

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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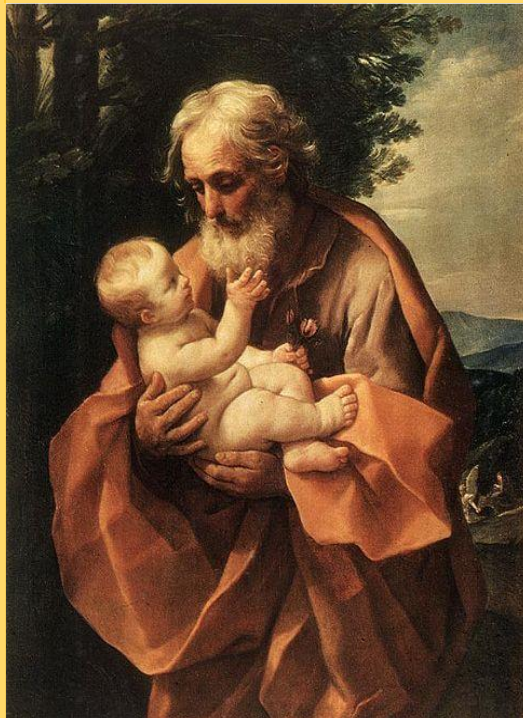
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## SERVICES SCHEDULE

### 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.

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

Sunday	19/05	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:30	Harry Lodge Ellis Burrell Walter Hall
Monday	20/05	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>
Tuesday	21/05	St Michael's	19:00	Fr David Smith <i>St Christopher Magallanes Priest &amp; Companions</i>
Wednesday	22/05	St Joseph's	11:00	Patrick Wilson <i>St Rita of Cascia</i>
Thursday	23/05	St Michael's	09:15	Steven Kelly
Friday	24/05	St Joseph's	<b>08.30</b>	Mary Yates
Saturday	25/05	St Michael's	11:30	Intentions of T & R Courtney <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>
Sunday	26/05	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Jules Family Alan & Honor Franks John Sharkey

*6th Sunday of Easter*

**LATELY DEAD**

Please pray for all those 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:**

**John Cooke**

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

**Morrissey & Quinn 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: **756**

Envelopes **£621**

Loose **£676**

**This Week's Draws**

**St Michael's**

Pool O'Driscoll - £20

**St Joseph's**

Pool No.49, W Knight- £20

**MEETINGS**

**UCM – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm St Michael's Hall**

**CAFOD – Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7pm, in 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:**

S Metcalfe, J Battersby

**St Michael's:**

9:30am on the first

Monday of the month

Help always welcome

**GOOD SHEPHERD MASS** – will take place in the Cathedral on Friday at 10am and the children from our schools are playing a central role. Hence, Mass in St Joseph's will be at 8.30am.

**PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND** – A second collection will take place at all Masses this Sunday for the Priests Training Fund. This fund is for the support of students who are training to be priests for the Diocese of Leeds. It covers their seminary fees, their termly grant, health & insurance cover.

**MARY'S MEALS** – Our Lenten Alms donations have now reached £1,000 and has been passed over to Mary's Meals. Thank you everyone for their generosity.

**UCM** – The Diocesan Quarterly meeting takes place after the 11.30am Mass in St Michael's on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Any former members of the Pontefract St Joseph branch are very welcome to attend.

**PARISH FEAST** – On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Parents of children who made First Holy Communion are asked to bring along some food for a shared table (there will

be the usual 'BBQ burger run', too). If your child is a boy please bring a sweet; if you have a girl please bring a savoury (see what we did there? – no gender specific stereotyping in this parish, thank you very much!!!)

**JEAN CHAMBERS MEMORIAL CARD** – At the back of both churches you will find some memorial cards for the late Jean Chambers. Please feel free to take one for yourself or for someone who cannot get to Mass and perhaps contributed to Jean's funeral expenses. Please remember to pray for her eternal rest.

**MAY PROCESSIONS** – You are invited to join HFSM school for their May Procession on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the grounds of the school. Please be at school by 9.45am.

**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.

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 marshals to ensure that the procession moves as smoothly as possible.

**REV BEN HILTON** – will be ordained to the priesthood in the Cathedral on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July (unless he gets a better offer!). As in the case of his brother's ordination, we shall run a bus from the parish. A list will go up at the beginning of June so that you can reserve your seat. He will celebrate Mass for us in St Joseph's on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm and there will be a 'do' afterwards. Put these dates in your diaries now, please. We shall organise a collection for him as a gift from the parish nearer the time.

**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** – A small number of Offertory Envelopes are still to be collected and will remain at St Joseph's. If you have taken a new envelope for your use, please ensure you return the form inside to Fr Simon or Vince McGuire.

