

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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Wednesday evening.

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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 Sunday of each 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.

The 31st Week in Ordinary Time – Year B

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	04/11	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Kath Sloan Rose Clements People of the Parish
Monday	05/11	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion
Tuesday	06/11	St Michael's	19:00	Mgr Philip Holroyd (Y.B.)
Wednesday	07/11	St Joseph's	11:00	Margaret Lawson
<i>St Willibrord</i>				
Thursday	08/11	H.F.S.M.	09:30	November Dead List
Friday	09/11	St Joseph's	09:30	Yorkshire Brethren (School in attendance)
<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>				
Saturday	10/11	St Michael's	11:30	November Dead List
<i>St Leo the Great</i>				
Sunday	11/11	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	War Dead War Dead & C.C.Kurian War Dead
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time				

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Margaret Goldie 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:

Rev Ben Hilton

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

Jeff & Tracey Strutt

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: **570**

Envelopes **£620** Loose **£469**

World Mission - £355

This Week's Draws

St Michael's

Pool No.12 Peter Hartnell - £20

St Joseph's

Pool No.3 Frances Chester -£20

MEETINGS

SVP – Tuesday, 6th November, 7:30 in St Joseph's Parish Room

UCM – Wednesday, 21st November, 9:30am in St Michael's Parish Rooms

CAFOD – Thursday 22nd November 7:00 in St.Joseph's Parish Rooms

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.

Parish Notices

CHURCH CLEANING: St Joseph's: M Gilbertson, B Smith

St Michael's: The first Monday of each month at 9:30am, everyone welcome

PARISH WEBSITE - Our Parish Website has been updated with a new design and is available at: <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/>

RED MISSION BOXES - Thank you to everyone who has returned their box. These have now emptied and are at the back of church awaiting collection.

CAFOD – Next Soup Day will take place on 25th November with tickets on sale from 11th November.

Pope Francis' call to 'Live More Simply' was recently highlighted in this bulletin. Leaflets are available at the back of church with 100 tips to **LIVE SIMPLY**.

MASS FOR WAR DEAD – All Masses on Sunday 11th November will be offered for our War Dead.

PARISH WAR MEMORIAL – We are continuing to post details of the men listed on our Parish War Memorial in this weekly Bulletin and our Social Media Pages until Remembrance Sunday.

Further details and biographies, where we have them, will be available at the back of church. Some of these men may have family still alive in the parish; many will not. It is our collective responsibility as Catholics not only to *remember* but also to **pray** for their immortal souls. We must forget neither them nor the unfailing mercy of Almighty God.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST 2018 – As we enter the month of prayer for the Holy Souls, we shall begin to prepare our Dead List for the coming year. Over the next few weeks Dead List envelopes will be available at the back of both churches. On a sheet of paper, make a list of all the people for whom you wish to pray during the month of November. This list will be copied for both churches and kept in the Holy Souls Box which will be on the altar for Masses during November, and by the shrine throughout the coming year. Put this list in the envelope, along with your donation. On the front of the envelope write: "For the family and friends of ..." For example, Fr Simon will write "For the

family and friends of Fr Simon Lodge". Alternatively, couples, such as Eric and Ernie, may wish to write, "For the family and friends of the Morecombe and Wise families". These envelopes can be handed to the priest or put in the collection (but NOT in place of your Sunday offering!!).

HOLY SOULS' MEMORIAL - You'll notice that a makeshift memorial has been created at the front of the both churches for our beloved Holy Souls. You are invited to place a small picture or memorial card of loved ones there for the duration of November.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE – We shall have a prayer service of remembrance for all our beloved dead on Sunday 25th November at 4pm in St Joseph's church. During the service we shall read out the list of all the people of the parish who have died since last November. Fr Simon will be contacting their relatives (based on the information he was given by the undertakers) to invite them to the service. This service is for anyone who has lost a loved one recently or decades ago. You may want to invite someone whom you think will benefit from being at such a service. We have a duty as Catholics to pray for the dead; but we should also do what we can to support those who are left behind.

BLESSING OF GRAVES - As November – the month of the Holy Souls – unfolds Fr Simon will be available for the blessing of family graves. This Sunday, 4th November we shall bless graves in Pontefract (12.45pm) and Knottingley (2pm) but if you are unable to make these times, or you have family buried in the other cemeteries in our parish, then you are welcome to contact Fr Simon directly to arrange a mutually convenient time for him to bless your family graves.

PARISH REQUIEM – As in recent years we shall have a Requiem Mass for the deceased priests and people of the parish (which includes all those in the pre-2018 parishes). This will take place at 7pm in St Joseph's on Friday 23rd November. As last year, St Austin's choir will sing the Requiem Mass for us. Please put the date in your diary.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Young people who have handed in their petition forms and are asked to go to the sacristy after attending Sunday Mass each week to sign the register.

FIRST CONFESSION/HOLY COMMUNION – As of this weekend, parents wishing to enrol their child on the catechetical course are invited to take a form and schedule from Fr Simon after Mass. If your child made First confession last year and they are hoping to make First Communion this (academic) year, parents must take a Safeguarding consent form as well as a schedule. The forms need to be returned AFTER Christmas.

CAN YOU HELP – Brenda and Alan Smith are retiring from doing refreshments after 11:30am Mass and the 100 Club on Sunday 23rd December. Volunteers are therefore needed if these activities are to continue. In order to 'spread the load' a rota would be the best way forward. If you would like to help out, have a chat with Brenda & Alan any Sunday before the 23rd December and they will explain what is involved. Lists will be available at the back of St Joseph's for you to add your name.

TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME - Two of St Giles' Church community projects have been chosen to enter the Tesco Bags of Help scheme for funding during 2019. Lunch with Us provides

a weekly "pay if you can what you can" hot meal and "signposting" to local support and advice services. Working in partnership with local schools, FoodShare is hoping to provide food parcels to Pontefract families who may find it especially hard to manage without school meals in the longer school holidays next year. The projects are hoping to work with FareShare, a not-for-profit organisation which collects and redistributes food which would otherwise go to landfill. If you shop at Pontefract Tesco during November and December, please ask for a blue token at the till and use it to vote in the shop for our projects.

LOCAL FOOD BANKS - Would you be kind enough to donate selection packs or boxes, children's toys, colouring books, pencils, gloves, scarves and hats. Also any toiletries, toothpaste, brushes, bath and shower gel etc. If you could kindly bring your gifts to either of our churches and leave them in the Food Bank donation boxes before Sunday 2nd December.

UNIVERSAL CREDIT – If you, or anyone you know, is struggling to make sense of the system of application for Universal Credits you are welcome to call the Castleford Community Learning Centre on 511581 or pop in (it's on York St. in Castleford). Amongst others working there, we have 2 of our parishioners, Margaret Handforth and Denise Mills, who will be able to guide you in the right direction and offer advice on how to complete forms etc.

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 during school term time. 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.

AN EVENING WITH NOEL & TRICIA RICHARDS – All Saints Parish Church, Thursday 8th November. Doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm. £8 per person inc light refreshments. To book phone Mark: 01977 600207, or Brian 01977 288411, email watty@me.com or enquiries@allsaintschurchpontefract.org.uk Noel & Tricia have been writing and performing together since 1975 with songs that have found a worldwide audience, mainly through Noel performing with his band in more than 30 countries.

ST WILFRID'S SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OPEN EVENING – Parents and students of current Year 10 & 11 are invited to an Open Evening on Thursday 15th November from 6:30pm, to 8:30pm

Spiritual Programme

PARISH PILGRIMAGES TO POLAND AND ITALY Next 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 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

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

First World War Centenary Commemoration

To commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, in the days leading up to Remembrance Sunday, we will be remembering the soldiers listed on the memorial plaque in St. Joseph's.

29th October

Today we remember **Private Thomas Murray**, 17431, 9th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), who died on 22 August 1915.

Thomas was born in 1884 in Pontefract to Elizabeth Murray. His grandparents, Patrick Murray and Mary Flynn, both came to Pontefract from Ireland and were married in Pontefract in 1857.

Thomas died during the Gallipoli campaign and he is commemorated at Helles Memorial, Turkey.

30th October

Today we remember **Private Thomas Mulligan**, 9501, 8th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who died on 1 July 1916, aged 25.

Thomas was the son of Michael and Ellen Mulligan, of Pontefract. He also served with the 1st Bn. at Singapore. The 8th Bn. landed in France on 28 August 1915. On the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the battalion went into action with 25 officers, a medical officer and 659 rank and file. The M.O. brought out the surviving 110 men. Thomas was one of the men who lost his life on this day.

He is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

31st October

Today we remember **Private Henry O'Hara**, 12789, 1st Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment, who died on 29 September 1915.

He is commemorated at Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

1st November

Today we remember **Serjeant Alfred George William O'Leary**, 12837, 6th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment, who died on 9 August 1915, aged 32.

Alfred was the son of Clr. Serjt. Arthur and Sarah Wesley O'Leary, of Pontefract, and the husband of Sarah Ann Sedgwick (formerly O'Leary), of Holmehead, Longcliffe, Settle. He served 12 years with the Colours.

Alfred is commemorated at Helles Memorial, Turkey.

2nd November

Today we remember **Private Harry Frederick O'Leary**, 8297, 2nd Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment, who died on 11 August 1915, aged 28.

Harry was born in Pontefract to Clr. Serjt. Arthur and Sarah Wesley O'Leary. He was the husband of Elsie O'Leary, of 10, Radnor Rd., Portmore Park, Weybridge, Surrey.

Harry is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium and the inscription on his headstone reads: "REST IN PEACE".

3rd November

Today we remember **Private Galla Rice**, 281706, 7th Bn., Highland Light Infantry, who died on 28 August 1918, aged 28.

Galla, born Carmine Olympio Risi in London in 1890, was the son of Guiseppe and Nicolina Risi (née Tomasso), who were known as Joseph and Nellie Rice. Guiseppe, an ice cream vendor, and Nicolina were married in 1884 at St. Patrick's Church, York Road, Leeds.

Galla enlisted in the army in Pontefract. It is believed that he would have enlisted in a local regiment and was later transferred to the Highland Light Infantry.

He is commemorated at Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

4th November

Today we remember **Private James Rice**, 21453, 1st Bn., Northumberland Fusiliers, who died on 27 July 1915. James, born Eugenio Risi in Hull in 1896, was the son of Guiseppe and Nicolina Risi (née Tomasso), who were known as Joseph and Nellie Rice. Guiseppe, an ice cream vendor, and Nicolina were married in 1884 at St. Patrick's Church, York Road, Leeds.

James enlisted in the army in York. He originally enlisted in the East Yorkshire Regiment and was later transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers.

James died in Flanders Fields and he is buried at Voormezele Enclosure No.3, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

CHURCH SIGNS USA

"God does not believe in atheists therefore atheists do not exist." Palm Heights Baptist Church.