

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...16:00

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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	17/02	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Tony Lemmon Jose P Vincent People of the Parish
Monday	18/02	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion
Tuesday	19/02	St Michael's	19:00	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday	20/02	St Joseph's	11.00	A.U. Family
Thursday	21/02	St Michael's <i>St Peter Damian</i>	09:15	John Richards
Friday	22/02	St Joseph's <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	09:15	Annie Blackburn
Saturday	23/02	St Michael's <i>St Polycarp</i>	11:30	Don Dalton
Sunday	24/02	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Margaret Purdy Ted Sands People of the Parish

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Anne Ward, Maureen Brok and all 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:

Ben – Our Seminarian

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

Westmorland & Liddam Families

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: **704**

Envelopes **£729** Loose **£352**
Home Mission Fund - **£413**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's
Pool No2 Margaret Haddleton **£20**
St Joseph's
Pool No.23 L.Watson - **£20**

MEETINGS

SVP – Tuesday, 19th Feb, 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Room
CAFOD – Thursday, 21st Feb, 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Room
UCM – Wednesday, 27th Feb, 9:30am in St Michael's Hall

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:
M Gilbertson, B Smith

St Michael's:
First Monday of each month

Help always welcome

PALMS AND CRIB STRAW – As we approach Ash Wednesday you are invited to bring in your Palms from last Palm Sunday and any bits of straw that you have taken from the Crib at Christmas. These will be burnt and will form the basis of your ashes as we begin the Lenten Season together. They can be left in the box at the back of our churches.

ASH WEDNESDAY – falls on 6th March this year and as well as the usual Mass times, Fr Simon will make himself available outside St Joseph's school in the morning and Holy Family & St Michael school at home time for families who are not able to get to Mass to receive their ashes that day. Ash Wednesday is not a Holyday of Obligation, but receiving the ashes is a salutary way to enter into the spirit of the Lenten season. More details to follow.

DIOCESAN RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS – In October 2015 his Holiness Pope Francis, called on our generosity and solidarity to recognise and act upon our common humanity in response to the growing refugee crisis. An Appeal was held by way of a retiring collection to support the Diocesan response to the continuing refugee crisis and severe hardship being suffered by our brothers and sisters. Now, in 2019, 4 years on, we need to make a second appeal to support the ongoing work across the Diocese in supporting refugees and asylum seekers, perhaps the most vulnerable and marginalised living in our communities. The appeal will be made and there will be a **retiring collection after**

all Masses next Sunday. This is the weekend that Bishop Marcus has identified as being best suited to make this appeal and we hope that you can give it your full support.

FIRST CONFESSION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – The new sessions have started so please keep our young people in your prayers as they begin their formation for the sacraments. When Fr Simon is saying Mass, First Confession children will collect a prayer card from the sacristy after Mass and First Communion children will sign off on a register in the sacristy. Both groups of children will be brought out to the front of church at various points in the Mass so that we can all get a good look at them and know who we are praying for (and so that Fr Simon can make sure they've turned up!).

CAFOD – Fair Trade Chocolate Buns (examples in support of the cocoa farmers in West Africa) will be on sale after 9am Mass on Sunday 24th February at St Michael's and after 11:30am Mass on Sunday 3rd March at St Joseph's.

FAMILY FAST DAY - Friday 15th March. 2019

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Rotas (27/01/19-28/07/19) for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers have been posted at the back of each church and have been circulated by email where possible. If you have any difficulties in connection with them then please contact Tom Moran or David Hall. Please

remember, if you are unable to fulfil our ministry, it is your responsibility to find someone who can stand in for you. It is our common responsibility, in conjunction with our Parish Priest, to ensure that the Divine Liturgy runs smoothly.

HEALTH & SAFETY – As many of you will be aware, there has been a massive shift in Health and Safety legislation over recent months and this means that we have to pay even more attention to the safety of everybody who uses our premises. It should go without saying that we want everyone to be safe and well when they come to either of our churches or use either of our halls and so, in a very real sense H&S is the responsibility of us all. We are lucky to have the support of 2 individuals in the parish, James and Richard (their details are on the front of this bulletin) who assist Fr Simon in implementing the necessary regulation and help us to stay in business! But everyone needs to keep an eye out which is why Father keeps asking you to put up your kneelers in church etc. It's also why, particularly at the 11.30am Mass, Father has asked 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 marshalls to ensure that the procession moves as smoothly as possible.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC – Are you, or is someone you know, thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you think you wouldn't be good enough, or able to make sense of the Church's teachings and laws? Well, take a look around Church (and especially at the priest up there at the altar) and you'll find a load of other people trying to become better Catholics, trying to make sense of the Church in the world. You are not alone. Why not give Fr Simon a call or send him an email with absolutely no commitment at this stage and have a talk with him. If you don't do something about that nagging thought in your head, you'll get no peace!

