

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (pg 151)	22/02	St Michael's	9:00am	Louise Bodker
		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	23/02	St Joseph's	10:15am	Don Dalton (Birthday)
Tuesday	24/02	St Michael's	7:15pm	Kathleen Hughes
Wednesday	25/02	St Joseph's	11:15am	Special Intention
Thursday	26/02	St Michael's	11:00am	Joan Dalton (Birthday)
Friday	27/02	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Bridget Kitts Stations of the Cross after Mass
Saturday	28/02	St Michael's	10:00am	Wilson Family
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	01/03	St Michael's	9:00am	Hall Family (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Special Intention (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		
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	

LATELY DEAD	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Please pray for: all those who have died recently, Kathleen Magyar. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.	Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden (nee Land), Duggie Wigglesworth, Kenneth Burns

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK
Majella Gilbertson, John Saul (Anniversary), Dorothea Saul, Majella Gilbertson, John Saul (An), Marie and Michael Foy, Mary and Albert Morgan (An), Family of Baby Evelyn Dry, Canon Tim & Fr Joshy, Repose of friends, Relatives, family of James and Maureen Walsh.

PARISH NEWS



Thank you to everyone with your continued support for the WRAP project. I am pleased to say that in March we will be welcoming a family consisting of, mum, dad and two young children. The Home Office is liaising with the International Organisation of Migration in order to arrange flights and also make sure that the family have some preparation for life in the UK. Please keep the work of the project in your prayers as we strive to make a difference for one family.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If you have a child who is in year 4 or above and wish them to make their First Holy Communion this year, application forms are available at the Sunday Masses.

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

St Wilfrid's Lourdes Appeal: Next Sunday Students from St Wilfrid's high School will be making an appeal to help them raise funds to go to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 15/02/2026 are: 31 and 18. Congratulations to the winners.

Collections (15/02/2026) Envelopes £276.00, Loose Plate £570.00. Standing Orders for January-£2963.00. 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 9th March 2026 at 7:00pm, at St Joseph's, Pontefract.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 5th March 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 6th March 11am at St Cuthbert's Church. High Ackworth. All welcome.

APF Red Boxes: Its time to bring the boxes in, and leave at the back of Church.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Friday 27th February is Lent Family Fast Day. We are encouraged to eat simply and donate the money we save to CAFOD. Your support will help farmers like Rejoice in South Sudan, Obayedul in Bangladesh and Hamunyare in Zimbabwe grow their own food and rebuild their lives with dignity. Due to postal delays the Fast envelopes, but we hope they will arrive in time to be attached to next week's bulletin.

DIOCESE NEWS

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS: Free Guided Tour will take place on Saturday 7th March, starting at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. Booking not required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

NEW MEN'S GROUP: The Oratory of St Joseph, for young Catholic or other interested laymen aged between 21 & 35. Monthly meetings at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX, for prayer, Benediction, talks, social time & free supper. Inaugural meeting Thursday 26th February, 6.30-8.30pm. Contact: benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

DAY FOR CATECHISTS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Saturday 11th April, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. The Vicariate for Education ran a very fruitful and well-attended day workshop for Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists in January. For anyone who was unable to make it, there will be a repeat of the day on the 11th April. This will include similar input, times of sharing and prayer. Lunch included. Please register your free place no later than 3rd April by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk