

# 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

### 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.

**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.

**This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions**

Sunday	18/08	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Betty Richards Canon Edward McSweeney (YB) People of the Parish
<i>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				
Monday	19/08	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion <i>St John Eudes</i>
Tuesday	20/08	St Michael's	19:00	John & Betty Richards <i>St Bernard</i>
Wednesday	21/08	St Joseph's St Joseph's	11:00 13:00	Intentions of Rita & Tim Courtney <b>Funeral Service – Patricia Smith</b> <i>St Pius X</i>
Thursday	22/08	St Michael's	09:15	Ints of Parishioners (from Hiltons) <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Friday	23/08	St Joseph's	09:15	Claire Knowles <i>St Rose of Lima</i>
Saturday	24/08	St Michael's	11:30	Pete Etherington <i>St Bartholomew</i>
Sunday	25/08	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	People of the Parish Pat Smith Theo Peterson <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

**LATELY DEAD**

Please pray for Theodor Peterson, Patricia Smith, Judith Wilson and all who have died recently.  
May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.

**OUR LADY'S LAMP INTENTIONS For This Coming Week****St Joseph's Lady's Lamp Intention:****Todd Daly & Family****St Michael's Lady's Lamp Intention:****Norah, Westmoreland & Liddan 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

**4<sup>th</sup> August**Mass Count: **515**Envelopes **£636**, Loose **£352****This Week's Draws****St Michael's M Anderson - £100****St Joseph's No. 16, R Limb - £20****MEETINGS****SVP – tba****UCM – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm in St Michael's Hall****CAFOD – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Rooms****CHURCH CLEANING: Help always welcome****St Joseph's:**

A Caine, P O'Duffy

**St Michael's:**

10am on the first Monday of the month

**11<sup>th</sup> August**Mass Count: **400**Envelopes **£652**, Loose **£345****This Week's Draws****St Michael's No.13, C Charlton - £20****St Joseph's No.83, L Williams - £20**

**FR SIMON** – Next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August will be Fr Simon's last Sunday with us as our Parish Priest. Handing over all the sealed envelopes and the proceeds of the collection will take place at the end of Mass at 11:30am in St Joseph's. Following that Mass Fr Simon will join everyone in the School Hall where there will be tea, coffee and other refreshments. Please feel free to come along whether you are attending that Mass or not.

**'A' LEVEL EXAM RESULTS** – "Congratulations and good luck!" to those who hit the mark. "Best foot forward!" to those who are disappointed. Remember, as the Wizard of Oz said to the Scarecrow, "Where I come from, we have universities...where men go to become great thinkers. And when they come out, they think deep thoughts, but with no more brains than you have!"

**SCHOOLS YEAR 5 RETREAT TO WALSINGHAM** – The Yr 5 classes in both our primary schools are planning a 3-day retreat to Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham. This is an excellent opportunity for them to engage with the nature of pilgrimage (as opposed to 'trips') and to deepen their spiritual life. Needless to say, there is a cost involved, the most expensive part being transport. To

this end, and to ensure that no child is left behind, we will have a retiring collection on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at all Masses, the proceeds of which will be divided between both schools. If you wish to make a donation at any time, please make cheques payable to "St Joseph's Church, Pontefract and place in an envelope marked "Yr5 Walsingham Pilgrimage" (so as to avoid confusion with our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage).

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL & TOILETS** - No access is allowed on Monday to Friday between 8am & 6pm during the School Holidays due to extensive work being carried out inside the building. Please take note as we are concerned for your safety.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND READERS** Please note that responsibility for organising this important service in our parish has been handed over to Andrew Iwanuschak. Andrew's contact details are on the front of the Bulletin.

**RED MISSION BOXES.** Will you please bring into church your boxes for emptying and collect the empty ones that are left at the back of church.

**CAFOD** – is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. With your help, we reach out to people living in hard to reach places, in war zones and those who are discriminated against. Across our Parish, we try to raise as much money and awareness as we can through Family Fast Giving, Soup Sundays, Fair Trade Stalls and campaigning, but we are a very small group. We would love you to help by coming to our monthly meetings and giving us more help and ideas to raise awareness and money. The next meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Rooms.

Thank you very much for your continuing generosity and support. CAFOD really does appreciate it.

**ST. JOSEPH'S NURSERY PONTEFRACT** - Places are still available for the Autumn term for any child who is 3 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. Applications, for a January start, will be taken for children who will be aged three years by December 31<sup>st</sup>. As the school is now closed for the summer break, the Application Form will be made available on the school website in the near future. See <http://www.stjosephspontefract.co.uk/> The completed form and any relevant documentation can be returned to school when it reopens on 3<sup>rd</sup> September but no later than **3.30pm Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please note failure to provide any necessary additional documents by the closing date will delay the correct categorisation of the application. Please call in or contact school (01977 701493) for more details.

