

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Times

St Michael's.....09:00
St Joseph's.....11:30 & 18:00

Mass in Polish

St Joseph's: 2nd & 3rd Sunday of month...16:15

Syro Malabar Knanaya Mission Mass

St Michael's: 2nd Sunday of each month...16:00

Rosary:

St Joseph'safter weekday Mass
St Michael's.....30 mins before weekday Mass

Divine Mercy chaplet:

30 minutes before Friday Mass

Confessions

Scheduled Confession

St. Michael's: Saturdays.....10:45 to 11:20
St Joseph's: Sundays.....10:45 to 11:15
Or by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Joseph's: Wednesdays10:00 to 10:50
St Michael's: Saturdays10:45 to 11:20

Childrens' Liturgy Groups

St Joseph's.....Sundays at 11.30am Mass
during school term time.

St Michael's.....Sundays at 9am Mass
throughout the year.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	03/03	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Malcolm & Louise Veronica McVeigh Cornene Meiningen
Monday	04/03	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion
<i>St Casimir</i>				
Tuesday	05/03	St Michael's	09:15	Fleming Family
Ash Wednesday	06/03	St Joseph's St J School St Michael's HFSM School	07:30 08:15 12:00 14:45	Ted Sands Ashing Outside the School Thelma Bosley Ashing Outside the School
Thursday	07/03	St Michael's	09:15	George McKenna
Friday	08/03	St Joseph's Crematorium	07:30 13:00	Mike Kitts Funeral Service - Anne Ward
Saturday	09/03	St Michael's	11:30	John & Margaret Curley
Sunday	10/03	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Mick Harvey Anthony O Konwea John W. Gallivan
First Sunday of Lent				

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Anne Ward whose funeral takes place this week, for Fr Gerry Hargreaves and Fr Sean Leonard and for Mary Yates who died recently. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.

OUR LADY'S LAMP INTENTIONS

St Joseph's Lady's Lamp Intention for this coming week:

Anne Blackburn

St Michael's Lady's Lamp Intention for this coming week:-

Fr Simon's intentions

If you wish to have a lamp burning night and day for an in front of the statues of Our Lady in either of churches then please take an envelope from the back of church, write on your intention and hand it to the priest. Please provide a minimum donation of £5 per envelope.

Last Week

Mass Count: **627**
Envelopes **£683** Loose **£573**
Refugee Crisis - £469

This Week's Draws

St Michael's
Pool No.69 Mark Winwood .£100
St Joseph's
Pool No.101 A.McDonald £20

MEETINGS

SVP – Tuesday, 5th March, 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Room
UCM – Wednesday, 20th March, 7 pm in St Michael's Hall
CAFOD – Thursday, 21st March, 7pm, St Joseph's Parish Room

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ADULT PRAYER GROUP
Held in the loft, every Wednesday at 8.30am.
ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL ADULT PRAYER GROUP
Held on Wednesday's at 8.30am.

CHURCH CLEANING:

St Joseph's:
A Wheatley, C Macdonald,
S Grace

St Michael's:
First Monday of each
month at 9:30am
Help always welcome

ASH WEDNESDAY – Note Mass times as follows as follows:

St Joseph's: 7.30am; St Michael's: 12 noon.

In addition to the Masses, Fr Simon will make himself available for the simple administration of ashes outside St Joseph's school from 8.15am and outside Holy Family & St Michael school at home time. This is for families and individuals who are not able to get to Mass to receive their ashes that day. Ash Wednesday is not a Holyday of Obligation, but receiving the ashes is a salutary way to enter into the spirit of the Lenten season.

PALMS AND CRIB STRAW – As we approach Ash Wednesday you are invited to bring in your Palms from last Palm Sunday and any bits of straw that you have taken from the Crib at Christmas. These will be burnt and will form the basis of your ashes as we begin the Lenten Season together. They can be left in the box at the back of our churches. This weekend is the last opportunity to do so as the ashes will be created on Monday (so they've cooled down by Wednesday!!).

BKCAT YOUTH CHOIR - will be with us in St Joseph's church on Sunday 10th March and will be leading the music for the First Sunday in Lent. If you haven't heard them sing, you're in for a treat!

CAFOD – Thank you to all at St. Michael's for your enthusiasm

and generosity at the Fairtrade Chocolate Morning last Sunday. Thanks for tasting the chocolate goodies, signing the petitions, taking the recipe leaflets and for your kind donations in supporting cocoa farmers.

