

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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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

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.

First Week of Lent – Year C

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	10/03	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Mick Harvey Anthony O Konwea John W. Gallivan
Monday	11/03	St Joseph's	09:15	No Service
Tuesday	12/03	St Joseph's St Michael's	15:45 19:00	Reception of body of Mary Yates November Dead List
Wednesday	13/03	St Joseph's	11:00	Requiem Mass Mary Yates
Thursday	14/03	St Michael's H.F.S.M. St Michael's	08:45 09:30 11:15	Joe Collins Stations & Benediction Funeral Service Patrick Jones
Friday	15/03	St Joseph's St Joseph's	07.30 09:30	Alan Stones Stations & Benediction (School in Attendance)
Saturday	16/03	St Michael's	11:30	Joan Reich
Sunday	17/03	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Joyce Penistone Kathleen Stone People of the Parish

Second Sunday of Lent

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Mary Yates and Patrick Jones whose funerals take place this week and for Jean Chambers who 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:

Ward Family

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

Sister Catherine (Leeds)

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: **653**
Envelopes **£693** Loose **£571**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's
Pool No.41 Elizabeth O - £20
St Joseph's
Pool No.26 C.Ward. - £20

MEETINGS

UCM – Wednesday, 20th March, 7 pm in St Michael's Hall
CAFOD – Thursday, 21st March, 7pm, St Joseph's Parish Room
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:
S Metcalfe, J Battersby

St Michael's:
First Monday of each month at 9:30 am

Help always welcome

LENTEN APPEAL: This year's appeal will support the work of the charity "Mary's Meals" Please be as generous as you can be as you remember that this is one of the central actions of the Lenten season. White boxes are available at the back of church for you to take away and 'top up' during the next few weeks. Please return them at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. You can find out more about "Mary's Meals" on the back page of this bulletin or at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/> In short, Mary's Meals now feeds 1,425,013 of the world's poorest children every day they attend school, serving children across Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and South America. The charity's aims are: (1) To provide a daily meal, in a place of education, for children in the world's poorest communities; (2) To provide relief for those suffering, in any part of the world, as a result of humanitarian crises or poverty; to help people escape poverty; and to provide care for orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children; (3) To raise awareness in the UK and worldwide of poverty issues through education.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT: Our children are growing up with a reasonable understanding of the fasting requirements during Ramadam, for example, but perhaps have little awareness of the rules that apply to Catholics during Lent. Maybe there are a few adults who need reminding too?! Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and

abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of our Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of our Church from age 14 onwards. These laws are only suspended for people who are ill and for pregnant mothers. Young people up to the age of 18 and adults over the age of 59, whilst not required to observe the fasts, are nevertheless encouraged to do if their health and circumstances permit. This would seem like a good opportunity to remind parents of children preparing for their First Holy Communion that everyone receiving Holy Communion is required to fast from food and liquids for at least one hour prior to receiving. And no, that law did not "go out with Vatican II"!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – The Stations will be prayed after each weekday Mass in St Joseph's and before weekday Mass in St Michael's. **STATIONS AND BENEDICTION** will take place today in St Joseph's at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the Stations when they are being prayed by our schools. The children will take a few Stations at a time before coming together at the end of the terms to conclude the Stations.

BKCAT YOUTH CHOIR - There will be a retiring collection after 11.30am Mass to support the choir.

CAFOD – Thank you to everyone at St Joseph’s who joined us in the school hall to support the Fairtrade Foundation Chocolate Morning last Sunday. We appreciate you taking the time to sample the chocolate goodies made with Fairtrade ingredients and to sign petitions. Thanks also for your kind donations in support of cocoa farmers, and the lovely compliments on the baking!

FAMILY FAST DAY - Friday 15th March. 2019

FAIRTRADE STALL – Both churches on Sunday 24th March

ST WILFRID’S SCHOOL – are having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day on Monday 18th March. If you would like to take responsibility for ‘watching’ for 20 minutes, please sign your name on the form at the back of church. You can attend alone or as a small group, perhaps? This could be a good Lenten penance/moment of grace.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES, NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH – This will take place 10-18 March at St Joseph’s Maidenhead and Herbery House, Liverpool. There are some slips at the back of church for you to fill in and send to them if you wish to be included in their Novena.

RED BOXES - If you would like to take a Red Box home to collect money for the missions, please speak to Frances Chester at St Joseph’s or Maxine Anderson and Anthea Bagshaw at St Michael’s. If you already have a Red Box will you please bring it into church for emptying. After emptying, they are left at the back of church for you to collect. In the last year we raised £1,789 from the Red Boxes. Thank You!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Envelopes for use from April are now available for collection from the back of our churches. Boxes will remain at St Joseph’s this week unless you have indicated your preference to collect at St Michael’s, which is where they can be collected. Next week they will be at St Michael’s. If you have any questions about Offertory Envelopes, Gift Aid or Standing Orders for the parish then please get in touch with our Gift Aid Administrator, Vincent McGuire (07752 188500), email the parish (office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or call the parish office on a Wednesday and leave a message with our Secretary, Christine Harrison.

