

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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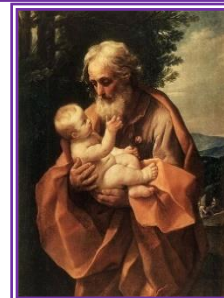
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Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 5pm



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<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	24/03	St Michael's	9:00am	Winnie Moran (Anniversary)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	John B. Gallivan
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	25/03	St Joseph's	10:15am	18 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday	26/03	St Michael's	7:15pm	Jan Power
Wednesday	27/03	<b>Leeds Cathedral</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>The Chrism Mass</b>
Thursday	28/03	St Michael's	4:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	7:00pm	Doreen Williams (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10:00pm)
		Confessions after Mass until 9:55pm		
<b>GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	29/03	St Michael's	10:30am	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	3:00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by confessions
		St Michael's	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross & Veneration of the Cross followed by confessions
Saturday	30/03	St Joseph's	12 noon	Swieçonka (Polish Blessing of Easter Food)
		St Michael's	4:00pm	Syro Malabar Vigil
		St Joseph's	7:00pm	Easter Vigil – People of the Parish
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	31/03	St Michael's	9:00am	For those who support the SVP In the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Departed Family and Friends of Carolina

Confessions: St Joseph's, Saturday 11am – 12noon

**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: Steve McCann, Billy Corr 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: Sir Bill O'Brien, Francis Keane, Kathleen Bourke, Nick Yarsley, David Walsh and Christine Fenton

#### MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Departed Friends & Family of Carolina, Granville Jackson (Anniversary), Steve McCann (RIP), David & Marjorie Walsh, Special Intention, Tony Cairns (Lately Dead), In thanksgiving for prayers answered

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

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Envelopes - £401.00  
Loose Plate - £.528.00

Standing Orders for Feb £2,995

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**OFFERTINGS** – If you have any questions about any of the methods of making your offering to the Parish then call or email the Parish Office or go to

<https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>



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Website



#### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (Please note the following)

St Joseph's Church will be open from 8am to 4pm **Monday to Friday** for Private Prayer.

**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 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – Please collect your offertory envelopes from the entrance at our churches. There are some un-named Boxes available which will have a card in them which can be filled in with Name & Address details and given to Canon Tim or Fr Joshy so we can assign them as appropriate.

**Palm Sunday:** Weather permitting the 9am and 11am Masses will begin outside with the Procession.

**Red Boxes** – If you have a 'Red Box' please return it to Church for emptying. Thank you.

**The Bishop – Bishop Marcus** begins his visitation to the Parishes in the Pontefract and Wakefield Deanery after Easter. Bishop Marcus will be making his Official Visit to St Joseph's Parish on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April and will celebrate the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses.

**Second Collections and Fund Raising** – The Parish is very generous in its fund raising for Charities and good causes. We are very grateful for this and endeavour not to be over asking for financial help. At the moment we do not take any of the Diocesan collections!

After Easter when there is more than one Diocesan collection **in a month we** will have just one second collection (on the last Sunday of the month) which will be divided up by the number of Diocesan collections due. Parishioners can give to one of them by stating so on an envelope which contains their donation. One other Sunday per month will be available for fund raising.

If you wish to fund raise could you please see Canon Tim or contact the Office to arrange which Sunday is Free. At least one month's notice, will need to be given. Obviously, when an emergency collection needs to be taken for CAFOD or the SVP, that notice will not apply.

**PARISH POOL** - Winning Numbers for 17/03/24 are 6 and 10 – 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.

**'Welcome Refugee Action Project (WRAP)** - "Thank you to everyone for your support with the hamper raffles. Over two weekends at the three Sunday Masses we raised £458, this is almost 16% of our initial target of £3000.

**The winning tickets are St Michael's - the strip beginning 256. St Joseph's- white ticket 334 has been claimed.**

The funds are vital in order to help us secure a rental home for a family in need. The search for a home has started, in addition, anyone who may have knowledge of a possible home please contact Marlyn Morgan 01977 690441"

**Tombola** We are also planning a Tombola to raise funds for the above. If you have any unwanted, surplus items that would be suitable for the tombola please leave them in the boxes provided in the entrance to each Church.