WEEKLY DRAWS, ST MICHAEL'S POOL & ST JOSEPH'S 100 CLUB – If you would like to join the Pool Draw at St Michael's or the 100 Club at St Joseph's there are spare numbers available. This is an excellent way of supporting our parish so please consider taking on a number or treating yourself to an extra number. What about enrolling a member of your family, especially if they're unable to attend Mass due to infirmity etc. Assignment of new numbers and payment is taken after each Mass on Sunday at St Michael's and St Joseph's.

REPOSITORY – Please pay them a visit to our Repository Stalls at St Joseph's and St Michael's after Sunday morning Masses. There is a large variety of items for purchase including Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism and other religious gifts available.

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.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE (FORMERLY WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER) - in Ackworth on Friday 1st March at 7pm in the Methodist Church, Barnsley Road, Ackworth. All Welcome.

FLAME - is an inspiring and uplifting Catholic event for young people at Wembley Arena on 2nd March. Passes for the event and return travel from Leeds or Wakefield cost just £42. Places are very limited, don't miss out! For further information, please email Ryan or Jessica at youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk See poster for more details.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH – This will take place 10-18 March at St Joseph's Maidenhead and Herbery House, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries (they're the ones who hand out the Red Boxes which many of you have in your homes) prepare for their Patronal Feast with a special Novena of Masses and prayers. This includes the intentions of all their supporters. 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.

If you wish 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 at St Michael's.

DAY OF REFLECTION - Caring for the Earth - Our Common Home: The Justice & Peace Commission have organised a Day of Reflection on 30 March 2019. It will take place at SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7PX. It will start with the usual community mass at 10:00 and finish around 4pm. A day of prayer, some discussion and time for personal reflection about our place in God's creation and our responsibilities towards looking after our common home. The day is free to attend but please email the Justice & Peace office to book a place: jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

RACE NIGHT - Sat 13th April, 7:30pm. Little Sisters of the Poor, Mount St Joseph, Headingley, Leeds LS6 2DE. Telephone (0113) 2784101. See the poster for more details.

Spiritual Programme

CATECHETICAL COURSES – In February and March, and then again May and June 2019, there will be a series of short courses on the following subjects: Catholic Social Teaching, Lay Chaplaincy in Schools, Liturgy, Catholic Schools and Religious Education, Family Life Ministry or Youth Ministry. For further details of any of these courses 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 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. For further details ring Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790. email info@joewalshstours.co.uk. www.joewalshstours.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. Please do come along or tell someone about this event.

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

Following on from last week's offering, this next model of heroic virtue is a little further along the path to sanctity. Pier Giorgio Frassati was born in Turin into a wealthy family, who owned a newspaper called *La Stampa*. Though an average student, Frassati was known among his peers for his devotion and piety, but he was also known for his ability to out-party just about anyone and his unflagging sense of fun. Despite his family's enormous wealth and power, Frassati's father (who was deeply suspicious of religion) was austere and never gave his children too much spending money. Pier Giorgio, however, donated most or all of his money to people he saw as more "needy" than him, and as a result he became accustomed to giving his train-fare to the poor and running back home or riding in third class. He also had an arrangement with many of the pharmacists in the town from whom he bought medicines for those who were in desperate need. Week after week he would visit destitute families in the area bringing them food and clothing. He kept this secret 'social work' secret from his family and friends. He would often say, "Charity is not enough; we need social reform." He helped establish a newspaper entitled *Momento*, whose principles were based on Pope Leo XIII's encyclical: *Rerum Novarum*, which had been dedicated in no small part to workers' rights and conditions of work.

Despite the many organizations to which Frassati belonged, he was not a passive "joiner"; records show that he was active and involved in each, fulfilling all the duties of membership. He was strongly anti-fascist and did nothing to hide his political views. Once, participating in a Church-organized demonstration in Rome, he withstood police violence and rallied the other young people by grabbing the banner which the police had knocked out of someone else's hands. He held it even higher while using the pole to ward off their blows. When the demonstrators were arrested by the police, he refused special treatment that he might have received because of his father's political position, preferring to stay with his friends. One night a group of fascists broke into his family's home to attack him and his father, but Frassati beat them off single-handedly chasing them down the street. He was very physically active and fit.

Frassati died in 1925 of poliomyelitis. His family expected Turin's elite and political figures to come to offer their condolences and attend the funeral; they naturally expected to find many of his friends there as well. They were stunned, however, to find the streets of the city lined with thousands of poor mourners as the cortege passed by. Poor people from the city, who had recognised that they had a saint in their midst, petitioned the Archbishop of Turin to begin the cause for canonization. The process was opened in 1932 and he was beatified on 20 May 1990. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's feast day is 4 July. Frassati was called Man of Eight Beatitudes by Pope John Paul II, who beatified him on 20 May 1990. You can read more about this remarkable young man at www.frassatiusa.org

Fr. Simon

BULLETIN BLOOPERS!

22 people were at the Social Council meeting held at the home of the Baretto family. Mr & Mrs Baretto sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.