

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT (Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf). Parish Priest: Canon Tim Wiley. Assistant Priest: Father Joshy Philip

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<p>To reach the Parish website or the Donation page, use the relevant QR codes.</p>	 <p>QR Code for the Donation Page</p>	 <p>QR Code for the Parish Website</p>
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pg 265)	03/05	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Mary France & Margaret France
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	04/05	St Joseph's	10:15am	Special Intention
THE ENGLISH MARTYRS				
Tuesday	05/05	St Joseph's	9:30am	James Walsh (Anniversary)
Wednesday	06/05			No Mass – Clergy Conference
Thursday	07/05	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Steven Musij, Richard Cahill, James Walsh (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Katheleen Kidd
St John of Beverley, Bishop				
Friday	08/05	St Joseph's	9:30am	Bryan Martin Fleming (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Dead List
Saturday	09/05	St Michael's	10:00am	James A John (Anniversary)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10/05	St Michael's	9:00am	Dorothea Saul (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Game Family (Children's Liturgy)
		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
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.

<p align="center">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for: all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.</p>	<p align="center">PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</p> <p>Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden (nee Land), Kenneth Burns, Mary Slee</p>
<p align="center">MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p align="center">Special Intention, Roger Metcalfe, Kathleen Kidd, James Walsh, (Prayers for the Sick) Wendy Barry, Steven Musij, Richard Cahill, James Walsh, M & P.M Joseph, M & K.C Joseph</p>	

PARISH NEWS

Second Collection – For the Priest Training Fund raised £505.00. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Faith & Friendship Group

Bingo Night!!

Venue: St Michaels Church Hall

Date: 6th May 2026

Time: 7.30pm

- £1 per card
- 3 games with prizes for a line and a full house
- 4th game is a money prize, for a line and then a full house

Come and join us, helping us to raise money for charities and have a good time too



Clergy Moves: As announced last Sunday Canon Tim and Fr Joshy will be leaving us over the Summer for pastures new. Canon Tim has been appointed as Parish Priest of Saints Peter and Paul Yeadon, and Fr Joshy as Assistant Priest at St Austin's in Wakefield. Our new Parish Priest will be Fr Anthony Rosso who is currently Parish Priest of St Joseph's Keighley and Our Lady of Lourdes Haworth.

Monday Nights with Mary – Come and Pray the Rosary with us at St Joseph's Church every Monday at 6.30pm. Pray for yourselves, the church and the world. "Pray the rosary everyday" Our Lady of Fatima 1917.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 26/04/2026 are 38 and 81. Congratulations

Collections (26/04/26) Envelopes £330.00, Loose Plate £463.00. Standing Orders for April- £4157. Thank you for your support.



SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 11th May at 7pm at St Joseph's.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 7th May 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

Prayer meeting – Saturday after 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.

DIOCESE NEWS

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE: There will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life, Leeds Cathedral, Saturday 16th May, 12noon for couples and their families celebrating 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for

couples to renew their marriage vows. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please complete the application form, available at the back of church (return details on form).

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT: Castlerigg Manor, Keswick is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast/evening meals included. Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges. Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Visit <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds & Middlesbrough

As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

Thank you for the time and prayer you can offer to this important task.

VACANCIES

FULL TIME SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS RE CLASS TEACHER VACANCY: Required 1st September 2026. St John's Catholic Specialist School, Boston Spa. For further details or to arrange a visit, contact Mrs Karen Holt – karen.holt@stjohns.org.uk (01937 842144). Closing Date: Friday 8th May 2026, Interviews: week commencing 18th May 2026. To download an application pack <https://www.stjohns.org.uk/work-with-us/vacancies>

Vocations Prayer: The Bishop has asked that the following prayer be said after each Mass for Vocations. We will say the prayer after the Prayer to St. Michael.

Our Lady of Unfailing Help!

Pray that the Lord of the Harvest

will send labourers into His harvest

and that He will grant an abundance of vocations

to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life

within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world.

Amen.