

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

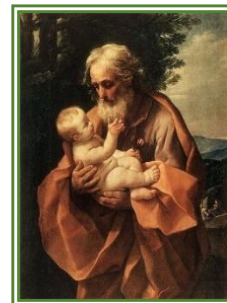
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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	24/08	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	For Successful Surgery and Recovery
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Dead List
Monday	25/08	St Joseph's	10:15am	Michael Knight (RIP)
Tuesday	26/08	St Michael's	7:15pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	27/08	St Joseph's	11:15am	Private Intention
St Monica				
Thursday	28/08	St Michael's	11:00am	Peter Clarke
St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of The Church				
Friday	29/08	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Game Family
The Passion of St John The Baptist				
Saturday	30/08	St Michael's	10:00am	Kunjamma Joseph (Anniversary)
Mass of Our Lady				
22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	31/08	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw & Family
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Martin Hyde (RIP)
		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:

Christine Harrison (Former Parish Secretary)
John Brian Wilks, Wendy Smith, 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),
Gloria Jean Burden

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Malcolm Crawshaw (LD), Leslie Hardcastle, Repose of the Soul of My Late Mother, Steve Fletcher (RIP),
Christine Harrison (Lately Dead), Rev. Simon Lodge, Special Intention

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 17th August

Envelopes - £309.00
Loose Plate – £424.00

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 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 2 more weeks.**

PARKING- For several years we have been able to use the parking facilities at the club in Knottingley (opposite LIDL), whilst attending the 9am and 3pm Masses at St Michael's Church. We are sorry to inform you that the club now has a new committee, and they no longer want us to use this car park at all even though we have always paid for this facility. We therefore request that you don't park your cars in this car park as you could find that they have been locked in.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 17/08/25 are 1 and 65. 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 28th 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 1st September at 7: 00pm at St Joseph's.

Faith & Friendship Group

Next Meeting will be

3rd September at 7:30pm. This will be a flower craft evening. Please come and enjoy this demonstration and display of flower arranging.



The SVP need your unwanted kitchen appliances such as microwaves, slow cookers, kettles, steamers and mixers. Also domestic appliances such as lamps, heaters, hairdryers and televisions. The donations will be used to support families in need. Items may be brought to both churches on Sunday 24th August and Sunday 31st August, there will be boxes available at the back of both churches.

Thank you for your continued support.

DIOCESE NEWS

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 T AND WAKEFIELD DEANERY JUBILEE MASSES: There will be a series of special Jubilee Masses in some of the churches in the Deanery. This Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Next Jubilee Masses: *Tuesday 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.*

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!

PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS: As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4th October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese. Clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend this celebration, especially men who may be discerning their possible vocation to the diaconate. Let us take this opportunity to pray for our permanent deacons and for vocations to the diaconate in our diocese.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 - Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the Lord: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the Lord, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15

R: *Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.*

O praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim him, all you peoples! **R:**

For his mercy has prevailed over us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. **R:**

Second reading - Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Gospel Acclamation - John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 13:22-30

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.

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