

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

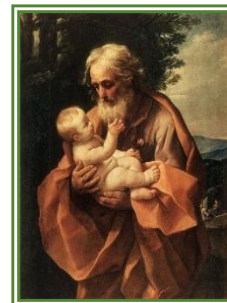
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary time	16/11	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Francis and Joan Ford
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Radoslaw Jarzab (Anniversary) & Patrick Jarzab (Health)
Monday St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	17/11	St Joseph's	10:15am	Bernard & Edna Craven (Anniversary)
Tuesday Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul	18/11	St Michael's	7:15pm	Christine Manfredi
Wednesday	19/11	St Joseph's	11:15am	Linda Dickenson
Thursday	20/11	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Dead List (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	P.C. Mathai
Friday The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	21/11	LEEDS CATHEDRAL	12:30pm	Mass for Deceased Clergy
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Philomena M ^c Gurgan
Saturday St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	22/11	St Michael's	10:00am	Albert 6 th Birthday
CHRIST THE KING	23/11	St Michael's	9:00am	Margaret Clamp
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Louise Arrowsmith
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		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:

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, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden, (nee Land) Nora McCann, Douggie Wigglesworth

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Dead list, Doreen Young, Private Intention, Kathleen Hawksworth, Agnes & Jack Brown, Margaret Clamp (RIP), Lily & Harry Usher (Anniversary)

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 9th November

Envelopes - £298.00
Loose Plate – £442.00

Standing Orders For October
£2968

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.



Advent Fair – Tombola and Bottle Stall Appeal

There will be a tombola stall and a bottle stall at the Advent Fair. We are appealing for donations for both stalls. Please leave any donations in the boxes at the back of each church (boxes there until 23/11/25). **Thank you for your continued support.**

PARISH NEWS

Cemetery Sunday: Sunday 23rd November 3pm. We will meet as usual at Fr Bernard's Grave, in Pontefract Cemetery for our prayers for our deceased loved ones.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pontefract – Nursery Places Available.

We have nursery places available for 15 hours and 30 hours for children who are already 3 years old to start immediately. If your child will be 3 years old by the 31st December 2025 then they are eligible to start in January 2026. All visits are welcome. Please contact us via the following:
01977 701493
admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk

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.

November Dead List: Envelopes are available for your deceased relatives and friends to be remembered throughout the year in Masses for our dead. Please put the names of those you wish to be remembered together with your offering in an envelope and give it to one of the priests, to the office or in the Sunday collection basket.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 09/11/2025 are 26 and 92. 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 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 24th November at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.



'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 20th November 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	COST
BACON BUTTIES	23/11/25 after 11am Mass	St Joseph's Hall	£3 for sandwich and drink
ADVENT FAIR	30/11/25 AT 12 Noon	St Joseph's Hall	

ADVENT TEA PARTY

You are invited to St Wilfrid's Catholic High School for an Advent Tea Party on Tuesday 2nd December. It will start at 2.30pm and run until 4pm. There will be a raffle in aid of our Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Mary's Meals, Christmas songs from the choir, bingo and a quiz. There may be a visit from the big man himself, although we can't guarantee this as he's very busy at the North pole at this time of year! If you would like to join us, please contact Ms A Mason 6th form SSO, on 01977691000 extn 278 or email almason@st-wilfrids.bkcat.uk to secure your seat.



Christmas Concert Tickets

are now on Sale!!!



£6 per ticket

An entertaining evening with **The Phoenix Choir**

There will be a Raffle on the night

If you would like to purchase tickets to the Christmas concert on Saturday 6th December 2025 Please speak to Christine Harrison or Ann Barraclough they will have the tickets.

Refreshments interval. Mince pie, tea/coffee



Also your ticket number will be put into a pot, the number pulled out will win a prize, so don't lose your ticket!!

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION EVENING: Ever thought of going on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes volunteering as a nurse or as part of the hospitality team but want to know more, then you are invited to an information evening about the roles and pilgrimage. Hinsley Hall, Monday 1st December, 7pm. For more information, please email Phil Marshall on lourdes.enquires@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07766 148375. To register interest please email recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, or simply turn up on the evening.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on Saturday 13th December, at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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 - Malachi 4:1-2a

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the
arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is
coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that
it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who
fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with
healing in its wings.

Responsorial Psalm-Ps 98(97):5-6. 7-8a. 8b-9b. 9cd. R cf. 9R5

R: The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the Lord. **R:**

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands. **R:**

The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth. **R:**

He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness. **R:**

Second reading - 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us,
because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did
we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil
and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be
a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have
that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.
For even when we were with you, we would give you this
command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.
For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy
at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command
and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work
quietly and to earn their own living.

Gospel Acclamation - Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.
Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 21:5-19

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how
it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said,
'As for these things that you see, the days will come when
there will not be left here one stone upon another that will
not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when
will these things be, and what will be the sign when these
things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you
are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying,
"I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them.
And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified,
for these things must first take place, but the end will not be
at once.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against
nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great
earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences.
And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But
before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute
you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and
you will be brought before kings and governors for my
name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness.
Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate
beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and
wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to
withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by
parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends,
and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by
all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will
perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 72: 28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.