

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>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pg 268)	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
Monday	11/05	St Joseph's	10:15am	Exam Success
Tuesday	12/05	St Joseph's	9:30am	Laurence & Mary Wiley (Anniversary)
Wednesday	13/05	St Joseph's	11:15am	Special Intention
Thursday	14/05	St Wilfrid's	8:15am	Special Intention (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	9:30am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	1:30pm	Foundation Mass (School Mass)
		H.F.S.M	2:00pm	Special Intention (School Mass)
		St Michael's	7:00pm	M. P.M Joseph
ASCENSION OF THE LORD				
Friday	15/05	St Joseph's	6:15pm	David Hawksworth (Birthday)
Saturday	16/05	St Michael's	10:00am	Thomas Thorpe
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	17/05	St Michael's	9:00am	Peter Wilson (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Dead List
		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, Nick Yarsley, 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, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden (nee Land), Kenneth Burns, Mary Slee, Wendy Barry.</p>
<p align="center">MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p align="center">In Thanksgiving, Mary Harrison (Birthday), Private Intention (T.W), Private Intention (J.P), Special Intention, Roger Metcalfe</p>	

PARISH NEWS

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 03/05/2026 are 24 and 45. Congratulations

Collections (03/05/26) Envelopes £323.00, Loose Plate £465.00. 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 21st 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.

Rosary in Honour of Our Blessed Lady In this month of May members of St Joseph’s UCM Castleford invite you to join them in prayer, reflection, and hymns to honour Our Blessed Lady.

Thursday 21 May at 12 noon, afterwards everyone welcome to join us for a cream tea served in the church hall.

If you are able to join us please contact Carol on 07984596137 Thankyou

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).

THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR: welcomes all parish musicians and parishioners, all choir parents and friends, and all school and Diocesan

staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons working towards singing a fun concert on 14 June. Rehearsals will take place from **2.30pm - 4pm on 3, 10 and 24 May, 7 and 14 June**, Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To sign up please email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

LEEDS INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL: Join us at Leeds Cathedral for the Leeds International Organ Festival, featuring a series of recitals by outstanding organists from across the UK and around the world. Mondays 11th May – 13th July (no recital 25 May), 1.15pm, Leeds Cathedral – free entry. For more information visit <https://www.leedsiof.org/home>

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.

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.

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: Senior Residential Childcare Workers & Residential Childcare Workers needed for our new children’s residential home in Wakefield. Also a Deputy Manager to work with our children’s homes in Keighley and Wakefield. Please see our website for a recruitment pack or email Alexandra.smith@catholic-care.org.uk.

CATHOLIC CARE IS RECRUITING: Support Worker, Salary: £26,045 **Post:** Full Time, 37 hours per week (shift patterns to include weekends and bank holidays) Location: Leeds. Closing Date: until position filled. See website for full details. www.catholic-care.org.uk