

# 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month...16:15

### Syro Malabar Knanaya Mission Mass

St Michael's: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month...15:00

### Rosary:

St Joseph's .....after 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: Wednesdays .....10:00 to 10:50

St Michael's: Saturdays .....10:45 to 11:20

### Children's' Liturgy Groups

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

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

**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.

**This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions**

Sunday	04/08	St Michael's	09:00	Mr & Mrs Hogan
		St Joseph's	11:30	Bridget Meloy
		St Joseph's	18:00	People of the Parish

*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Monday	05/08			<b>NO SERVICE</b>
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*Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*

Tuesday	06/08			<b>NO SERVICE</b>
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*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

Wednesday	07/08	St Joseph's	11:00	Ted Sands
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*St Sixtus II & Companions, St Cajetan*

Thursday	08/08			<b>NO SERVICE</b>
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*St Dominic*

Friday	09/08			<b>NO SERVICE</b>
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*St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)*

Saturday	10/08	St Michael's	11:30	Agnes Mary Game
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*St Lawrence*

Sunday	11/08	St Michael's	09:00	Mary & Jim Crostan
		St Joseph's	11:30	Fr Michael Lynch
		St Joseph's	18:00	People of the Parish

*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***LATELY DEAD**

Please pray for Fr Frank McGrath, Claire Knowles and all who have died recently.

May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.

**Last Week**Mass Count: **397**Envelopes **£579**, Loose **£410****This Week's Draws****St Michael's**

No. 35 - Maxine Anderson - £100

**St Joseph's** No. 140 – B O'Donnell - £20**MEETINGS****SVP** – Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Rooms**UCM** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm in St Michael's Hall**CAFOD** – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Rooms**OUR LADY'S LAMP INTENTIONS For This Coming Week****St Joseph's Lady's Lamp Intention: Intentions of the Oldridge Family****St Michael's Lady's Lamp Intention: The Mulholland Family**

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.

**CHURCH CLEANING:****St Joseph's:**

O'Malley Family

**St Michael's:**

10am on the first Monday of the month

Help always welcome

**FR BENJAMIN HILTON** – Fr Ben is celebrating Mass for us on again this Wednesday at 11am in St Joseph's, so if you didn't manage to get his 'First Blessing' then you will have another opportunity then. He has also left us some of the prayer cards produced in happy remembrance of his ordination. These are available at the back of both churches. Would Eucharistic Minister who visit in people's homes, please make sure they pass on these cards to the housebound.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND READERS**

We thank Tom Moran for organising this important service in our parish and he has now handed over to Andrew Iwanuschak. Andrew's contact details are on the front of the Bulletin.

**CAFOD** – is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. With your help, we reach out to people living in hard to reach places, in war zones and those who are discriminated against. Across our Parish, we try to raise as much money and awareness as we can through Family Fast Giving, Soup Sundays, Fair Trade Stalls and campaigning, but we are a very small group. We would love you to help by coming to our monthly meetings and giving us more help and ideas to raise awareness and money. The next meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Rooms.

Thank you very much for your continuing generosity and support. CAFOD really does appreciate it.

**ST. JOSEPH'S NURSERY PONTEFRAC** - Places are still available for the Autumn term for any child who is 3 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Applications, for a January start, will be taken for children who will be aged three years by 31<sup>st</sup> December. As the school is now closed for the summer break, the Application Form will be made available on the school website in the near future. See <http://www.stjosephspontefract.co.uk/> The completed form and any relevant documentation can be returned to school when it reopens on 3<sup>rd</sup> September but no later than **3.30pm Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please note failure to provide any necessary additional documents by the closing date will delay the correct categorisation of the application. Please call in or contact school (01977 701493) for more details.

It should be noted that an offer of a place in the nursery does not guarantee a place in school, for which a separate application must be made.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – If you are using Envelope number 8, 68, 91 or 95 would you pass you name and address to either Fr Simon or Vincent McGuire please so we can register your envelope on our system.

**FR LAWRENCE LISTER** – Our former Parish Priest will commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood at a celebration of Holy Mass at 12pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August at St Mary's Church Gibbet Street, Halifax. Everyone welcome to attend.

**This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions**

Sunday	11/08	St Michael's	09:00	Mary & Jim Crostan
		St Joseph's	11:30	Fr Michael Lynch
		St Joseph's	18:00	People of the Parish
<i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				
Monday	12/08	St. Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion
<i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>				
Tuesday	13/08	St Michael's	09:15	Frank O'Halloran
		St Joseph's	17:00	<b>Reception of Claire Knowles body into church</b>
<i>St Pontian &amp; St Hippolytus</i>				
Wednesday	14/08	St Joseph's	11:00	<b>Requiem Mass – Claire Knowles</b>
<i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>				
<b>FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>				
Wednesday	14/08	St Michael's	19:00	Vigil Mass - Fr Canice McGinn
Thursday	15/08	St Joseph's	07:30	People of the Parish
		St Michael's	12:00	All departed Souls of St Michael's
Friday	16/08	St Joseph's	<b>08:30</b>	Ted Sands
		<b>Crematorium</b>	<b>09:40</b>	<b>Funeral Service – Theodore Peterson</b>
<i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>				
Saturday	17/08	St Michael's	11:30	Alice Caulfield
Sunday	18/08	St Michael's	09:00	Betty Richards
		St Joseph's	11:30	Canon Edward McSweeny (YB)
		St Joseph's	18:00	People of the Parish
<i>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

**St Joseph's:**

M Gilbertson, B Smith

**St Michael's:**

10am on the first Monday of the month

Help always welcome

**OUR LADY'S LAMP INTENTIONS For This Coming Week**

**St Joseph's Lady's Lamp Intention:**

**Intentions of the McGuire Family**

**St Michael's Lady's Lamp Intention:**

**All newly ordained priests**

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.

