

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

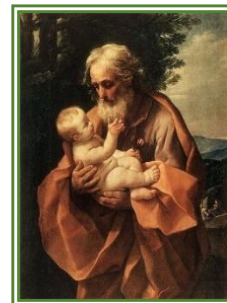
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| 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 03/08 | St Michael's | 9:00am | Teresa 4 th Birthday |
| | | St Joseph's | 11:00am | Anne Wheatley (RIP) |
| | | St Michael's | 3:00pm | Special Intention (Syro Malabar) |
| | | St Joseph's | 6:00pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 04/08 | St Joseph's | 10:15am | Dead List |
| St John Vianney, Priest | | | | |
| Tuesday | 05/08 | St Michael's | 7:15pm | Peter Clarke |
| Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major | | | | |
| Wednesday | 06/08 | St Joseph's | 11:15am | Special Intention |
| THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | | | | |
| Thursday | 07/08 | St Michael's | 11:00am | Mary & Jim Croston (Anniversary) |
| Friday | 08/08 | St Joseph's | 6:15pm | Mary Musji (Sick) |
| St Dominic, Priest | | | | |
| Saturday | 09/08 | St Michael's | 10:00am | Monica Green |
| ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR AND PATRON OF EUROPE | | | | |
| 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10/08 | St Michael's | 9:00am | People of the Parish |
| | | St Joseph's | 11:00am | Sir Bill O'Brien |
| | | St Michael's | 3:00pm | Special Intention (Syro Malabar) |
| | | St Joseph's | 6:00pm | Dead List |

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)

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| 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: Father John Carter 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)

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Gerald Morgan, Special Intention, Asian Earthquake

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 27th July

Envelopes - £252.00
Loose Plate – £396.00

Standing Orders For June
£2660

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 Architect is awaiting health and safety documents from the Contractors via the Diocese before the work can commence. 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 will begin on Monday 4th August and will take 4-5 weeks.**

Holy day of Obligation-Friday 15th August - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

PARISH NEWS

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 27/07/25 are 34 and 51. 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 31st July 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 11th August at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.



DIOCESE NEWS

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on Sat. 23 August. Starting at 1.30pm, lasting about 1 hour. No booking required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

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.](#)

PONTEFRACT AND WAKEFIELD DEANERY JUBILEE MASSES: There will be a series of special Jubilee Masses in some of the churches in the Deanery. Parishioners are encouraged to go to some or all of these Masses and so become 'pilgrims' in this Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Jubilee Masses are: Tuesday 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE ARE RECRUITING: Social Media and Communications Co-ordinator - Salary: £28,726 - £30,163 (Pro Rata), based at Head Office in Leeds. Closing Date: 10 August 2025 please contact recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk for an application form.

APPRENTICE ASSISTANT TO LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY: Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, Leeds. Start: September 2025 or as soon after Closing date: Monday 25 August 2025. Further info: please visit <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/vacancies> To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Louise Jackson l.jackson@notredamecoll.ac.uk

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Ps 69: 2, 6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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 - Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17.

R1

R: O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

You turn man back to dust, and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, or like a watch in the night.

R:

You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning. In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades. **R:**

Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Turn back, O Lord! How long? Show pity to your servants. **R:**

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands. O give success to the work of our hands. **R:**

Second reading - Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death,

therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' " But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Wis 16: 20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Prayer after Communion

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

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