. Tickets are also available for families and groups. For more information, email: events@youth2000.org.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on Sat. 23 August. Starting at 1.30pm, lasting about 1 hour. No booking required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

ST MARK'S WAY ON THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE: begins on Saturday 6 September with 8am Mass at Leeds Cathedral. Walk all or part of the way between the Cathedral and the Jubilee Pilgrimage Church of St Austin in Wakefield. [See Diocesan website for details of how to sign up.](#)

PONTEFRAC AND WAKEFIELD DEANERY JUBILEE MASSES: There will be a series of special Jubilee Masses in some of the churches in the Deanery. Parishioners are encouraged to go to some or all of these Masses and so become 'pilgrims' in this Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Jubilee Masses are: Tuesday 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION: Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 6th October, commencing at 7:30pm. The Procession will start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and end at the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Catholic Church. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments afterwards.

VACANCIES

SITE MANAGER VACANCIES: The Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust is recruiting Site Managers for three primary schools. Permanent (30-37 hrs/week). Responsibilities include maintenance, cleaning, security, H&S checks, event support and contractor liaison. Experience in premises maintenance, compliance systems and Health and Safety; driving licence desirable. **Closing date:** Friday 22 August 2025. **More info & apply:** <https://bcwcat.co.uk/Site-Manager-BCWCAT/> or contact Ian Wardle, Trust Estates Manager at ian.wardle@bcwcat.co.uk or call 01274 941924.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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 - Wisdom 18:6-9

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 33(32):1,12. 18-19. 20, 22. R12b

R: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting from the upright. Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his heritage. *R:*

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. *R:*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

R:

Second reading - Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up

his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 24:42a, 44

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 12:32-48

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.