

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.

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	16/06	St Michael's	09:00	Mary Phillips
		St Joseph's	11:30	Walter Hall
		St Joseph's	18:00	People of the Parish
<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>				
Monday	17/06	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion Service
Tuesday	18/06	St Michael's	19:00	Roger Metcalf
Wednesday	19/06	St Joseph's	11:00	Ted Sands
<i>St Romuald</i>				
Thursday	20/06	St Michael's	09:15	Harry Lodge
<i>St Alban</i>				
Friday	21/06	St Joseph's	09:15	T & R Courtney
<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>				
Saturday	22/06	St Michael's	11:30	All Departed Members of the Fleming Family
<i>St John Fisher & St Thomas Moore</i>				
Sunday	23/06	St Michael's	09:00	A & H Konwea Wedding Anniversary
		St Joseph's	11:30	Peter Booth
		St Joseph's	18:00	People of the Parish.
<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>				

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Bridget Meloy and Alan Gilbertson 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:

Annie Shaw

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

Magdalen Baughan

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: **560**

Envelopes **£693**

Loose **£480**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's

Pool No. 66 J. Hutchinson- £20

St Joseph's

Pool No.7 F. Chester - £20

MEETINGS

UCM – Wednesday 19th June, 7pm St Michael's Hall
CAFOD – Thursday 20th June, 7pm St. Joseph's Parish Rooms
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 Wheatley,
C Macdonald, S Grace

St Michael's:

10am on the first
Monday of the month
Help always welcome

RETIRED PRIESTS – £821 in last Sunday's collection. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK – Many of you will remember the young Fr John Wilson who was assistant to Fr Lister many moons ago. He was the Diocesan administrator before Bishop Stock arrived and served very briefly in St Austin's, Wakefield before being made an auxiliary bishop to Cardinal Nichols in Westminster. Pope Francis has appointed him as Archbishop of Southwark and he will take up the post in July. We are delighted that the Holy Father has appointed him to Southwark and as we offer him our congratulations we know that he has more than enough of the attributes and skills which are necessary for the task in hand. Please remember to pray for the priests and people of Southwark as they begin this new chapter in their Diocesan life with their new Archbishop.

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.

PARISH FEAST – This 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.

During the parish party please be aware that official photographs will be taken by a designated parish representative solely for publication on our parish website. We respectfully ask that parents, relatives or friends do not upload photographs onto social media if children, other than their own, are included. This is so we comply with the use of photographs in accordance with both our schools' and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. If you become aware of any images being used inappropriately you should inform the Parish Priest immediately.

REV BEN HILTON – we are running a bus from the parish for Ben's ordination to the priesthood in the Cathedral on Saturday 20th July. The Bus will leave St Joseph's at 9:45am and return from the Cathedral at 1pm. We may arrange for the bus to also call at St Michael's when numbers have been established. A list is at the back of our churches so that you can reserve and pay £10 for your seat. Children under 16 go free. The lists will only be available this week and next so please act quickly if you haven't already. He will celebrate Mass for us in St Joseph's on Monday 22nd July at 7pm and there will be a 'do' afterwards. We will organise a collection for him as a gift from the parish on Sunday 7th July. Put these dates in your diaries now, please.

EXAM TIME – please keep all our students who are taking there GCSE’s and A Levels in your prayers.

CAFOD - Look out for our Fairtrade stall at both churches on 14th July.

GIFT AID DONATIONS – A letter addressed to those parishioners who donate under the Gift Aid Scheme is now available to collect at the back of our churches. The information may be required for your tax return. If you selected St Michael’s as your preferred location for Offertory Envelopes etc., then your letter will be at St Michael’s. All other letters will also be at St Michael’s this week. If any information in the letter such as your address is incorrect then please return the envelope with the revised detail to our Gift Aid Administrator, Vincent McGuire or to Fr Simon.