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH OUR UCM - Yorkshire Air Ambulance will be coming to St Michael’s Parish rooms on Wednesday 20th March 7pm to give a talk on the good work they do for our area. There will be a short video presentation and a Question & Answer session after the presentation. Merchandise will also be on display to raise much needed funds for this great Charity. Please come along and bring a friend/relative to this what promises to be an informative evening. Any enquiries contact Denise 01977 511581.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - **Please remember, if you are unable to fulfil our ministry, it is your responsibility to find someone who can stand in for you.**

ST MICHAEL’S TOMBOLA STALL – Donations of Easter Eggs welcome for the Tombola Stall.

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.

Spiritual Programme

CATECHETICAL COURSES – In February and March, and then again May and June 2019, there will be a series of short courses on various subjects. For further details please contact Emma on 0113 261 8040 or evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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 Rotundo 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@joewalstours.co.uk. www.joewalstours.co.uk. Any doctors, nurses and carers who are interested in being part of the amazing hospitality team on the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage 5th – 11th July are invited to an information evening which is taking place at Mount St Mary’s School, LS9 8LA Tues 19th March, 7pm.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING DBS RENEWALS - Instructions from the Diocese means the renewal of current volunteers’ DBS checks must now take place every 3 years. As a result there are 30+ renewals due within our parish. To facilitate an easier completion of these renewals Fr Simon has agreed that the Safeguarding Reps can hold 2 Saturday morning sessions on March 23rd & 30th in St Joseph’s Parish Room, 8.30am – 11.30am. If your DBS is due for renewal you will be contacted in the weeks prior to the above dates at which time you will be asked if you wish to complete a renewal either online or a paper copy.

Renewal online - You will need to provide your email address after which you will receive a link to the online application which will need completing before one of the open sessions. You will then need to bring along, to one of those sessions, the 3 original identity documents that you chose to submit online.

Paper application - This will need completing at one of the 2 open sessions. Again you will need to bring along 3 original identity documents (see list below).

Whichever route you choose there are additional paper forms to complete and documents to read which are requirements of the Diocese.

Each renewal volunteer will need to provide 3 identity documents as well as photocopies. (It would be helpful if these are brought along too. However, photocopying will be available at the Saturday sessions.)

Identity documents - Where possible please use 3 from the following list:

- current passport
- current driving licence (paper or photocard)
- birth/marriage certificate (this is essential for married women or if there has been any other name changes)
- a recent utility bill (issued within the last 3 months and not printed from the internet)
- Credit card/bank/building society statement - (issued within the last 3 months and not printed from the internet)

Anyone unable to provide 3 documents from the above list please contact Julie Birch for alternatives. In addition all renewal applicants will need to provide their NI number.

Thank you. Parish Safeguarding Team

O BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

Plead for us thy children, whom though didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother

Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the chief Shepherd the Vicar of thy Son.

Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen

Our Lady of Walsingham,
pray for us.

A Word From Your Pastor

This year's Lenten Alms appeal will be in support of Mary's Meals, a charity that provides some of the world's poorest children with one good meal every school day.

In 1992 brothers Magnus and Fergus MacFarlane-Barrow, fish farmers from Argyll, saw news reports of the Bosnian conflict and felt moved to help. They decided to organise a local appeal, and soon donations of food, clothing, medicine and money began to arrive at their house. Barely three weeks later, the brothers took a week's holiday from work, bought a second-hand Land Rover, and joined an aid convoy. They delivered the donated goods to Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the site of a Marian shrine the brothers had been on pilgrimage to with their family in 1983.

When Magnus and Fergus returned home expecting to resume their jobs, they found that public donations had continued to flood in and their parents' shed was full of goods! Magnus decided to give up his job and take a 'gap year' so that he could deliver aid to Bosnia-Herzegovina for as long as the public kept donating. But the donations didn't stop and Magnus never returned to his old job. Soon it became necessary to set up a registered charity, Scottish International Relief (SIR).

Over the next ten years, SIR began building homes for abandoned children in Romania, set up mobile clinics in Liberia for returning refugees, and delivered over £10 million of material aid to Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In 2002, Magnus met a woman called Emma while SIR was providing famine relief in Malawi. Emma was dying of Aids and had six young children. She said all that was left for her was to pray that someone might care for them after her death. Magnus asked her eldest, Edward, what he hoped for in life. He replied simply: "I want to have enough food to eat and to go to school one day." Edward's words inspired the founding of feeding programmes to ensure that chronically hungry children receive a nutritious daily meal in a place of education.

By 2012, the feeding programmes were reaching 700,000 children and had become the main focus of the charity. SIR officially changed its registered charity name to Mary's Meals, in honour of Our Lady, who raised her child in poverty.

A constituent part of the Lenten observance is to ensure that our fasting and abstaining benefits those most in need as well as ourselves. Be sure to take this to heart, otherwise your fasting and abstaining will be -literally- fruitless and pointless.

Fr. Simon

Lenten Inspiration:

Let Lent be the time you give up who you've been for who you can become – *Author Unknown*