

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

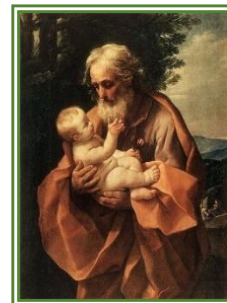
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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	14/09	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Ryder Family
Monday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	15/09	St Joseph's	10:15am	Peter Clarke
Tuesday Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	16/09	St Michael's	7:15pm	Stephen Fletcher
Wednesday	17/09	St Joseph's	11:15am	Christine Harrison
Thursday	18/09	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Rev. Simon Lodge (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Special intention
Friday	19/09	St Wilfrid's School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	Monica Green (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	All Dead Family & Friends of James & Maureen Walsh
St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop				
Saturday	20/09	St Michael's	10:00am	Biju K. John
Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions				
25 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	21/09	St Michael's	9:00am	For all the Forgotten Souls
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Christine Harrison
		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.



<p style="text-align: center;">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for:</p> <p>All those who have died recently, Angela Berry (nee Land). May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</p> <p>Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Margaret Clamp, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden, (nee Land)</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Linda Dickenson (Lately Dead), P. C. Mathai, Malcolm Crawshaw, Joan Dalton, Private Intention, Special Intention, Asher Orleans, Roger, Metcalfe, Elaine Haynes (Anniversary)</p>

FOR MASS INTENTIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</p> <p><i>Baptism: Please see Canon Tim after Sunday Mass if you wish to arrange a Baptism.</i></p> <p><i>Marriage: At least 6 months' notice needs to be given.</i></p> <p>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</p> <p>FOR A POLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE GO TO https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news</p>
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COLLECTIONS		
Thank you for your continued support and generosity		
Sunday 7th September	Envelopes - £385.00 Loose Plate – £464.00	Standing Orders For August £2687

<p>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.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">QR Code for the Donation Page</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">QR Code for the Parish Website</p>
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St Joseph's Church will be open Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.
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<p>CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S during 9am Mass & ST JOSEPH'S during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks.</p>	<p>SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS –served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall & after the 11am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.</p>
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St Joseph's retaining wall: The work on the wall has been completed. We have been awarded a grant of **£3,400 by the Benefact Trust towards the cost of the work.**

Sunday Mass Books: You may remember before the change in Mass text and Scripture Readings at Mass that we had Mass Books available. A new book is now out with the new Sunday Translations in. Should we get copies for our Churches for you to use?

It would mean that we would no longer put the readings on the bulletin. We would of course put the pages the readings are on in the book along with the pages for the Responses for Mass on the Bulletin. One other change would be that the Bulletin will be printed on just 2 pages. What are your views? Please let Canon Tim know either way. It means that Readers can take a book home to look at and practice the readings before the Sunday they read.

PARISH NEWS



WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH – Sonny Boy Oliver Collins who was baptised last weekend at St Joseph's Church.

Gift Aid Donations (GAD) – We have received the Gift Aid Donation letters from the Diocese (for the last tax year) and these will be distributed over the next two weeks, to those who are due to receive them. **If any of your circumstances have changed e.g no longer a tax payer, changed address, then please contact the office (01977 702297) on a Tuesday or Friday. Alternatively contact the Diocese directly. If however, you are a tax payer and would like to Gift Aid but do not currently do so, then please also contact the office.**

Batley Torchlight Procession: We will be having a Coach to the Torchlight as in previous years (6th October 2025). Sign up lists are at the back of both Churches.

Red Boxes-Please bring your boxes to church for counting.

References: Often Canon Tim is asked to give a Reference for employment in Catholic Education or to be a God Parent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation. Canon Tim is more than happy to do so. What is being asked in the reference for Canon Tim to comment on, is that the Person is a practicing Catholic (ie going to Mass on Sunday) and often are they involved in the life of the Parish. Please keep this in mind when asking for a Reference.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 07/09/25 are 1 and 62. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 22nd September at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.



'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 25th September 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Thursday 25th September at the 11am Mass at St Michael's, followed by the usual Thursday lunch in the Hall.

September is the SVP month of dedication to St Vincent de Paul. The theme for this month is 'Tea with the SVP' You are very welcome to join us.



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

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.

Faith & Friendship **Bingo!**
Everyone's favorite

Venue: St Michaels Church Hall

Date: 1st October 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Meeting

Bingo! **Bingo!!**

Tea, Coffee, chat and some cake of course!

DIOCESE NEWS

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION: 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. Refreshments afterwards.

ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27th September. 12:00Noon. Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

DAY FOR CATECHISTS: On Saturday 4th October from 10am – 3pm there will be a day for Catechists at Hinsley Hall. This will be an opportunity for prayer, reflection and networking. All catechists are welcome to join this free event. Booking is essential. Please email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book your place.

VISITATION OF THE CENTENARY PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE RELICS OF SAINT JACINTA AND FRANCISCO: on Monday 13th October at Leeds Cathedral from 10.30am until 7pm. Please see the full programme on the poster at the back of church or the Cathedral website.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Entrance Antiphon - Ps 118: 137, 124

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Collect

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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 - Numbers 21:4b-9

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 78(77):1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38. R cf. 7b

R: Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and utter hidden lessons of the past. **R:**
When he slew them, then they sought him,
repented and earnestly sought God.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **R:**
Yet they deceived him with their mouths;
they lied to him with their tongues.
For their hearts were not steadfast towards him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R:**
Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger,
and did not stir up all his rage.

Second reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation - Psalm 119(118):135

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia.

Gospel - John 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord,
which on the altar of the Cross
cancelled the offence of the whole world,
cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Jn 12: 32

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having been nourished by your holy banquet,
we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ,
to bring those you have redeemed
by the wood of your life-giving Cross
to the glory of the resurrection.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

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