

# 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month...16:15

### Syro Malabar Knanaya Mission Mass

St Michael's: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month...15:00

### Rosary:

St Joseph's .....after 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: Wednesdays .....10:00 to 10:50

St Michael's: Saturdays .....10:45 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.

## 2nd Week of Lent – Year C

### This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	17/03	St Michael's St Joseph's <b>St Michael's</b> St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 <b>16:00</b> 18:00	Joyce Penistone Kathleen Stone <b>Stations &amp; Benediction</b> People of the Parish
Monday	18/03	St Joseph's	09:15	Service of Word & Communion
Tuesday	19/03	St Michael's	19:00	November Dead List. <i>St Joseph</i>
Wednesday	20/03	St Joseph's	<b>08:30</b>	David Hawksworth
Thursday	21/03	St Michael's	09:15	Hartnell Family
Friday	22/03	St Joseph's	07.30	Kitty Caine
Saturday	23/03	St Michael's	11:30	Norah Westmoreland
Sunday	24/03	St Michael's St Joseph's <b>St Joseph's</b> St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 <b>16:00</b> 18:00	Doris McLane Canon William Daly <b>Stations &amp; Benediction</b> People of the Parish.

**Third Sunday of Lent**

#### **LATELY DEAD**

Please pray for Fr Angelo Phillips, Terry Cooper (father of Canon Bob Cooper) 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:**

**Kennedy Family**

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

**Tracey Strutt & Family**

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: **683**  
Envelopes **£687** Loose **£530**

#### This Week's Draws

**St Michael's**  
Pool No.91 K.Plevey - £20  
**St Joseph's**  
Pool No.73 E.McDonald - £20

#### MEETINGS

**UCM** – Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7 pm in St Michael's Hall  
**CAFOD** – Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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:**  
O'Malley Family

**St Michael's:**  
First Monday of each month at 9:30 am  
Help always welcome

**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK** – Please take careful note of the Mass times this week and in particular that Mass on Wednesday is at 8.30am. This is to allow Fr Simon time to get over to St Patrick's, Elland for the Requiem Mass for Fr Sean Leonard. During Lent, Mass on Friday morning in St Joseph's will be at 7.30am to give the opportunity for 'the workers' to attend Mass during Lent.

**CONFESSIONS/EASTER DUTIES** – As of next weekend, Fr Simon will be hearing Confessions after all the Sunday Masses as well as the usual scheduled times. You are reminded that as a Catholic you are obliged to make your Confession at least once a year. Just in case any of us think that we're somehow 'beyond' sin and have graduated to the Elysium slopes of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, Fr Simon has left some examinations of conscience at the back of church to remind us of a few home truths, all of which can be roundly dealt with in the Tribunal of Mercy, otherwise known as the Confession Box !!

**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 (from meat) 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 Michael's at 4pm. 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.

**CAFOD FAIRTRADE STALL** – Both churches on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL** – are having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RED BOXES** - If you 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.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – Envelopes for use from April are now available for collection from the back of our churches. Boxes will be at St Michael's this week unless you have indicated your preference to collect at St Joseph's, which is where they can be collected. 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. Assignment of new numbers and payment is taken after each Mass on Sunday at St Michael's and St Joseph's.

**ST. JOSEPH'S NURSERY PONTEFRACT** - Applications, for a September start, are now being taken for children who will be aged three years by 31<sup>st</sup> August. Parents are asked to obtain an application form from the school office (entrance off Love Lane). The completed form and any relevant documentation (baptism certificate and birth certificate) should be returned to school by 3.30pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please note failure to provide any

necessary additional documents by the closing date will delay the correct categorisation of the application.

It should be noted that an offer of a place in the nursery does not guarantee a place in school, for which a separate application must be made.

## Spiritual Programme

**PARISH PILGRIMAGES TO POLAND AND ITALY** - Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland, & the sites associated with St John Paul II commences on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Pilgrimage to Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo & the sites associated with St Francis & St Padre Pio runs from 5<sup>th</sup> October. Further details, booking forms and costs are available from Mary McAteer, telephone:- 01977 218100

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - Will be on 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 by air from L.B.A. For further details ring Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790. email [info@joewalshstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshstours.co.uk). [www.joewalshstours.co.uk](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July are invited to an information evening which is taking place at Mount St Mary's School, LS9 8LA Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 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

Today, were it not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the feast of St Patrick. That said, as St Patrick did nothing other than point us constantly to Christ, there's no good reason why we can't meditate on his famous prayer (which we also know as a hymn)

Christ behind me. Christ before me.  
Christ beside me. Christ between us.  
Christ beneath me. Christ above me.  
Christ within me.

**Christ behind me.** In the past, all that has been good is in His keeping. I need no regrets, no mementoes. I can let go of all that was good, knowing that it is precious to Him. Give thanks to God for all His goodness. All that was bad, hurtful, shameful, I consign into the depths of His mercy. All the hurt which I have caused, all the hurt which others have caused me, I lay at the foot of His cross. May the Lord have mercy on us all.

**Christ before me.** He is the Way stretching before me, from where I am now from this actual situation I am in, right home to our Father's house. He is the Way, the Way prepared. He has gone ahead into tomorrow to make it ready. The future is a journey home. Through all the dark valleys He will guide and He will provide times when my cup of happiness will overflow. I face the future knowing the Way.

**Christ beside me.** "I am with you always." He is in this situation, sharing it with me now. His strong shoulder is under the burden I carry. Every joy and every sorrow He shares with me. He will not fail me, nor forsake me. Nothing can separate me from His love.

**Christ between us.** To sever and to reconcile, to shield us from the sin in one another. To bless all that is good and true. To cleanse from pride, possessiveness, lust. To give laughter, tears, understanding and peace.

**Christ beneath me.** Underneath are the everlasting arms, cherishing, upholding. When I fall, it is into *His* arms that I fall. And He will lift me up again. His strength undergirds my weakness.

**Christ above me.** As a hen gathers her chicks so His love is spread over me, comforting me, shielding me. I claim His protection from all attack and oppression. Under the shadow of His wings I am safe. And in Him will I trust.

**Christ within me.** I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me. My body is Christ's body, bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh. By the bread broken and the wine poured out, I know that You, Lord, are in me and I in You. You will accomplish the work that You have for me to do, and Your grace is sufficient for me.

Christ behind me in the past, before me in the future, beside me in the present, beneath me to support me, above me to shield me, within me filling my life. Thus enfolded, armed and led, I go forth in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*This meditation was written by the Reverend Ian Cowie of the Scottish Centre of Healing, Edinburgh, Scotland.*

**Fr. Simon**

### Lenten Inspiration:

You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun."

*St Josemaria Escriva*