

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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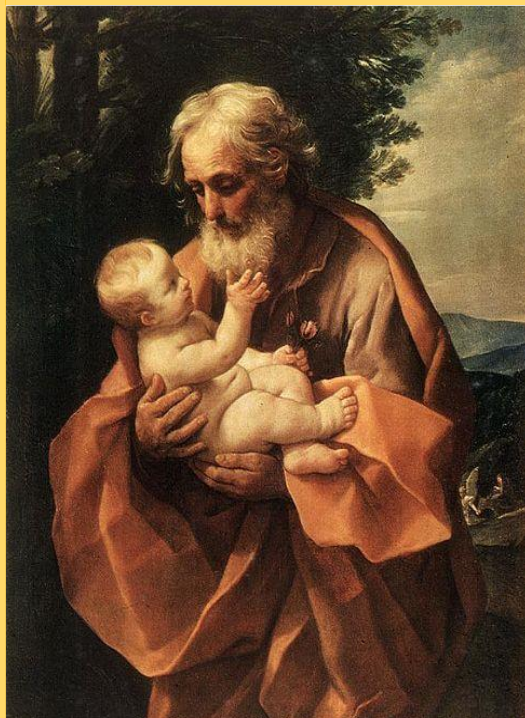
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Wednesday evening.

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## OUR SCHOOLS

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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

### 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.

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

Sunday	05/05	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:30	Corporal Darren Bonner Kathleen Hughes Gordon Lumb
Monday	06/05	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion
Tuesday	07/05	St Michael's <i>St John of Beverley</i>	19:00	Magdalen Baughan
Wednesday	08/05	St Joseph's	11:00	Liz Ryan
Thursday	09/05	St Michael's	09:15	Bill Looney
Friday	10/05	St Joseph's	09:15	P.M. Joseph
Saturday	11/05	St Michael's <i>St Anselm</i>	11:30	James Family Intentions
Sunday	12/05	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Sr. Victoire Finlay F.C.J. Intentions of the Ashton Family People of the Parish
<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>				

**LATELY DEAD**

Please pray for all those who have 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:**

**John Cooke**

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

**The Dillon Cousins**

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: **606**  
Envelopes **£645** Loose **£482**  
**Holy Places £581**  
**This Week's Draws**  
**St Michael's**  
Pool No.26 A, Bagshaw £20  
**St Joseph's**  
Pool No 8 C. Lumb £20

**MEETINGS**

**UCM** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm St Michael's Hall  
**CAFOD** – tba  
**SVP** – tba  
  
**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 Caine, P O'Duffy  
  
**St Michael's:**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Help always welcome

**THIS SUNDAY** - We will be joined by Fr Henry Somah from the Society of African Missions (SMA) for all Masses and Services. There will be a Retiring Collection for the Society.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** – At all Masses on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, some of our young ones will make their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as the approach this wonderful moment in their lives.

**PARISH FEAST** – On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, we will celebrate the children who have made their First Confession and First Holy Communion and have been Confirmed recently. The celebrations will start with a procession at 2pm beginning from St Joseph's school. It will be followed by a short service and presentation in the church before the feasting in the grounds of the school. Parents of children who made First Holy Communion are asked to bring along some food for a shared table (there will be the usual 'BBQ burger run', too). If your child is a boy please bring a sweet; if you have a girl please bring a savoury (see what we did there? – no gender specific stereotyping in this parish, thank you very much!!!)

**REV BEN HILTON** – will be ordained to the priesthood in the Cathedral on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July (unless he gets a better offer!). As in the case of his brother's ordination, we shall run a bus from the parish. A list will go up at the beginning of June so that you

can reserve your seat. He will celebrate Mass for us in St Joseph's on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7pm there will be a 'do' afterwards. Put these dates in your diaries now, please. We shall organise a collection for him as a gift from the parish nearer the time.

