

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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HOLY WEEK

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	John B. Gallivan (Birthday) (Children's Liturgy)
		St Michael's	2:30pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Gloria Leonard (sick)
Monday	30/03	St Joseph's	10:15am	Bryan Martin Fleming (Birthday)
Tuesday	31/03	St Michael's	7:15pm	Dead List
Wednesday	01/04	LEEDS CATHEDRAL	11:00am	Chrism Mass
MAUNDY THURSDAY	02/04	St Michael's	5:30pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	7:00pm	Special Intention - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm)
Confessions after Mass until 9:55pm				
GOOD FRIDAY	03/04	St Michael's	3:00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	3:00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Followed by confessions)
		St Michael's	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross & Veneration of the Cross (followed by confessions)
Saturday	04/04	St Joseph's	12 Noon	Swieçonka (Polish Blessing of Easter Food)
		St Michael's	4:00pm	Vigil - Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	8:00pm	Vigil – People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY	05/04	St Michael's	9:00am	Peter Wilson
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Dead List

Confessions: St Michael's, Tuesday before Mass until 7:05pm. St Joseph's, Monday before Mass until 10:00am
St Joseph's Saturday 10am-11am 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: Canon Tom O'Connor, 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>MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Malcolm Crawshaw, Emily Joan Saint, Elsy Lonappan (speedy recovery)</p>	

PARISH NEWS



Come and join us for Bacon Butties after 11am Mass, in the hall at St Joseph's on Sunday 29th March. Cost £3 including drink.

Offertory Envelopes are now ready for collection in the entrance to church. If your envelope number has changed it does not affect anything as it will still be linked to you.

Faith & Friendship Group
Easter Bonnet & BINGO!! competition
• £3-00 for 4 games
Extra cards at £1-00 per Game
Final game £1-00 is a cash prize
Venue: ST MICHAELS CHURCH HALL
Date: Weds 1st April 2026
Time: 7.30PM
Make your Easter Bonnet and enter it into the competition
FUN EVENING AND A GREAT GET TOGETHER

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 22/03/2026 are: 90 and 92. Congratulations to the winners.

Collections (22/03/26) Envelopes £344.00, Loose Plate £413.00. Standing Orders for February-£2435.00. Thank you for your support.

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 and there will be refreshments afterwards.

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 30th March 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).

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.

RECRUITMENT FOR TWO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: St Carlo Acutis Catholic Education Trust (SCACET) and Blessed Chiara Badano Catholic Education Trust (BCBCET). The Diocese of Leeds invite applications for these two positions. Start date: September 2026. Closing date: Monday 20th April. For an informal and confidential discussion, please contact Kieron Flood, education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.