

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

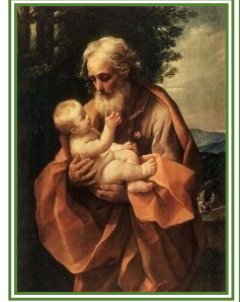
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26 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	28/09	St Michael's	9:00am	Roy Westmorland (90 th Birthday)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Dead List
Monday	29/09	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Special Intention (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	10:15am	In Thanksgiving
Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS				
Tuesday	30/09	St Michael's	7:15pm	Private Intention
St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church				
Wednesday	01/10	St Joseph's	11:15am	Joan Dalton
St Therese of the Child Jesus (Of Lisieux) Virgin and Doctor of the Church				
Thursday	02/10	St Michael's	11:00am	Christine Harrison
The Holy Guardian Angels				
Friday	03/10	St Wilfrid's School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Requiem for Patricia Price
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Linda Dickinson
Saturday	04/10	St Michael's	10:00am	Apolonia & Jan Mrozik-Gliszczyncy
St Francis of Assisi				
27 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	05/10	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Mary Clayton
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Exposition will begin about 45 minutes before Mass)

Monday	St Joseph's	Before 10:15am Mass
Wednesday	St Joseph's	Before 11:15am Mass
Friday	St Joseph's	Before 6:15pm Mass
Saturday	St Michael's	Before 10:00am Mass

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 style="text-align: center;">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for:</p> <p>All those who have died recently, Patricia Price. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</p> <p>Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Margaret Clamp, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden, (nee Land)</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Laura Devanny (recovery from illness), Wendy Birdsall (Anniversary), Tom & Nellie Dickinson (Anniversary), Trevor & Monica Green</p>
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FOR MASS INTENTIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand to Canon Tim or Father Joshy after Mass (envelopes available in the entrance to both Churches) • Post in the letterbox on the door into the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's. • Send via post to the Presbytery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please state the name and Intention (e.g. Sick, Anniversary, RIP, Birthday etc). • If you wish a particular day, please mention. • (3 weeks' notice is needed). • Note - one of the Masses on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.

<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</p> <p><i>Baptism: Please see Canon Tim after Sunday Mass if you wish to arrange a Baptism.</i></p> <p><i>Marriage: At least 6 months' notice needs to be given.</i></p> <p>For information regarding all Sacramental Preparation (First confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms, Adults received into the Church, Adult Confirmation and Marriage please see the Parish Website https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news</p> <p>FOR A POLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE GO TO https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news</p>

COLLECTIONS		
Thank you for your continued support and generosity		
Sunday 21 st September	Envelopes - £439.00 Loose Plate – £424.00	Standing Orders For August £2687

<p>OFFERINGS There is now a Link on the Parish Website Offertory Page (https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory) where you can make a Donation to the Parish. The Link takes you to a page where you can set the amount you wish to donate and then put in your Card Details. You will then be asked if you wish to "Gift Aid" your donation. If you are a Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your Donation, then the Parish will be able to claim a further 25% to add to your donation.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">QR Code for the Donation Page</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">QR Code for the Parish Website</p>
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St Joseph's Church will be open Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.
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<p>CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S during 9am Mass & ST JOSEPH'S during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks.</p>	<p>SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS –served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall & after the 11am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.</p>
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Art and Craft Club – Monday Afternoons from 12.15pm. If you would like to learn how to Crochet, create garden jewellery, paint or just have a chat, refreshments and a biscuit, please come along to the group. You will be sure of a warm welcome (**St Michael's Church Hall, Knottingley**).

Red Boxes-Please bring your boxes to church for counting.

Thank you for recent donations to the Parish especially £500 towards to cost of the repairs to the retaining wall at St Joseph's.

The Little Sisters - There will be a Second Collection on Sunday 19th October for the Little Sisters to help with the cost of rebuilding the Convent.

PARISH NEWS

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day



Friday 3rd October is Harvest Family Fast Day. Harvest is a time to give thanks and to share with those facing poverty and injustice. In an Ethiopian village struck by drought CAFOD are helping farmer Waré and her neighbours to build life-changing water tanks. On Family Fast Day we are encouraged to eat simply and donate the money we save to CAFOD to support this vital work. **Due to a delay in receiving the Fast Day envelopes they will now be attached to next week's bulletin. Thank you.**

Gift Aid Donations (GAD) – We have received the Gift Aid Donation letters from the Diocese (for the last tax year) and these will be distributed over the next two weeks, to those who are due to receive them. **If any of your circumstances have changed e.g no longer a taxpayer, changed address, then please contact the office (01977 702297) on a Tuesday or Friday. Alternatively contact the Diocese directly. If, however, you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid but do not currently do so, then please also contact the office.**

Batley Torchlight Procession: Lists are now closed. The coach will pick up at St Michael's at 5:30pm and then from St Joseph's (6th October 2025). The coach will set off to return approximately 9:15pm to 9:30pm. There will be light refreshments available following the procession, pie and peas £2.00 and Hotdogs £1.00. For further details please see posters on notice boards.

Sunday Mass Books: You may remember before the change in Mass text and Scripture Readings at Mass that we had Mass Books available. A new book is now out with the new Sunday Translations in. Should we get copies for our Churches for you to use?

It would mean that we would no longer put the readings on the bulletin. We would of course put the pages the readings are on in the book along with the pages for the Responses for Mass on the Bulletin. One other change would be that the Bulletin will be printed on just 2 pages. What are your views? Please let Canon Tim know either way. It means that Readers can take a book home to look at and practice the readings before the Sunday they read.

References: Often Canon Tim is asked to give a Reference for employment in Catholic Education or to be a God Parent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation. Canon Tim is more than happy to do so. What is being asked in the reference for Canon Tim to comment on, is that the Person is a practicing Catholic (i.e. going to Mass on Sunday) and often are they involved in the life of the Parish. Please keep this in mind when asking for a Reference.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 21/09/25 are 3 and 26. Congratulations.

If you would like to join, then can you select a number(S) in the entrance to either Church before the following Masses or by going to the church hall after the 9am Mass at St Michael's or 11am Mass at St Joseph's. Each number will be £1 per week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 13th October at 7: 00pm at St Joseph's.



'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 9th October 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.



Anyone who is able to contribute towards WRAP funds may pay into our Bank Account.
Account name: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds), Sort Code 05-00-05
Account number 10508810
Thank you for your continued support

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting on the Second Saturday of each month after the 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 and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Faith & Friendship

Bingo! **Everyone's favorite**

Venue: St Michaels Church Hall

Date: 1st October 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Meeting

Bingo! **Bingo!!**

Tea, Coffee, chat and some cake of course!

DIOCESE NEWS

VISITATION OF THE CENTENARY PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE RELICS OF SAINT JACINTA AND FRANCISCO: on Monday 13th October at Leeds Cathedral from 10.30am until 7pm. Please see the full programme on the poster at the back of church or the Cathedral website.

CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY (CSSA) SURVIVORS' SURVEY: As part of a thematic audit of survivor engagement, the CSSA is actively seeking insight from those who have lived experience of abuse and is carrying out a public call for information. This is an opportunity for anybody with information to share with the CSSA (anonymously if you wish). To find out more about the CSSA's current public call for information, and how you can complete a survey, please visit their dedicated webpage <https://catholicssafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/>

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading - Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a

R: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. *R:*

It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. *R:*

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age. *R:*

Second reading - 1 Timothy 6:11-16

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation - 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 16:19-31

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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