**LENTEN ALMS, MARY'S MEALS** - Thanks to all who brought their Lenten Alms boxes in over the Easter Triduum. We have so far raised £800 for Mary's Meals who provide a nutritious daily meal in a place of education to chronically hungry children around the world. If you haven't brought your white box in yet, please pop it in the offertory collection or leave it at the back of church. Or if you don't have a box, you can still donate by placing your donation in an envelope marked "Mary's Meals". Thanks again for your generosity.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** – The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any matters you wish to raise with the Council, then please speak to one of it's members (See notice at the back of our churches) or email office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE** - The winning ticket was **284** if you're the lucky person, bring your ticket with you when you collect your egg from the presbytery.

**EASTER WEEK POOL WINNERS** - St. Michael's - M. McAteer, No 94 £100, St Joseph's - P. Clements, No.92 £20

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ETC** - A small number of Offertory Envelopes are still to be collected and will remain at St Joseph's. If you have taken a new envelope for your use, please ensure you return the form inside to Fr Simon or Vince McGuire.

**STANDING ORDER MANDATE** - If you would like to give a fixed amount to your parish each month please complete a **STANDING ORDER MANDATE**, which is available at the back of both Churches, and hand it to Fr Simon or Vince McGuire.

**GIFT AID DECLARATION** - If you are a tax payer and would like to sign up for the Gift Aid scheme so that we can increase your offerings by 25% by claiming tax back from HMRC, please complete the **GIFT AID DECLARATION**, which is available at the back of both churches and hand your completed form to Fr Simon or Vince McGuire.

**HALL HIRE** - Do you need to find somewhere for a meeting, celebration, party or family get together? Then why not hire one of our halls? Both are available on evenings and weekends and St Michael's is also available on weekdays too. If you're interested, then for St Joseph's School Hall call Christine Wilson on 07810 105742, or for St Michael's Church Hall call Paula Saul on 07305 318683 or Duncan Saul on 07827 357838.

**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.

**PARISH REPOSITORIES** - Gifts and cards are available in the Hall at St Michael's after the 9am Mass and in St Joseph's after 11.30 mass on Sunday. Please take a look. There is a large variety of items for purchase, including Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism and other religious gifts and cards are available. All proceeds go to the parish. Any questions or requests for special orders please contact Anne Barraclough or Ruth on 01977 780560.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** - If you are new to our Parish then it would be helpful if you could complete the **PARISH CENSUS FORM** available at the back of both churches. Please hand your completed form to Fr Simon.

The personal details of yourself and family members given above will only be stored and used by the Parish for internal administrative and organisational purposes of the Parish. They will not be disclosed outside the parish.

**EASTER SPIRITUALITY** - The parish of St Ignatius at Ossett are hosting a series of talks given by inspirational speakers during Eastertide (14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> May). Further details are available on the posters at the back of church.

**VOLUNTEER LAY CHAPLAINS (MENTAL HEALTH)** - NHS South West Yorkshire Partnership are running a 12 week course, commencing on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 to provide an opportunity for involvement in NHS Pastoral Ministry as lay chaplain. They are seeking people with a strong faith background and openness, sensitivity and commitment to join a lively and highly motivated team of chaplains, trainers, counsellors and volunteer support. Following an initial informal discussion with members of the chaplaincy team, suitable

applicants will be invited to complete the Trust's volunteer recruitment process. This includes a reference from their local minister or faith leader as well as clearance checks for safeguarding purposes. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact the Pastoral and Spiritual Care Department on 01924 316282 to speak to Revd. Stephen Oakley or Revd. Mike Gartland or email [stephen.oakley@swyt.nhs.uk](mailto:stephen.oakley@swyt.nhs.uk) / [mike.gartland@swyt.nhs.uk](mailto:mike.gartland@swyt.nhs.uk)

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE** - "Love One Another .....as I have loved you!" (John 15:12) This request by Jesus is the theme of a wonderful weekend in Liverpool at the Northern Catholic Conference on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Liverpool HOPE University. There will be daily Holy Mass, Adoration and Devotions, an amazing healing service led by Cor et Lumen Christi Community on Friday as well as great inspiring speakers, good food and fellowship. Join them and celebrate our wonderful Catholic Faith. Ring Denise on 07543 800812, or write to NCC "Regina Coeli", 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool, L4 8US or email [northerncatholic@outlook.com](mailto:northerncatholic@outlook.com)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY AT HOME** - 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 is the weekend festival in Staffordshire bringing young people ages 15 to 25 together to have a taste of WYD, with prayer, catechesis, fellowship, liturgies and worship. The Weekend promises to provide a wonderful experience of God's love for young people from all over the country. Please see website for further details [www.wydathome.com](http://www.wydathome.com)

**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@joewalshstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshstours.co.uk). [www.joewalshstours.co.uk](http://www.joewalshstours.co.uk).