**STANDING ORDER MANDATE** - If you would like to give a fixed amount to your parish each month please complete a **STANDING ORDER MANDATE**, which is available at the back of both Churches, and hand it to Fr Simon or Vince McGuire.

**GIFT AID DECLARATION** - If you are a tax payer and would like to sign up for the Gift Aid scheme so that we can increase your

offerings by 25% by claiming tax back from HMRC, please complete the **GIFT AID DECLARATION**, which is available at the back of both churches and hand your completed form 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.

**ST MICHAEL'S TOMBOLA STALL** – Donations always welcome.

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS** – Please remember to let us know if you are going into hospital for any length of time. Under current rules a priest must be specifically requested by the patient (or family). If you call or email the parish office in this, we can make sure that Fr Crawley (the Chaplain, based at St Austin's) is aware of any admissions.

**PILGRIMAGE** - to Assisi and San Giovanni Rotundo 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. and there are only around 20 places left for the flight due to popular demand. If you would like to come on the pilgrimage, perhaps for the first time, perhaps as a returning pilgrim, please contact our Tour Operator in the following ways: [www.joewalstours.co.uk](http://www.joewalstours.co.uk) or telephone 0161 8208790 For further details ring Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790. email [info@joewalstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalstours.co.uk) The Hospitality Team are in desperate need for more volunteers (Doctors, Nurses, Helpers) for the pilgrimage. If you are able to help please call Kim O'Connor (Medical) 07947 534989; Angela Harvey (Helpers) 07939 262748.

**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.

### 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

### REGINA CAELI

Regina Caeli, Laetare, alleluia:	Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,	For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia,	Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia,	Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia,	Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. <i>Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.</i>	For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

## A word from Your Pastor

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. As always, the sun shone on them and their families and our parish. A lot of preparation goes into the day: families get people together and get the children scrubbed and dressed up; the churches are cleaned and prepared; the catechists have worked long and hard and given up a lot of their own time (- and to them, an enormous 'thank you'); parents have met with me; and I polished my shoes! Some people get really stressed out with First Communion day but I love it! It reminds me of so many happy memories from my childhood: members of my family, friends from school days, priests in the parish, Sisters who prepared us, teachers who fussed over us; ice cream and jelly!!!

Our children all received their First Holy Communion with great devotion. In rehearsal, they were told that they would receive the Sacred Host on their tongue on their big day. They have been trained to receive in their hands as well, and from now on they can choose how they receive. But last week, quite simply, I wanted them to not have to worry about dropping the Host or juggling it with gloves, beads and handbags. When I made my First Communion, as with many of you, there was no choice whatsoever: it was received kneeling at the altar rail and straight on to the tongue and my greatest concern was not to allow Jesus to touch my teeth!

My Grandma Kitty drove this point home to each of her grandchildren. But in later years, as she suffered with angina, she came a-cropper. She found herself struggling to breathe properly as she waited, mouth closed, for the Host to disintegrate. She told Fr Daly that she mightn't be able to receive Holy Communion anymore as she was afraid of inducing a heart attack. Short shrift was what she got! Did she pay no attention to what the priest was saying at the most solemn point of the Mass?! "Take...eat. That's what the good Lord said, woman! Take ...eat. Not take...suck!" Problem solved for Grandma Kitty.

Much has changed since those days. General reception on the tongue has gone, altar rails, kneeling for Communion, fasting for an hour before Communion etc. Not many people make much of an effort to dress up in 'Sunday best' as they come to church (my Grandad Caine wouldn't have been seen dead in church without a tie). I know why this has happened and I support the logic: open the gates, remove any barriers that impede the People of God as they come to meet their Lord. Like much in life and society these days (see schools and Doctors' surgeries) we are told to prefer a more relaxed approach that has 'me'/'us' at the centre. But a by-product of this logic has been a lessening in respect for the Sacred and a decrease (if not abolition) of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. I don't think it's much of a surprise that this approach has not only not led to an increase in numbers who attend Mass and come to Holy communion; it has contributed to a reality which is quite the opposite.

Now, before some of you start getting all 'antsy' with me, I'm not advocating for the wholesale return of altar rails and communion-on-the-tongue etc. What I feel the need of for myself – and thus proffer it as thought for you – is a recapturing of that child-like (not childish) respect for sacred truths and practises which emphasise the benevolent condescension (in the proper sense of the word) of our gracious God and the reality of how lucky I am to be able to receive Holy Communion. I didn't 'earn' it: it is a free gift, "an outward sign of inward grace" given to me by God "by which grace is given to (my) soul". I hope parents and children alike are aware, that last Sunday was not the end of a process, but the beginning of a Life. "O wonderful exchange!" "Unless you change your minds and become like little children, you cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven" **Fr Simon**

A policeman gave me a ticket because he said that I'm only allowed to make a left turn here, so I said "You can't do that, I know my rights"