

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>	<p>St Wilfrid's Catholic High School and Sixth Form College Telephone: 01977 691000 email@st-wilfrids.bkcat.co.uk https://www.stwilfrids.bkcat.co.uk Headteacher: Dr. P. Dore</p>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (pg 170)	22/03	St Michael's	9:00am	Lilly Fernandes	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Dead List	
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)	
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	23/03	St Joseph's	10:15am	Lilly Fernandes & Leo Fernandes	
Tuesday	24/03	St Michael's	7:15pm	Nora M ^c Cann	
Wednesday	25/03	St Joseph's	11:15am	Shirley Marshall	
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Thursday	26/03	H.F.S.M	10:30am	Stations of the Cross (School)	
		St Michael's	11:00am	Thomas Donohue	
Friday	27/03	St Joseph's	9:30am	Stations of the Cross (School)	
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Marie & Michael Foy Stations of the Cross after Mass	
Saturday	28/03	St Michael's	10:00am	Special Intention	
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	29/03	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Dead List	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)	
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Gloria Leonard	

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)			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.		
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			

<p align="center">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for: Marion Gill, Duggie Wigglesworth and 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">Maureen Walsh (Birthday), Martin John Fleming (Anniversary), Bryan Martin Fleming (Birthday)</p>	

PARISH NEWS



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

A raffle will be held at St Michael's on 22nd March. Tickets will be on sale before Mass (£1 a strip) and the raffle will be drawn at the end of Mass. Your generous support can help communities find innovative sustainable ways of growing enough food in harsh conditions, like a flood resistant floating garden, or a solar powered water pump for times of drought so they can feed their families. Thank you



WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH –

Eva Sofia Walpole and Lottie Lou Murkin who were baptised at St Michael's Church and Sebastian Szwed who was baptised at Joseph's Church last weekend.

Readers for Holy Week – The list is available at the back of St Joseph's Church. Please add your name if you are available. Some Masses still not covered.

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.

Reading at Mass: We need more readers for Sunday Masses especially the 6pm, if you are interested see Canon Tim

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 15/03/2026 are: 4 and 6. Congratulations to the winners.

Collections (15/03/26) Envelopes £428.00, Loose Plate £590.00. Standing Orders for February-£2435.00. Thank you for your support.

Prayer meeting – During Lent we will be saying the Stations of the Cross after the Saturday 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.

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 30th 2026 at 7:00pm, at St Joseph's, Pontefract.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 9th April 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

DIOCESE NEWS

Bishop Marcus – Recently Bishop Marcus was appointed Apostolic Administrator of Middlesbrough. He has now also been Appointed as Apostolic Administrator to the Diocese of Hallam!

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. The booking process is now open. Bookings can be made online on <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or by phone direct with Tangney (01732 886666).

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Leeds. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Monday 30th March 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, hr@sgtgc.org.uk

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Paulinus Catholic Primary School, Dewsbury. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Sunday 19th April 2026. Visit <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148485/EDV-2026-SPCPA-57364> for more details and to apply.

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.