

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

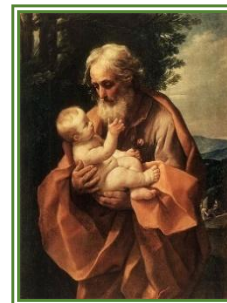
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29 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	19/10	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Elaine Haynes
Monday	20/10	St Joseph's	10:15am	Agnes McKenna
Tuesday	21/10	St Michael's	7:15pm	Ian George
Wednesday	22/10	St Joseph's	11:15am	Roger Metcalfe (Anniversary)
St John Paul II, Pope				
Thursday	23/10	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Special Intention (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Wendy Birdsall
St John Capistrano, Priest				
Friday	24/10	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Linda Cunningham (Birthday)
St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop				
Saturday	25/10	St Michael's	10:00am	Dead List
Mass of Our Lady				
30 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	26/10	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Trevor & Monica Green
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Radostaw Jarzab (RIP) & Patryk Jarzab (Health)

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

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Dead list, Malcom Crawshaw, Clare Heyhoe, Henry Stones (Anniversary), Radostaw Jarzab (RIP), Patryk Jarzab

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 12th October

Envelopes - £324.00
Loose Plate – £501.00

Standing Orders For September
£2643

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.

The Little Sisters - There will be a Second Collection this Sunday, 19th October for the Little Sisters to help with the cost of rebuilding the Home.



WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH – Stanley David Albert Gale who was baptised last weekend at St Michael's Church.



PARISH NEWS

Monday Nights with Mary – Come and Pray the Rosary with us at St Joseph's Church every Monday at 6.30pm. First one 20th October. 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.

Gift Aid Donations (GAD) – If you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid but do not currently do so, then please contact the office or ask Canon Tim for a GAD Form to complete.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 12/10/2025 are **75 and 84. 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



EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	COST
BACON BUTTIES	02/11/25 after 9am Mass	St Michael's Church Hall	£3 for sandwich and drink
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	

There will be a box at the back of each church from the 02/11/25 to 23/11/25 where any donations for the tombola stall and bottle stall can be left.

Thank you for your continued support.

Faith & Friendship
Pie, Peas & Sparklers evening
St Michaels Church
Weds Nov 5th '25
7.30pm
£3-00
per person
Come and join us for pie and peas AND TO LET OFF SOME SPARKLERS!



SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 3rd November at 7: 00pm at St Joseph's.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 23rd October 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall.
 Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

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.

DIOCESE NEWS

MARK 10 MISSION ROSARY CHALLENGE: Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit www.themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on the following dates: Saturday 8th November, at 1.30pm; and 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.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS: 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: 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19th December (Hinsley Hall). 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 simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

VACANCIES

LTU FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP: Leeds Trinity University is inviting applications for a funded (Leeds Church Institute) scholarship in Ethics, Theology, Philosophy or related discipline to undertake a Masters by Research. Please contact Dr Ann Marie Mealey, Director of Catholic Mission at Leeds Trinity University for an informal discussion and the application details: a.mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk or search for the advert on jobs.ac.uk.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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 - Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 121(120):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R cf. 2

R: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **R:**

He will keep your foot from stumbling. Your guard will never slumber. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R:**

The Lord your guard, the Lord your shade at your right hand. By day the sun shall not smite you, nor the moon in the night. **R:**

The Lord will guard you from evil; he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming, both now and for ever. **R:**

Second reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in

righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Gospel Acclamation - Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 18:1-8

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." '

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

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