

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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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 33rd Week in Ordinary Time – Year B

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	18/11	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Alfred Wass Ralph Jackson Joan Lemmon
Monday	19/11	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion
Tuesday	20/11	St Michael's	19:00	Harold Robinson
Wednesday	21/11	St Joseph's	11:00	Jack Gallagher <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Thursday	22/11	H.F.S.M	09:30	November Dead List <i>St Cecilia</i>
Friday	23/11	St Joseph's	09:30	Private Intention Wynn (School in Attendance)
		St. Joseph's	13:00	Requiem Mass Josephine Metcalf
		<i>St Clement I, St Columban</i>		
Saturday	24/11	St Michael's	11:30	Family of Kate Plevy <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac</i>
Sunday	25/11	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Doris McLane Robert McDonald John B Gallivan.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for John Richards, Henry Stones, John Gallivan, Jo 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:

For victims of the Californian Fires

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

For Judy Kawa and family

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: **717**
Envelopes **£753** Loose **£548**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's
Pool No48 Anthea Bagshaw - £20

St Joseph's
Pool No 151 .A McDonald - £20

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 Wheatley, C Macdonald, S Grace
St Michael's: Friday 14th December at 9:30am, everyone welcome

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 has written to 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.

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. This year they will be singing the 1603 setting by Tomas Luis Victoria.

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.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST 2018 – As we move through this month of prayer for the Holy Souls, we are preparing our Dead List for the coming year. Until the end of the month, 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!!).

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.

DIOCESEAN COLLECTION – Next Sunday, 25th November, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for Youth Service. This collection helps to meet the cost of running youth activities and supporting Youtrh Workers in each Diocese.

A collection for the Peru Mission Fund will take place the following week.

CAFOD – Next **Soup Day** will take place on 25th November. Tickets on sale after mass. Keep a look out for Our Fair Trade stall on 2nd December.

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**.

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.

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE, LIGHT UP A LIFE – Join with the Hospice to remember someone you love this Christmas. Sunday 9th December, 3pm, St Luke's Church, Charlston. Tuesday 11th December, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Badsworth. Wednesday, 12th December, 7pm, Holy Cross Church, Airedale. Thursday 13th December, 7pm, The Prince of Wales Hospice Garden.

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.

A NEW GAS LINE - Is being planned between Ferrybridge and Gateforth and a consultation period/Information dissemination will take place by SSE at various locations. Plans and details of information locations are available on the notice board at the back of churches or at: www.sse.com/ferrybridged/ your comments are invited via email ferrybridged@sse.com or by post Ferrbridge D Consultation. C/O Ferrybridge Power Station. Stranglands lane.Knottingley. WF11 8SQ. Submissions must be made by 5:00pm Monday 17th December.

Spiritual Programme

ADVENT – Fr Josh Hilton will be coming to give a talk about Advent and the spirit of preparation for Christmas. He will offer the same talk twice so as to give you all opportunity to attend. The dates are: Saturday 8th December, 12noon in St Michael's and Tuesday 11th December, 7pm in St Joseph's.

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

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

One of the very human characteristics of grief is to hold onto items dear to, or associated with, the loved one who has died. These things can seem worthless or ridiculous to others but they are of inestimable value to those who grieve. One of my grandmas died in 1989. She always had a image of our Blessed Lord (looking like a movie star!) by her front door so that He saw everyone who came into her house and so that people who arrived at her front door knew who was at the heart of that home. Since she died, this rather cheesy picture in a naff frame has always been placed by the entrance to my sitting room. There's no way on God's earth that I would have ever bought it myself; neither is there any way that I would get rid of it. The same is true for other relatives who have died, and whilst it might not always be 'a thing', it may well be a place to which I go or a piece of music to which I listen that brings them very much to mind. The place is visited, that music listened to very particularly, but not exclusively, on their anniversary. The people whom we have loved and lost remain very close to our hearts night and day whether we are explicitly thinking of them or not. As the old aphorism goes: *Those whom we have loved go no further from us than God and God is very near.*

That's the whole purpose of our November Dead List. We spend this month focusing on compiling it precisely for the purpose of carrying those names with us throughout the rest of the year. It seems somehow fitting to be pulling those names and faces together in the month when the created world is dying around us; it's a somber and sobering season in which to undertake a somber task. But the very fact that "November Dead List" Masses are celebrated throughout the year – in the joy of spring and the heat of summer, as well as the dead of winter – testifies to the Christian element of Resurrection which is implicit in every Christian celebration of Remembrance. This implication is not a sop to wash away tears: they must flow and have their day. No, rather, this implication of Resurrection simply underscores our belief that tears and pain don't have the last word. When we recite the Creed together every Sunday we acknowledge the centrality of the Lord's suffering and death and we locate it in time and space ("sub Pontio Pilato"). But then our recitation rises to a crescendo as we proclaim Resurrection, Ascension, Glorious renewal in the Holy Spirit, Glory of the Saints, Life everlasting.

I urge you to participate in this preparation of the Parish November Dead List as part of your own grieving/remembering process and as part of your own confident expectation of hope in God's mercy. (Details of how to do this are on the inside of this bulletin.) As in previous years, the list will be on constant display in both churches until next year and, like that picture, piece of music, furniture or clothing, it will be part of our regular activity. But our beloved will be even closer when we remember them at Masses which are offered for "those on our November Dead List". At that point, they are as close to us as God Who is made flesh before our very eyes. And if God is there, they are too!

Fr. Simon

CHURCH SIGNS USA

Seven days without prayer makes one weak – Calvary Chapel, Venice Beach, CA