**SCHOOLS PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September in aid of a Pilgrimage for pupils from St Joseph's and Holy Family & St Michael's Schools to Walsingham.

**LUNCH WITH THE MINI VINNIES** – Lunch with the Mini Vinnies at St Joseph's school will not be available during the summer holidays as the school is now closed until the first week in September.

**PILGRIMAGES**

**PILGRIMAGE PICK UP POINT** - If you are adding your name to the either of the lists at St Michael's please indicate your preferred pick up point. Departure from St Michael's will depend on numbers as there may be an additional cost.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** – We are once again running a coach to the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to come along add your name to the list at the back of our churches. Departure will be from St Joseph's at 6:30am and return at 5:30pm. **To save a seat you will need to pay £10 non-returnable deposit. Your seat is only guaranteed with the payment of this deposit. A further £15 will be payable on the day of travel.** Children under the age of 16 go free.

**BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION** – in honour of our Blessed Lady will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. We will be running a bus to the event. You are invited to sign up at the back of church from this weekend, price £10 to secure your seat. Departure will be from St Joseph's at 6:45pm and return at 9:00pm.

**HELP NEEDED**

We have published several requests for help over the last weeks. We thank those who have already come forward, but in order to maintain these important services in our parish we still need more people to offer their help. Please give it some thought and see where you might be able to join in.

- St Michael's Lock up on Sundays – speak to the team providing refreshments so a rota can be developed.
- St Joseph's after Sunday Mass Refreshments & 100 Club - speak to the team already helping out.
- Children's Liturgy – Help need to run the 'administrative side' of this important work at both our churches. Please approach any of the liturgy leaders to offer your help.
- Parish Pool - The Pool run from both churches is desperately in need of people to take new numbers. Please see Mary or Frances in the respective churches to secure your number.
- CAFOD - help by coming to CAFOD monthly meetings to give help and ideas to raise awareness and money.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

**ST JOSEPH'S GALLERY** – The low height at the front of the gallery at St Joseph's poses a risk to those using the pews in that area. Please take care when seated in that area and keep children away from the front.

### PRAYER TO MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle.

Be thou our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who roam through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen

### THE ANGELUS

**V.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

**R.** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

*Hail Mary, .....*

**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R.** Be it done unto me according to thy word.

*Hail Mary, .....*

**V.** And the Word was made Flesh.

**R.** And dwelt among us.

*Hail Mary, .....*

**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross ✕ be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

## A word from Your Pastor

Today, were it not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the feast of St John Vianney, also known as the Cure of Ars. He was the saintly parish priest of a small, initially insignificant, village in south west France. He is the patron saint of Parish Priests and as such is held up to us as a model of sanctity which centres itself on: devotion to the mercy of God - he was renowned for his pastoral skill in the Confessional and his ability to read souls; devotion to the Holy Eucharist - he used to spend hours, mainly during the night, before the tabernacle; courage in fighting The Evil One - he was plagued physically and spiritually by demons during his life but countered them with ridicule and contempt, so convinced was he of Christ's power to save; a life of penance - he subjected himself to grueling physical mortification which rendered his body to a skeletal appearance. Primarily though, his sanctity was clarified in his stark humility, an attribute which many artists have succeeded in capturing. As a model for parish Priests to imitate, you can see I have some way to go!!

But he's not just a saint for priests; he is a saint for all of us and particularly, I would suggest, in this business of 'humility'. It is a virtue which someone suggested recently was Jesus' 'favourite' virtue, the one about which He speaks the most either directly or indirectly. Humility is the pivotal virtue of the spiritual life and progress along the way of the saints, which is the way of perfection, is impossible without it. St Therese of Lisieux, another great saint of France, put it thus: "The beginning of all holiness is humbly admitting that without God we can do nothing, but that with, in and through Him, all things are possible!" Any person who has taken seriously the 12-Step programme to sobriety or freedom from narcotics knows that there is little hope for them without this maxim and this virtue. They must spend the rest of their lives centering themselves on it. We are blessed with having such a group that meets twice weekly in our parish rooms who practice such a spiritual programme and we could do a lot worse than to Google the 12-Steps and see for ourselves how in-keeping with the Gospels they are.

We must be on guard against all the things that impede our development of a humble life before our God. Watch out for Pelagianism - that heresy which suggests that we can attain salvation on our own merits, that we can bring it about if we try hard enough. Yes, we need to put in some effort, but even the starting of 'effort' is dependent on God's grace! Guard against a work ethic that promotes what we 'do' rather than **who** we are - before God we are all weak and needy and sometimes it's hard to admit this especially in our success-orientated society. That same secular society encourages us to promote our sense of 'our rights' or 'entitlement'. I am not talking about our fundamental human rights (the Church always promotes this); rather I mean the sort of thing that says, "I deserve this or that" or encourages us to overemphasise 'me' and tells us to feel sorry for ourselves and to nurse our grudges and lick our wounds when we feel we've been overlooked. Finally, we need to guard against the need to 'know' everything, to penetrate every divine mystery and unlock God's secrets. No, our call is to trust the God Who reveals Himself in His own good time. It's frustrating when we want to get the God-thing 'sorted' but, hey! that's just too bad.

In the end, remember, as Bishop Fulton Sheen said: "Only the humble can pray, for prayer assumes we need someone and something." So, if you're praying each day, take courage - you're on the right tracks. It has been said that the two most important lessons in life are: first, there is God; second, I am not He!

*Fr Simon*

What is the best thing about living in Switzerland? Well, the flag is a big plus.