

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

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	12/05	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:30	Sr. Victoire Finlay F.C.J. Intentions of the Ashton Family People of the Parish
Monday	13/05	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
Tuesday	14/05	St Michael's	19:00	All Departed of Holy Family Church <i>St Matthias</i>
Wednesday	15/05	St Joseph's	11:00	Sr. M Anna May OP.
Thursday	16/05	St Michael's	09:15	Cormac Dunne
Friday	17/05	St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:15 10:00	Sylvia Hawksworth Stations of Our Lady KS2 Pupils from both Schools
Saturday	18/05	St Michael's	11:30	All Faithfull Departed Souls
Sunday	19/05	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Harry Lodge Ellis Burrell Walter Hall.

5th Sunday of Easter

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:

Geraldine & Steve Ong

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

Harry Sweeting

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: **531**

Envelopes **£515**

Loose **£338**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's

Pool No.71 C.Maidon £20

St Joseph's

Pool No.10 V.McGuire £20

MEETINGS

SVP – Tuesday, 14th May, 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Room

UCM – Wednesday 15th May, 7pm St Michael's Hall

CAFOD – Thursday, 23rd May, 7pm, in St Joseph's Parish Room

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 Wheatley,
C Macdonald, S Grace

St Michael's:

Monday 13th May
Help always welcome

COLLECTION FOR THE SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA) - Last Sunday's collection raised £1,030. Thank you for your generosity.

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

PARISH FEAST – On Sunday 16th 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!!!)

"THE STATIONS OF OUR LADY" – It being the month of May, the Key stage 2 children from both of our primary schools will be getting together in St Joseph's next Friday (17th May) at 10am in

St Joseph's church to lead us in meditation on the life of our Blessed Lady. All are welcome.

MAY PROCESSIONS – You are invited to join HFSM school for their May Procession on Thursday 23rd May in the grounds of the school. Please be at school by 9.45am.

REV BEN HILTON – will be ordained to the priesthood in the Cathedral on Saturday 20th 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 22nd July at 7pm and 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.

ST JOSEPH'S GALLERY – A recent visit by the Diocese Health & Safety Officer identified the risk posed by the low height at the front of the gallery at St Joseph's. We are looking at solutions to make the gallery safer but in the meantime please take care when seated in that area and keep children away from the front.

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.

ANOTHER CALL FOR HELP! – We have a problem with the lock on the toilet door in the Hall at St Michael's. The locking handle isn't working properly and causes the lock to stick and become unopenable putting anyone at risk of being 'locked in'. We have tried to get the lock out of the door but without success. If you can help please let Vince McGuire know (07752 188500).

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.

LENTEN ALMS, MARY'S MEALS - Thanks to all who brought their Lenten Alms boxes in over the Easter Triduum. 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.

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.

ST MICHAEL'S TOMBOLA STALL – Donations always welcome.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS – Please remember to let us know if you are going into hospital for any length of time. Under current rules a priest must 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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND – Please pray for members of the parish who are heading off on pilgrimage to Poland this week. We pray that it will be a fruitful time for all involved.

PILGRIMAGE - 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. and there are only around 20 places left for the flight due to popular demand. If you would like to come on the pilgrimage, perhaps for the first time, perhaps as a returning pilgrim, please contact our Tour Operator in the following ways: www.joewalstours.co.uk or telephone 0161 8208790 For further details ring Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790. email info@joewalstours.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.

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.

LEEDS INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL - Leeds Cathedral is to hold the second this summer. Between 13th May and 10th July, organists young and old will have the opportunity to hear, meet and perform alongside renowned international concert organists who will join the local resident team. A range of music from Bach to theatre organ repertoire will be played on the Cathedral's magnificent Klais organ, with other events in Huddersfield and Ossett, showcasing some of the finest instruments in West Yorkshire. There is much to delight players, singers and music enthusiasts alike over the Festival's two months: masterclasses with some of the world's most distinguished professors of organ, in addition to lunchtime recitals and evening concerts. For the first time, young players from the Diocese of Leeds Organists' Training Programme will perform in Leeds Cathedral. Singers will be welcome, too, at the Cathedral's 'Come and Sing Haydn' day in June. Alongside these performances, the Festival will include an evening with the world-famous composer Sir James MacMillan, interviewed by Richard Mantle, General Director of Opera North.

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:	Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,	For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia,	Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia,	Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia,	Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. <i>Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.</i>	For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

A word from Your Pastor

Last week, when I was in Malta, Fr Hilton and I kept coming across pictures of an old priest (on billboards, lamp-posts, in churches, in shops etc). He looked an awful lot like Pope St John XXIII but in fact was a local saint from Valletta called Fr George Preca. He died in 1962 and was canonised by Pope Benedict just a few years ago.

He was seventh in a Christian family of nine children, the son of Vincent Preco and Nathalie Ceravolo. His father was a merchant and health inspector. George was a sickly child. He studied at the Lyceum and Major Seminary on Malta. A severe respiratory ailment in seminary nearly killed him, but he recovered through the intercession of Saint Joseph. While still a student, he began writing a Rule in Latin for use in a planned society of clerics who would instruct the faithful on the great issues of the day and the Church's response to them based on the Deposit of Faith. He was ordained 22 December 1906. After ordination he modified his concept of the society. He began teaching along the waterfront, working with the roughest of men. He gathered together a group of young male students and they formed the beginning of the *Society of Christian Doctrine* at Hamrun, Malta in 1907. The Society's motto is represented by the letters *M.U.S.E.U.M.: Magister Utinam Sequator Evangelium Universus Mundus!* (*Master, that the whole world would follow the Gospel!*) They were dedicated to bringing the Bible and theology to lay people and the working classes.

Educating the working class was so revolutionary that Father George was accused of insanity, and was once ordered to shut down his operation. He caused more uproar with his plan to educate lay men and women, and send them out to proclaim God's word to anyone that would listen. *Society* catechist centres opened in many parishes, teaching young and old, and giving children a place to stay out of trouble. Their teaching brought a deeper understanding of the faith to people who simply went through the motions of devotions, often without knowing why. The bishop of Malta approved the *Society* and its Rule in 1932.

Importantly, Father Preca taught and wrote in Maltese, the language of the ordinary people as opposed to Latin, the language of the Church and 'study'. From leaflets to books, George published approximately 150 works. He had a special devotion to the Mystery of Incarnation. Popular preacher, sought after confessor, and believed to have been a miraculous healer. His life and work was one of the precursors to the Vatican Council Fathers' injunctions that the 'handing on of the Faith' is a responsibility incumbent on us all.

Fr Simon

Bouncer: "I'm going to have to ask you to leave." Me: "Why?" Bouncer: "I have no idea who you are and this is my trampoline."