ST WILFRID/BKCAT SKYDIVE – Some members of St Wilfrid’s school and the BKCAT central team are going to chuck themselves out of a plane to raise money for a full 3G football pitch which will be located on St Wilfrid’s site but will be available for all schools in the Trust, including our own 2 primary schools. This is what you call devotion to duty!! The dive will take place on 14th July and you can sponsor the brave souls involved by going to www.justgiving.com/bkcat

ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL, PONTEFRAC - Nursery places available. for Catholic and non-Catholic 3 and 4 year olds.

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.

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ETC – If you have taken a new envelope for your use, please ensure you return the form inside 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.

TOMBOLA STALL AT ST MICHAEL’S – Gifts to include on the stall always welcome.

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.

HEALTH & SAFETY

We have recently had a visit from the Diocese Health & Safety Officer. We await his report but there are a couple of issues which we need to bring to parishioner’s attention.

- **ST JOSEPH’S GALLERY** – 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.
- **ST JOSEPH’S PEWS** – Our pews are ‘getting old’. We are making plans to have them repaired but some kneelers are not secured properly to the pew. Kneelers should be put up when not in use. Please take care, particularly in the section of pews at the front on the right-hand side which are particularly unsteady.
- **11.30am Mass** - we have a group of parishioners to help marshal the procession at Holy Communion. The aisles in St Joseph’s are very narrow and can be problematic for people with mobility issues so please cooperate with the 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.

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

Remember, the prime image of the Sacred Heart is the Crucifix that hangs by our altars; this is the complete image of Divine Love. But we also have the image of Jesus alive and dressed in a red cloak, with His Heart exposed at His chest, aflame and surrounded by the crown of thorns. In some images (statue or picture) His Heart is sometimes held in His hand. It was the tradition in many households, especially in Ireland, to display a picture or small statue of the Sacred Heart with a red lamp burning in front of it. When abroad on the continent, you may also come across a street niche sheltering the statue. The devotion was universally spread and accepted through the revelations and specific instructions of Our Lord to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–1690), a nun in her convent in the depths of rural France. It may be held that this particular devotion came just at the right moment – France had been devastated by nearly a century of religious and civil wars, and religion at the time is described as being a cold, joyless, formulaic affair. Religious and civil troubles were never far from the people of Ireland. They are not far from us today/

The object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is, properly speaking, the physical Heart of Jesus which is worthy of adoration, because it is part of His sacred humanity, hypostatically united to the Word that existed before time began. (“Hypostatic Union” is a theological term describing the 2 natures of humanity and divinity united in the one person of Jesus.) However, the ultimate object of this devotion is the love of Jesus, the symbol of which is His Heart. Pope Paul VI said: “Beneath the symbolic image of the Heart, we contemplate and venerate our Divine Redeemer’s immense charity and generous love” This is the real meaning of the devotion to the Sacred Heart by which the Church asks us to honour the Heart of Jesus as the visible representation of His invisible love. His divine love becomes sensible, comprehensible and tangible to us by means of the manifestations of His human love. It is always the humanity of Jesus which reveals His divinity to us, and just as we know the Son of God through His sacred humanity, so do we know His divine love through the human love of Jesus. Likewise, imitating the Sacred Heart, we make ourselves known as sharers in that divine mystery by our acts of love towards one another, particularly those who make themselves ‘hard to love’. We also make ourselves known as ‘pilgrims on the way to heaven’ by our expressions of religious devotion, particularly our attendance at Mass. Let us pray that our hearts may become more like the Sacred Heart of Jesus, day by day.

“O Jesus, a soldier opened your side with his lance,
so that, through the gaping wound,
we might know the charity of your Heart, which loved us unto death,
and that we might enter into your unutterable love through the same channel by which it came to us.
Approach, then, O my soul, the Heart of Christ,
that magnanimous Heart, that hidden Heart, that Heart which thinks of all things and knows all things;
that loving Heart, all on fire with love.
Make me understand, O Lord, that the door of your Heart was forced open by the vehemence of your love.
Allow me to enter into the secret of that love which was hidden from all eternity,
but is now revealed by the wound in your Heart”

(St Bernadine of Siena) adapted from a CTS article by David Baldwin *Fr Simon*

I don't trust stairs...they're always up to something