If you missed it - don't worry - there will be a Fairtrade Chocolate Morning following 11:30 Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday 3rd March! All donations will go to the Fairtrade Foundation, to aid their mission to ensure cocoa farmers in West Africa receive a living income. For more details about Fairtrade Fortnight see the links on our Parish Website, Facebook and Twitter.

FAMILY FAST DAY - Friday 15th March. 2019

FAIRTRADE STALL – Both churches on Sunday 24th March

CANON JUNE LAWSON - was inducted into the parish of All Saints and St Giles with St Mary last Wednesday (replacing Canon Bob Cooper). By this act she formerly takes over the pastoral care of her parish and so we pray for her and those in her care as she begins her ministry in our town.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES, NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH – This will take place 10-18 March at St Joseph's Maidenhead and Herbery House, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries (they're the ones who hand out the **RED BOXES** which many of you have in your homes) prepare for their Patronal Feast with a special Novena of Masses and prayers. This includes the

intentions of all their supporters. There are some slips at the back of church for you to fill in and send to them if you wish to be included in their Novena.

RED BOXES - If you would like to take a Red Box home to collect money for the missions, please speak to Frances Chester at St Joseph's or Maxine Anderson and Anthea Bagshaw at St Michael's. If you already have a Red Box will you please bring it into church for emptying. After emptying, they are left at the back of church for you to collect. In the last year we raised £1,789 from the Red Boxes. Thank You!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Envelopes for use from April are now available for collection from the back of our churches. Boxes are initially at St Joseph's unless you have indicated your preference to collect at St Michael's, which is where they can be collected. If you have any questions about Offertory Envelopes, Gift Aid or Standing Orders for the parish then please get in touch with our Gift Aid Administrator, Vincent McGuire (07752 188500), email the parish (office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or call the parish office on a Wednesday and leave a message with our Secretary, Christine Harrison.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Rotas (27/01/19-28/07/19) for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers have been posted at the back of each. If you have any difficulties in connection with them then please contact Tom Moran or David Hall. **Please remember, if you are unable to fulfil our ministry, it is your responsibility to find someone who can stand in for you.**

ST MICHAEL'S TOMBOLA STALL – Donations of Easter Eggs welcome for the Tombola Stall.

LUNCH WITH THE MINI VINNIES – St Joseph's Mini Vinnies would like to invite 'senior' members of our parish community to join them for a hot meal for just £3 in the warmth of St Joseph's Hall on Wednesdays at 12 noon. If you would like to come, please let us know by the Monday of each week by calling 01977 701493 (School Office). On the day, please come to the School Reception.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE (FORMERLY WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER) - in Ackworth on Friday 1st March at 7pm in the Methodist Church, Barnsley Road, Ackworth. All Welcome.

DAY OF REFLECTION - Caring for the Earth - Our Common Home: The Justice & Peace Commission have organised a Day of Reflection on 30 March 2019. It will take place at SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7PX. It will start with the usual community mass at 10:00 and finish around 4pm. A day of prayer, some discussion and time for personal reflection about our place in God's creation and our responsibilities towards looking after our common home. The day is free to attend but please email the Justice & Peace office to book a place: jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

RACE NIGHT - Sat 13th April, 7:30pm. Little Sisters of the Poor, Mount St Joseph, Headingley, Leeds LS6 2DE. Telephone (0113) 2784101. See the poster for more details.

Spiritual Programme

CATECHETICAL COURSES – In February and March, and then again May and June 2019, there will be a series of short courses on the following subjects: Catholic Social Teaching, Lay Chaplaincy in Schools, Liturgy, Catholic Schools and Religious Education, Family Life Ministry or Youth Ministry. For further

details of any of these courses please contact Emma on 0113 261 8040 or evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PARISH PILGRIMAGES TO POLAND AND ITALY - This year we are running 2 pilgrimages. The first to Krakow, Poland, and the sites associated with St John Paul II commences on 13th May 2019. The second to Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo and the sites associated with St Francis and St Padre Pio runs from 5th October. Further details, booking forms and costs are available from Mary McAteer, telephone:- 01977 218100

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - Will be on 5th – 11th July 2019 by air from L.B.A. For further details ring Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790. email info@joewalstours.co.uk. www.joewalstours.co.uk. Any doctors, nurses and carers who are interested in being part of the amazing hospitality team on the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage 5th – 11th July are invited to an information evening which is taking place at Mount St Mary's School, LS9 8LA Tues 19th March, 7pm. Please do come along or tell someone about this event.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING DBS RENEWALS - Instructions from the Diocese means the renewal of current volunteers' DBS checks must now take place every 3 years. As a result there are 30+ renewals due within our parish. To facilitate an easier completion of these renewals Fr Simon has agreed that the Safeguarding Reps can hold 2 Saturday morning sessions on March 23rd & 30th in St Joseph's Parish Room, 8.30am – 11.30am. If your DBS is due for renewal you will be contacted in the weeks prior to the above dates at which time you will be asked if you wish to complete a renewal either online or a paper copy.

