

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...15:00

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

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	07/07	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Betty & Frank Thornton Elizabeth Konwea People of the Parish.
<i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				
Monday	08/07	St. Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion.
Tuesday	09/07	St Joseph's St Michael's	11:00 18:00	Requiem Mass - Bridget Meloy Reception of Betty Richards body into church
<i>St Augustine Zhao Rong</i>				
Wednesday	10/07	St Michael's	11:00	Requiem Mass - Betty Richards
Thursday	11/07	H.F.S.M.	09:30	Jean Day
<i>St Benedict</i>				
Friday	12/07	St Joseph's	09:30	All Departed Members of St Joseph's Church (School in Attendance)
Saturday	13/07	St Michael's	11:30	Frank Magyar
<i>St Henry</i>				
Sunday	14/07	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Doris McLane Peter Booth People of the Parish.
<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Bridget Meloy, Betty Richards and all who have died recently.

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

Last Week

Mass Count: **509**

Envelopes **£557**, Loose **£377**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's No.78 M Handforth - £100

St Joseph's No.44 P O'Duffy - £20

MEETINGS

SVP – Tuesday, 9th July, 7pm

St Joseph's Parish Room

UCM – Wednesday 17th July, 7pm

St Michael's Hall

CAFOD – Thursday 18th July 7pm

St Joseph's Parish Room

OUR LADY'S LAMP INTENTIONS For This Coming Week

St Joseph's Lady's Lamp Intention: Fr Simon's Ordination Anniversary

St Michael's Lady's Lamp Intention: 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:

M Gilbertson, B Smith

St Michael's:

10am on the first Monday of the month

Help always welcome

COLLECTION – This Sunday, we will have a retiring collection after all Masses that will form our gift to Fr Ben on the occasion of his priestly ordination.

REV BEN HILTON – Thank you to everyone who has booked a place on the bus from the parish for Ben's ordination to the priesthood in the Cathedral on Saturday 20th July. The bus is now full and will leave St Michael's at 9:30 calling at St Joseph's about 9:45 before heading off to the Cathedral. He will celebrate Mass for us in St Joseph's on Monday 22nd July at 7pm and there will be a 'do' afterwards. Put these dates in your diaries now, please.

CAFOD - Look out for our Fairtrade stall at both churches next Sunday, 14th July.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS – This year's 'crop' of Year 6 children will have their Leavers' Mass in St Michael's church on Tuesday 23rd July at 6pm, during which we will present them with a gift from the parish to mark their leaving primary school and starting this new chapter in their lives. As well as our 2 primary schools, this Mass is also for children who attend other schools, Catholic or otherwise. This is a parish event and not, explicitly, a school event. It's certainly a busy event, but parishioners are very welcome to attend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019 - Children who took part in the Sacramental Programme this year (Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation) and have not collected their certificates, can collect them from the Parish Office at St Joseph's

until the 28th of July. Books that were handed in by Confession and First Holy Communion children can also be collected from the Parish office until the 28th of July. Any certificates or books not collected after this date will be 'reassigned a more permanent resting place'.

CASTLEFORD CHORAL SOCIETY – will present their summer concert in St Joseph's church at 7:15pm on Saturday 13th July. Tickets can be bought at the door and half of the proceeds will go to parish funds. Everyone is welcome to come along to listen to this excellent local choir.

BKCAT CHILDREN'S CHOIR – will lead the congregation at 11.30am Mass on Sunday 14th July in St Joseph's church.

PONTEFRAC NEWS - The current addition of Pontefract News available on Sunday 7th July will feature an article by Fr Simon on his seven year stay in the Parish of St Joseph. Copies will be available in both churches on Sunday morning. The publication will also be available at the Liquorice Festival and distributed throughout the town.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – If you are using Envelope number 8, 68, 91, 95 or 106 would you pass your name and address to either Fr Simon or Vincent McGuire please so we can register your envelope on our system.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY – St Joseph's school, Pontefract, have Nursery places available for Catholic and non-Catholic children

aged 3 and 4-year-old. Please contact the school directly for an application form.

GIFT AID DONATIONS – The letters addressed to those parishioners who donate under the Gift Aid Scheme providing details of the total amount you have given and the amount that is being reclaimed from HMRC have been moved to the Parish Office and will be available for collection from there until the end of July.

NEW PARISHIONERS – If you have recently moved into our parish: Welcome! We're delighted to have you with us. Please take a census form from the back of church and once you have completed it return it to Fr Simon. Also, join us for refreshments after the 9am and 11.30am Masses.

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.

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. The pools provide the parish with a good source of income so please take a number if you haven't already. You can have more than one number if you so wish!

YOUR CHILDREN ARE BEAUTIFUL: we all know this and we appreciate it. But they are children and sometimes it can be a big ask for them to be quiet for an entire hour whilst at Mass. For this reason, cut yourself some slack and rather than fighting to keep them quiet give them some time out at the back of church. We are blessed with two lovely areas in our churches whereby people can have a break and still be a part of everything that's happening during Mass. Use them!