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.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – If you are using Envelope number 8, 68, 91 or 95 would you pass you name and address to either Fr Simon or Vincent McGuire please so we can register your envelope on our system.

**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** – Lunch with the Mini Vinnies at St Joseph's school will not be available during the summer holidays as the school is now closed until the first week in September.

**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.

#### HEALTH & SAFETY

**ST JOSEPH'S GALLERY** – The low height at the front of the gallery at St Joseph's poses a risk to those using the pews in that area. Please take care when seated in that area and keep children away from the front.

#### PILGRIMAGES

**PILGRIMAGE PICK UP POINT** - If you are adding your name to the either of the lists at St Michael's please indicate your preferred pick up point. Departure from St Michael's will depend on numbers as there may be an additional cost.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** – We are once again running a coach to the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to come along add your name to the list at the back of our churches. Departure will be from St Joseph's at 6:30am and return at 5:30pm. **To save a seat you will need to pay £10 non-returnable deposit. Your seat is only guaranteed with the payment of this deposit. A further £15 will be payable on the day of travel.** Children under the age of 16 go free.

**BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION** – in honour of our Blessed Lady will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. We will be running a bus to the event. You are invited to sign up at the back of church from this weekend, price £10 to secure your seat. Departure will be from St Joseph's at 6:45pm and return at 9:00pm.

#### HELP NEEDED

We have published several requests for help over the last weeks. We thank those who have already come forward, but in order to maintain these important services in our parish we still need more people to offer their help. Please give it some thought and see where you might be able to join in.

- St Michael's Lock up on Sundays – speak to the team providing refreshments so a rota can be developed.
- St Joseph's after Sunday Mass Refreshments & 100 Club - speak to the team already helping out.
- Children's Liturgy – Help need to run the 'administrative side' of this important work at both our churches. Please approach any of the liturgy leaders to offer your help.
- 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.
- CAFOD - help by coming to CAFOD monthly meetings to give help and ideas to raise awareness and money.

#### DIOCESAN NOTICES

**SCHOOL VACANCY:** St John's Catholic School for the Deaf are recruiting for a School Business Manager. This is a senior appointment in a Catholic residential and day school for children with communication and other special needs. Closing date: 13 September 2019. Further details can be found on the School's web site: [www.stjohns.org.uk/current-vacancies/](http://www.stjohns.org.uk/current-vacancies/)

### 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.

*Hail Mary, .....*

**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

I have been asked to pass the following message on to you from Fr Ben Hilton:

*"I would like to thank you all for the extremely kind offering I received for my ordination. It was extraordinarily generous, and it will be very helpful as I prepare for the next step in my life. I would also like to thank you all for the support and friendship you have shown me over the last seven years. It has been a great joy and pleasure to spend my holidays in the parish. The people in St. Joseph's and St. Michael's have played an enormous role in my journey to priesthood and I am eternally grateful for all you have done for me. I would also like to thank Fr. Simon for his friendship and support. Fr. Simon has played a key role in my life as I prepared for ordination. Not only has he been a friend but he's also been a mentor without whom I would not be the man and priest that I am today. Fr. Simon has displayed an inexhaustible amount of patience over the last seven years and I thank him for always being ready to support and guide me.*

*Thank you all and be assured that I will remember you at the altar.*

*God bless you all.*

*Fr. Benjamin"*

There's also a message from his parents:

*"Once again, we would like to thank you all for the support, kindness and generosity you have shown towards Benjamin over the many years he has been visiting you. We know he has made many friends among you and it was wonderful to see so many of you at his ordination and at his First Mass in St Joseph's. We know that he will remember his visits to your parish with great fondness and no doubt he will continue to visit in the future. We have asked Fr Simon to offer up a Mass for all your intentions.*

*With our love and prayers, Angela and Chris."*

There have also been a few messages from priests and seminarians who visited with us over the ordination weekend. Here are a few comments from emails which I have received over the last few weeks: "What a wonderful parish – such laughter and friendliness", "I hope I get sent to a parish like this when I get ordained", "The people of your parish clearly have a great love for Christ and His priests", "It's wonderful to see so many people, young and old, enjoying being Catholics together".

We're good at this gig, aren't we?! Let's acknowledge the kind compliments, but let's be clear that none of it's possible other than for the graces which God showers on our parish. Let's give all glory and thanks to Him, from Whom we have received so much.

**Fr Simon**

I wanted to make my octopus laugh so I gave it ten tickles!