

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf

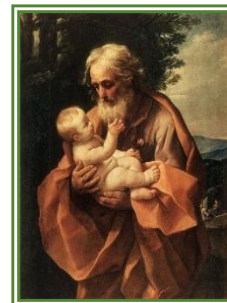
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ALL SAINTS	02/11	St Michael's	9:00am	Julia 3 rd Birthday
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Jayne Clements
Monday	03/11	St Joseph's	10:15am	Dead List
		St Michael's	7:00pm	Faithful Departed
ALL SOULS – (THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED)				
Tuesday	04/11	St Michael's	7:15pm	Carmel Moran
St Charles Borromeo, Bishop				
Wednesday	05/11	St Joseph's	11:15am	Laurie Williams
Thursday	06/11	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Special Intention (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Roy Hennessey (Anniversary)
Friday	07/11	St Wilfrid's School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	Private Intention (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Michael Murphy
Saturday	08/11	St Michael's	10:00am	Annamma James (Anniversary)
Mass of Our Lady				
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	9/11	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	John B. Gallivan
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Henry Stones

Confessions: St Michael's, Saturday: After Mass until 11am. St Joseph's, Friday 5:30pm to 6pm and on request

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Exposition will begin about 45 minutes before Mass)

Monday	St Joseph's	Before 10:15am Mass
Wednesday	St Joseph's	Before 11:15am Mass
Friday	St Joseph's	Before 6:15pm Mass
Saturday	St Michael's	Before 10:00am Mass

Silence before Mass Please respect silence before Mass. Please ensure that mobile phones are switched off! This is a precious time for people to pray and prepare themselves spiritually.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for: Margaret Clamp
All those who have died recently. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden, (nee Land) Nora McCann, Douggie Wigglesworth

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Dead list, Philomena M^cGurgan, In Thanksgiving, Special Intention, Radoslaw Jarsab (Anniversary), Patryk Jarzab (Health), Francis & Joan Ford

FOR MASS INTENTIONS

- Hand to Canon Tim or Father Joshy after Mass (envelopes available in the entrance to both Churches)
- Post in the letterbox on the door into the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's.
- Send via post to the Presbytery
- Please state the name and Intention (e.g. Sick, Anniversary, RIP, Birthday etc).
- **If you wish a particular day, please mention.**
- **(3 weeks' notice is needed).**
- Note - one of the Masses on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism: Please see Canon Tim after Sunday Mass if you wish to arrange a Baptism.

Marriage: At least 6 months' notice needs to be given.

For information regarding all Sacramental Preparation (First confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms, Adults received into the Church, Adult Confirmation and Marriage please see the Parish Website <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

FOR A POLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE GO TO <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

Sunday 26th October

Envelopes - £373.00
Loose Plate – £532.00

Standing Orders For September
£2643

OFFERINGS

There is now a Link on the Parish Website Offertory Page (<https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>) where you can make a Donation to the Parish. The Link takes you to a page where you can set the amount you wish to donate and then put in your Card Details. You will then be asked if you wish to "Gift Aid" your donation. If you are a Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your Donation, then the Parish will be able to claim a further 25% to add to your donation.



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St Joseph's Church will be open Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S during 9am Mass & **ST JOSEPH'S** during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS –served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall & after the 11am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.

All Saints and All Souls. This year All Saints will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd November and All Souls ON Monday 3rd November.



Sunday 9th November, the 11am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for our Parish War Dead.

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation: Bishop Marcus is coming to the Deanery at the end of January 2026 to Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have a child who is in Year 6 at school or above and **does not** attend either St Joseph's School, Pontefract or Holy Family and St Michael's School, there will be a short meeting held on Saturday 15th November at 11.30am to register for the course of instruction and to be given dates of the classes. The Meeting will be held in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's.

Cemetery Sunday: Sunday 23rd November 3pm. We will meet as usual at Fr Bernard's Grave, in Pontefract Cemetery for our prayers for our deceased loved ones.

Pontefract Food Bank needs a Warehouse Manager. Please see poster at the back of each church for details.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pontefract – Nursery Places Available.

We have nursery places available for 15 hours and 30 hours for children who are already 3 years old to start immediately. If your child will be 3 years old by the 31st December 2025 then they are eligible to start in January 2026. All visits are welcome. Please contact us via the following:
01977 701493
admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk

Monday Nights with Mary – Come and Pray the Rosary with us at St Joseph's Church every Monday at 6.30pm. Pray for yourselves, the church and the world. "Pray the rosary everyday" Our Lady of Fatima 1917.

November Dead List: Envelopes are available for your deceased relatives and friends to be remembered throughout the year in Masses for our dead. Please put the names of those you wish to be remembered together with your offering in an envelope and give it to one of the priests, to the office or in the Sunday collection basket.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 26/10/2025 are 6 and 87. Congratulations.

If you would like to join, then can you select a number(S) in the entrance to either Church before the following Masses or by going to the church hall after the 9am Mass at St Michael's or 11am Mass at St Joseph's. Each number will be £1 per week.

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting on the Second Saturday of each month after the 10am Mass at St Michael's Church, Knottingley. This is conducted by the St Michael's and St Joseph's prayer group and will be in Malayalam. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

The Little Sisters- Have emailed us to let us know that their second collection 2 weeks ago raised **£2026** here at St Joseph's and St Michael's. That is wonderful, thank you.



I am delighted to say that a house has been secured for a refugee family. We are now working to make the house into a comfortable home. Thank you for your support, prayers and good wishes for the success of the project.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	COST
BACON BUTTIES	02/11/25 after 9am Mass	St Michael's Church Hall	£3 for sandwich and drink
BACON BUTTIES	23/11/25 after 11am Mass	St Joseph's Hall	£3 for sandwich and drink
ADVENT FAIR	30/11/25 AT 12 Noon	St Joseph's Hall	

There will be a box at the back of each church from the 02/11/25 to 23/11/25 where any donations for the tombola stall and bottle stall can be left. Thank you for your continued support.



Please can you add your name to the list at the back of each church if you wish to attend the above. Just to give an idea as to how many to cater for. Thank you for your support.

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 3rd November at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.



'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 6th November 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on the following dates: Saturday 8th November, at 1.30pm; and Saturday 13th December, at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

ALL SAINTS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading - Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

‘Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.’

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.’ And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6

R: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord

The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it. It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. **R:**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart,

whose soul is not set on vain things. **R:**

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,

and right reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the people who seek him,

who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R:**

Second reading - 1 John 3:1-3

‘We shall see God as he is.’

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

Alleluia.

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Mt 5: 8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord.

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