

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 32nd Week in Ordinary Time – Year B

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

	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	
Monday	12/11	St Joseph's Wakefield Crematorium	09:15 13:00	Word & Communion Funeral – Muriel Arrand	
<i>St Josaphat</i>					
Tuesday	13/11	St Michael's	09.15	Roger Metcalf	
Wednesday	14/11	St Joseph's	11:00	Denis Moran	
Thursday	15/11	St Michael's St Joseph's	09:15 13:45	John Gallivan Funeral Service – Margaret Goalby	
<i>St Albert the Great</i>					
Friday	16/11	St Joseph's	09:15	November Dead List	
<i>St Edmund, St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude</i>					
Saturday	17/11	St Michael's	11:30	Derek Dyson	
<i>St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Hilda, St Hugh of Lincoln</i>					
Sunday	18/11	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Alfred Wass Ralph Jackson Joan Lemmon	

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Margaret Goalby, Ian Fowkes, Muriel Arrand, Josephine Metcalfe, Fr Paddy Waldron 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:

All on the parish war memorial

St Michael's Lady's Lamp

Intention for this coming week:-

All who gave their life in service of our country

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: **560**
Envelopes **£706** Loose **£575**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's
Pool No 91, D Malkin - £20

St Joseph's
Pool No.52, Brendan Fields - £100

MEETINGS

SVP – Tuesday, 20th November, 7:00pm 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: A Caine, A Burns, P O'Duffy
St Michael's: Friday 14th December 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/>

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**.

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. If you were unable to be at the blessing of graves last Sunday, 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – Minutes of the meeting of the Council on 30th October are posted on notice boards at the back of both our churches.

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 – 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. Copies of the schedule are attached and are available in English and Polish.

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.

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.

5th November

Today we remember **Private John Ryan**, 2657, 1st/5th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who died on 6 July 1916.

John was the son of John Ryan and Mary Boyce, who were married in Castleford in 1889. He was born in Chasetown, Staffordshire in late 1891, but by 1901 the family were living in Albion Place, Castleford. John had a brother and three sisters, all of whom were born in the Castleford area. By the time of the 1911 census, the family had moved to Horsefair, Pontefract and John was working as a miner. John died during the Battle of the Somme and he is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

6th November

Today we remember **Private Patrick Ryder**, 28865, 7th Bn., Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who died on 12 July 1916.

Patrick is buried at Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France.

His next of kin was listed as Mrs. E. Wakefield, 6, Park Street, Halfpenny Lane, Pontefract.

7th November

Today we remember **Serjeant Patrick Smith**, 1839, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who died on 28 June 1915, aged 43.

Patrick was born on 8 June 1872 in West Calder, Scotland to John Smith and Margaret McKuskie of Kely, Fife. He had six brothers and three sisters. He was married to Mary Smith, of 27, Park View Place, Lochgelly, Fife.

It is recorded that Patrick re-enlisted in Featherstone in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 1st/5th Battalion. He was injured during the First World War and was brought back to the Norfolk War Hospital, Thorpe, Norwich, where he died of his wounds. Patrick is buried at North Featherstone Cemetery and the inscription on his headstone reads: "O SACRED HEART OF JESUS HAVE MERCY ON HIM, R.I.P."

8th November

Today we remember **Private John Stephens**, 12857, 12th Bn, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who died on 17 November 1918, aged 29.

John was the eldest son of Sarah and the late Thomas Stephens, of Pontefract.

He is buried at Terlinthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France and the inscription on his headstone reads: "MAY HE REST IN PEACE, A POOR WIDOW'S SON".

9th November

Today we remember **Private Michael Wynn**, 15080, 9th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), who died on 3 August 1916, aged 38.

Michael was the son of James and Ann Wynn, of Post Office Yard, Pontefract. Prior to the war, he served in the South African Campaign.

Michael died in the Battle of the Somme and he is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

10th November

Today we remember **Private George Yeam**, 1911, 1st/5th Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who died on 1 July 1916, aged 21.

George was the son of Sgt. William and Mrs. Yeam, of Post Office Yard, Market Place, Pontefract. George died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme and he is commemorated at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

CHURCH SIGNS USA

"Walmart is not the only place that does savings" – Oak Grove Baptist Church