**CAFOD Big Lent Walk - Big Lent Walk update:**

**Big Lent Walk:** Kate and Hannah have now surpassed their target and walked over 240 km! We also had our final group walk this week. Thank you to everyone who joined us – it

was wonderful to have your support and company. Big thanks to everyone who has donated. The total raised now stands at an amazing £575!

If anyone would like to sponsor Kate and Hannah, they would be grateful. You can donate using the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/biglentwalk>

We also have a QR code that will take parishioners to our fundraising page



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am 2024 in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches and cakes to share with friends.

**Next SVP** meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm, in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's Church.

**Prayer meeting** – There will be a prayer meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 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.

**Stations of the Cross** after 10:00am Mass on a Saturday (in Malayalam) at St Michael's Church, Knottingley.

**Knottingley Art and Craft Group** – Every year we like to raise money for a chosen good cause. This year we have chosen the 'After School Addy Youth Club'. We will be having a raffle, which will be drawn on Palm Sunday after Mass, in the hall at St Michael's Church. Thank you.

## DIOCESE NEWS

**PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** Preparations are now underway for the second session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome this October 2024. The Synod Office in Rome has asked the local Churches to reflect on the following specific question: 'HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?' For further information on this stage of the synodal process and to submit any reflections please visit the diocesan synodal webpages:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission/>.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE:** On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> (Silver), 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby), 50<sup>th</sup> (Golden), 60<sup>th</sup> (Diamond) and 70<sup>th</sup> (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** 5-11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from Leeds/Bradford Airport: The theme is 'and that people should come in Procession'. Booking now open and places are filling up. Please book with Tangney Tours T: 01732 886666 or online: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/>.

Further information is available at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage/>. If you are interested in volunteering, (especially appealing for doctors, particularly GPs and nurses) please contact: [lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Dates for your diary: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April Meet the pilgrims, Hinsley Hall, 2-4pm. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Pre-departure Mass 11:30am Leeds Cathedral.

**HOLY HOUR RESOURCES LAUNCH:** The Diocese is pleased to launch a new set of resources for schools and parishes to celebrate the upcoming Jubilee Year. These are for lay leaders, school staff and all who are interested in facilitating a Holy Hour. We pray these resources will help us grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Download from <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/youth/links-resources-youth/>

**FLAME 2025:** The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena, London, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025! £70 per person (including return coach travel). Email [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) to book yours!

**THE TWELVE ARE RECRUITING!:** The Twelve, the Diocesan Youth Leadership Team, are recruiting Catholic young people in Years 8-12 to continue their work of collaborating with Bishop Marcus on Diocesan decision making, giving voice to young people on Diocesan matters and priorities. Could you, or someone you know, be the next member of The Twelve? To apply, email Ryan Wilkinson at [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for a recruitment pack.

**TRUSTEES VACANCIES:** Catholic Care is recruiting new Trustees to increase the breadth of knowledge and experience on its established Board of Trustees. Applicants with experience of property management are particularly welcome. An opportunity to live your faith through action. For further information please visit [www.catholic-care.org.uk](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk).

**LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY:** St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College, Bradford are recruiting. The successful candidate will have a crucial role in fulfilling the Catholic mission of the college. Start asap. Closing date Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Further information at <http://sbsj.co.uk/vacancies/>

**VACANCIES:** Teacher of English and Faculty Leader for Maths, St. John Fisher Catholic Academy, Harrogate. Further info: <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/trust-vacancies> To discuss either vacancy or arrange a visit, contact Paula Deacon, [office@sifchs.org.uk](mailto:office@sifchs.org.uk)

**DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCIES:** Sacred Heart, and Holy Rosary & St Anne's Catholic Primary Schools, Leeds. Both start: September 2024. Closing dates **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9am**. Further info: <https://stgregorythegreatacademytrust.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