Renewal online - You will need to provide your email address after which you will receive a link to the online application which will need completing before one of the open sessions. You will then need to bring along, to one of those sessions, the 3 original identity documents that you chose to submit online.

Paper application - This will need completing at one of the 2 open sessions. Again you will need to bring along 3 original identity documents (see list below).

Whichever route you choose there are additional paper forms to complete and documents to read which are requirements of the Diocese.

Each renewal volunteer will need to provide 3 identity documents as well as photocopies. (It would be helpful if these are brought along too. However, photocopying will be available at the Saturday sessions.)

Identity documents - Where possible please use 3 from the following list:

- current passport
- current driving licence (paper or photocard)
- birth/marriage certificate (this is essential for married women or if there has been any other name changes)
- a recent utility bill (issued within the last 3 months and not printed from the internet)
- Credit card/bank/building society statement - (issued within the last 3 months and not printed from the internet)

Anyone unable to provide 3 documents from the above list please contact Julie Birch for alternatives. In addition all renewal applicants will need to provide their NI number.

Thank you. Parish Safeguarding Team

O BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

Plead for us thy children, whom though didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother

Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the chief Shepherd the Vicar of thy Son.

Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen

Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

A Word From Your Pastor

In case you missed the announcement last week, Bishop Stock has asked that I move from this parish at the end of August and take up a new appointment as Parish Priest of Holy Redeemer Parish in Huddersfield. Like this parish, Holy Redeemer Parish came into existence after the amalgamation of several parishes. It has three churches, two primary schools and one high school. Your new Parish Priest will be Canon Timothy Wiley who is currently the Parish Priest of St John Vianney Parish in Moortown, Leeds. (His current curate is a one Fr Josh Hilton.) The Canon is a kindly, prayerful man of great pastoral experience. You are very lucky to have him.

The appointment with the Bishop came out of the blue, to say the least! I knew that he had been trying to get in touch with me since Christmas; we kept missing each other but I wasn't worried as I thought I knew what he wanted to see me about. When we eventually met, his request blindsided me completely. My face must have registered this as he offered to pour me a stiff gin (in the middle of the afternoon)! Normally, the subject of 'moves' is broached around Easter but the poor Bishop has had to start extraordinarily early this year to facilitate the number of us who are having to move. His hands are tied with the demands of the Diocese and the shortage of priests at present. Sadly, we have had a few brother priests die whilst 'in situ' and others who are no longer physically fit enough to run a parish.

There is no way I would ever have requested a move from this parish – why would I, when it's my constant refrain that this is the best parish in the diocese?! Had it been possible, I'd have stayed here until I dropped. But as the Bishop explained to me the dire situation that the Diocese finds itself in at present, there was no way I could turn my back on him. 20 years ago this year, in the chapel of St Cuthbert at Ushaw, I promised obedience to Bishop Konstant and his successors and for the last 6 years I've been harrying you into commitment to the Church. To have denied the Bishop his request (and it was a request, not an order) would have been to betray my promise and prove myself a hypocrite in front of you all.

I am gutted to have to leave, but we all know that there's no Easter Sunday without a Good Friday and our lives are meant to bear witness to this central Truth. We all hope to share in The Lord's joy, but we cannot do that without sharing in His suffering too. Our attempts to avoid suffering only produces deeper, spiritual suffering. Obeying Jesus, even **and especially** when it's tough, brings a freedom and a joy that the world can't provide; we must keep our eyes on that singular Truth. Please be aware that as sure as your current PP feels like this 'tussle' between his desires and the needs of the Church, so also will your new PP, along with all those priests who are moving this summer. Keep us all in your prayers and **pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.** And thank you so much for all your reassuring comments.

Now, let's get on with having a fruitful Lent and Easter and a fabulous summer of celebrations, not least with Ben Hilton's ordination to the priesthood.

Fr. Simon

BULLETIN BLOOPERS!

A song fest was hell at the Methodist church last Wednesday.