The Hospitality Team are in desperate need for more volunteers (Doctors, Nurses, Helpers) for the pilgrimage. If you are able to help please call Kim O'Connor (Medical) 07947 534989; Angela Harvey (Helpers) 07939 262748.

**VACANCIES** - Personal Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer based at Hinsley Hall. An excellent opportunity for an experienced PA or Executive Assistant to join the Executive Team at Hinsley Hall providing administrative support across our Diocese. Full job description available through the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies). For more details please contact [rebecca.phillips@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.phillips@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Your CV with a covering letter should be submitted to [vacancies@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) by 9am, Monday 20th May 2019.

New paid roles in the Safeguarding Office at Hinsley Hall for: Safeguarding Administrator - Maternity cover from July 2019, Full time/Temporary Assistant Administrator, 18 hours per week/permanent; Assistant Safeguarding Coordinator Full time/permanent. Please see the vacancy section on the diocesan website [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for more information or contact [safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

### 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

### REGINA CAELI

Regina Caeli, Laetare, alleluia:

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia,

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia,

V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia,

R. *Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

## A word from Your Pastor

It's nearly 80 years since T.S. Elliot wrote the poem "Four Quartets", the second of which is called "East Coker". Here are a few verses from it:

The wounded surgeon plies the steel  
That questions the distempered part;  
Beneath the bleeding hands we feel  
The sharp compassion of the healer's art  
Resolving the enigma of the fever chart.

Our only health is the disease  
If we obey the dying nurse  
Whose constant care is not to please  
But to remind of our, and Adam's curse,  
And that, to be restored, our sickness must grow worse

In this quartet, Elliot describes Christ as the 'wounded surgeon' (much modern spirituality refers to Jesus as 'The wounded Healer'). He makes the point that even as he dies on the Cross, Jesus is drawing us all through the 'surgery' of reconciliation to full life with the Father. There is no way to reach this deep and lasting life other than through the knife of suffering-surgery which is wielded by Christ. But we believe that with His profound skill, the glorious end is always achieved. At the end of the Quartet, Elliot proffers the prophetic line: "In my end is my beginning". This death/resurrection prophecy is at the heart of our Faith.

I am writing this before I head off on my holiday and as I read that on 3<sup>rd</sup> May Westminster Abbey will hold a service for Thanksgiving for 50 years of 'at sea deterrent'. There's nothing wrong with Thanksgiving for the Royal Navy, but that's not what the service celebrates; it is giving thanks for nuclear weapons (that's what the 'at sea deterrent' is). Think about that: Christians giving thanks to Almighty God for the capacity to vaporise hundreds of thousands of people in one go. Somehow, I don't think that's what God envisaged as a fruit of the New Life won for us by His Son. Not surprisingly -and as if the Dean and chapter knew they couldn't be getting it more wrong if they tried -attendance at this service is by invitation only. A lot of people (including many Christians) will be there, uninvited, to witness against this act of blasphemy (for that is what it is); hopefully it will have been stopped before 3<sup>rd</sup> May, but I doubt it. Whether it went ahead or not, let each one of us make sure that our Resurrection Faith is inspired by Christ and his life and not some evil, idolatrous manifestation of the Evil One and its Death. And let each one of us call out, daily, for that Divine Mercy that gives us the courage to yield to the healing hands of the Divine Surgeon Who is fitting us for the fullness of life.

*Fr Simon*

Teacher: "Give me a sentence containing the word benign." Pupil: "It's my birthday next week, and I'll benign."