CAN YOU HELP – Thank you for those who have already come forward to help but more volunteers are needed to help with refreshments and the 100 Club following 11:30 Sunday Mass at St Joseph's. If you would like to help out please come along any Sunday after Mass and have a chat with those already helping out and they will explain what is involved.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Calling all mums and dads whose children attend Children's Liturgy on a Sunday. The Liturgy Leaders of both St Joseph's and St Michael's groups are in need of extra volunteers to help run the administrative side of this important work. It would only involve completing the weekly register during the session and ensuring that any new attendees fill in a consent form. The planning, preparation and delivery of the Liturgy programme means the present volunteers simply do not have the time to oversee the registration process which is a Diocesan Safeguarding requirement. Please think about offering your services for this role as it is a vital part in ensuring the continuing success of both Liturgy Groups. Put simply, if you're not prepared to help then we will not be able to offer this service. Please feel free to approach any of the liturgy leaders to offer your help. Thank you.

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.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS – Please remember to let us know if you are going into hospital for any length of time. Under current rules a priest has to be specifically requested by the patient (or family). If you call or email the parish office in this, we can make sure that Fr Crawley (the Chaplain, based at St Austin's) is aware of any admissions.

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS - Sat 21st Sept 2019, Leeds Cathedral, 12:00 Noon. All Diocesan altar servers are welcome to attend. Those attending will need to bring their albs/cassocks and cottas and gather in Wheeler Hall by 11.40am. Also, please bring a picnic lunch which will be eaten in Wheeler Hall following the Mass.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE - On Saturday 5th October 2019 at 6pm, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year, 2019. The Mass will fulfil the Sunday Obligation and there will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. More details to follow in the coming months.

DOWRY TOUR - From Thursday 7th November, 4pm, until Saturday 9th November, 1pm, the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be at Leeds Cathedral. There will be a range of liturgical celebrations and devotions throughout the visit, including Mass, the Rosary, processions, talks and a display telling the story of English Catholic history in images and words. A full programme will be available soon.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S PEWS – Some repair work has been carried out but please continue to take care and put up kneelers when not in use.

11.30am MASS - The aisles in St Joseph's are very narrow and can be problematic for people with mobility issues so please cooperate with our marshals to ensure that the procession moves as smoothly as possible.

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

During this last week, I celebrated my 19th birthday...as a priest. As part of my retreat I returned to sermons by the Holy Cure of Ars, St John Vianney, texts which I had looked at in preparation for my ordination but had not been able to get my head around. This 19th century priest was renowned for his very simple preaching style, preaching as he did – initially- to a largely illiterate, peasant congregation. On the priesthood, is his very black and white. Here are some excerpts from his sermons:

“When the bell calls you to church, if you were asked, “Where are you going?” you might answer, “I am going to feed my soul. “If someone were to ask you, pointing to the tabernacle, “What is that golden door?” “That is our storehouse, where the true Food of our souls is kept.” “Who has the key? Who lays in the provisions? Who makes ready the feast, and who serves the table?” “The priest.” “And what is the Food?” “The precious Body and Blood of Our Lord.” O God! O God! how Thou hast loved us! See the power of the priest; out of a piece of bread the word of a priest makes a God.

Someone said, “Does Saint Philomena, then, obey the Cure of Ars?” Indeed, she may well obey him, since God obeys him. (Philomena was his patron saint, whom he regarded a chiefly responsible for the miracles associated with him.)

If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I should salute the priest before I saluted the angel. The latter is the friend of God; but the priest holds His place. Saint Teresa (of Avila) kissed the ground where a priest had passed. The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see the priest, think of Our Lord Jesus Christ.”

19 years ago I was pretty appalled at St John Vianney’s understanding of priesthood. 19 years later, I am still appalled, but now it’s because I have experienced the truth of his sermons. One of the greatest misunderstandings to come out of the Second Vatican Council is that of the Catholic priesthood, and I suspect that’s because the enormity of what we priests are engaged in is simply too much for the modern mind. And yet, the munificence of God remains. I am appalled that God would choose sinners like me to undertake such a ministry in this world; and yet He does. This is why we priests DESPERATELY need your prayers everyday so that our sense of unworthiness, and its manifest reality, do not impede the glory that God wants to bestow on His people through His priests. In these last few days before Ben Hilton’s ordination when it will be “given to him what is not given unto angels – to offer God to God” (St Bernard) we must pray for him very earnestly, and we must pray that more will follow him. And I ask you to pray for me and for your new PP and for all priests; we need the grace of your prayers. To paraphrase the hymn: “’Tis grace has brought me safe thus far; ‘tis grace will lead me on.”

Fr Simon

I bought my best friend a friend a fridge for his birthday. I can’t wait to see his face light up when he opens it.