

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

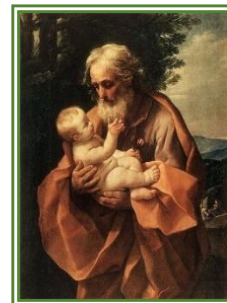
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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	05/10	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Mary Clayton
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday <i>St Bruno, Priest</i>	06/10	St Joseph's	10:15am	John Paul (Employment)
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	07/10	St Michael's	7:15pm	Laura Devanny (Recovery from illness)
Wednesday	08/10	St Joseph's	11:15am	Ian George
Thursday <i>St John Henry Newman, Priest</i>	09/10	St Michael's	11:00am	Gwendolyne
Friday <i>St Paulinus of York, Bishop</i>	10/10	St Wilfrid's School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	In Thanksgiving for all the Blessings Bestowed upon us (School Mass).
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Diane Flanagan (RIP)
Saturday <i>Mass of Our Lady</i>	11/10	St Michael's	10:00am	Gerald Morgan
28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	12/10	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	John W. Gallivan (Birthday)
		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)

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)

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special Intention, P.M.Thomas, In Thanksgiving, John Paul (Employment), D. Booth (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 28th September

**Envelopes - £337.00
Loose Plate – £484.00**

**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 on Sunday 19th October for the Little Sisters to help with the cost of rebuilding the Convent.

PONTEFRACT AND WAKEFIELD DEANERY JUBILEE MASSES: There will be a special Jubilee Mass at St Ignatius, Ossett on Tuesday 7th October, at 7pm, followed by tea, coffee and cake. This Holy Year the theme is Pilgrims of Hope. All are welcome.

PARISH NEWS

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.



CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

Friday 3rd October is Harvest Family Fast Day. Harvest is a time to give thanks and to share with those facing poverty and

injustice. In an Ethiopian village struck by drought CAFOD are helping farmer Waré and her neighbours to build life-changing water tanks. On Family Fast Day we are encouraged to eat simply and donate the money we save to CAFOD to support this vital work. **Envelopes attached to this week's bulletin. Thank you.**

Gift Aid Donations (GAD) – We have received the Gift Aid Donation letters from the Diocese (for the last tax year) and these will be distributed over the next two weeks, to those who are due to receive them. **If any of your circumstances have changed e.g no longer a taxpayer, changed address, then please contact the office (01977 702297) on a Tuesday or Friday. Alternatively contact the Diocese directly. If, however, you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid but do not currently do so, then please also contact the office.**

Batley Torchlight Procession: Lists are now closed. The coach will pick up at St Michael's at 5:30pm and then from St Joseph's (6th October 2025). The coach will set off to return approximately 9:15pm to 9:30pm. There will be light refreshments available following the procession, pie and peas £2.00 and Hotdogs £1.00. For further details please see posters on notice boards.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 28/09/25 are 47 and 64. 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

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 13th October at 7: 00pm at St Joseph's.



'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 9th October 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.



Thank you for all the electrical items generously donated in response to the SVP appeal. They have been delivered to the SVP depot in Leeds from where they will be distributed to people in need.



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

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

VISITATION OF THE CENTENARY PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE RELICS OF SAINT JACINTA AND FRANCISCO: on Monday 13th October at Leeds Cathedral from 10.30am until 7pm. Please see the full programme on the poster at the back of church or the Cathedral website.

CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY (CSSA) SURVIVORS' SURVEY: As part of a thematic audit of survivor engagement, the CSSA is actively seeking insight from those who have lived experience of abuse and is carrying out a public call for information. This is an opportunity for anybody with information to share with the CSSA (anonymously if you wish). To find out more about the CSSA's current public call for information, and how you can complete a survey, please visit their dedicated webpage <https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/>

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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 - Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. And the Lord answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. 'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

*R: O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise. **R:**

O come; let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the Lord who made us, for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R:**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R:**

Second reading - 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gospel Acclamation - 1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty." '

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

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