

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month...16:00

### 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.

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	25/11	St Michael's St Joseph's <b>St Joseph's</b> St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 <b>16:00</b> 18:00	Doris McLane Robert McDonald <b>Service of Remembrance</b> John B Gallivan
Monday	26/11			No Service Today
Tuesday	27/11	St Michael's  St. Michael's	18:00  19:00	Reception of Body of John Richards into church. November Dead List.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28/11</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Requiem Mass John Richards</b>
Thursday	29/11	St Michael's	09:15	Special Intention M.S.
<b>Friday</b> <i>St Andrew</i>	<b>30/11</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>10:15</b>	<b>Requiem Mass Henry Stones</b>
Saturday	01/12	St Michael's	11:30	Margaret Goalby
Sunday	02/12	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Yorkshire Brethren A & C Konwea 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary People of the Parish.

**First Sunday of Advent**

### **LATELY DEAD**

Please pray for John Richards and Henry Stones whose Requiems take place this week and for Doris Dunning who 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 All Lives lost in The California Fires**

**St Michael's Lady's Lamp**

**Intention for this coming week:-**

**For All The people missing in The California Fires.**

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: **578**  
Envelopes **£731** Loose **£507**

### This Week's Draws

**St Michael's**  
Pool No75, E Symonds - £20

**St Joseph's**  
Pool No.27, A Roberts - £20

### MEETINGS

**UCM – Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in St Michael's Parish Rooms**

**SVP – tba**  
**CAFOD – 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.

## Parish Notices

**CHURCH CLEANING: St Joseph's:** S Metcalfe, J Battersby

**St Michael's:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am, everyone welcome

**WORK AT OUR CHURCHES** – Over the next few week work is being carried out at our churches which will mean changes to our Schedule of Services. This Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November we start to replace the lighting system at St Joseph's. The work is expected to take 3 days and the church will be closed during that time. On Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December work starts to take up the carpet in the Sanctuary at St Michael's and replace it with a laminate type flooring. We expect St Michael's to be closed all of that week. To prepare for this work we will need volunteers to stay after 9am Mass on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December to help to remove the Altar, statue, lectern etc. Further help will be need to return everything to the Sanctuary when the work is complete and the flooring has settled in place. Keep and eye on the Bulletin and Social Media for more details.

**FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS** – have a read of today's message from your Pastor on the back page and take home one of the 'Instructions for my Funeral Mass' leaflets. If you wish Fr Simon to assist you in completing it, then please feel free to give him a call and arrange a time to meet. Don't say he never gives you anything!!

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION** – This Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Yourth Workers in each Diocese.

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

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE** – We shall have a prayer service of remembrance for all our beloved dead this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HOLY SOULS' MEMORIAL** – As we near the end of the month of prayer for the Holy Souls, the memorials in both churches will be

taken down in preparation for Advent. Please collect your photographs and holy cards this weekend. Any uncollected items will be placed at the back of church next Sunday.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST 2018** – this is the last week to put your Dead list in for the coming year. The list will close on Friday of this week. 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 the month of the Holy Souls draws to a close, Fr Simon is still available for the blessing of family graves. If you were unable to be at the blessing of graves on Knottingley or Pontefract, 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.

**CAFOD** – Next **Soup Day** will take place this Sunday. 25<sup>th</sup> November. Keep a look out for Our Fair Trade stall on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at both churches.

**ADVENT MASS FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** – The seasonal Mass will take place at noon in St Michael’s church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December followed by a little pre-Christmas party in St Michael’s hall. Eucharistic Ministers are asked to canvas the people they visit to see if they will be attending. The SVP are coordinating this event so if you’d like to volunteer your services/time, please speak to one of the members.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** – Minutes of the meeting of the Council on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm, St Luke’s Church, Sharlston. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, St Mary’s Church, Badsworth. Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>

December, 7pm, Holy Cross Church, Airedale. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PONTEFRACT** – An Advent service will be held at All Saints Church on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6:30pm. A collection will be taken for Cafod and Christian Aid everyone welcome.

**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.

**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/](http://www.sse.com/ferrybridged/) your comments are invited via email [ferrybridged@sse.com](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December, 12noon in St Michael’s and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The second to Assisi and San Giovanni Rotundo and the sites associated with St Francis and St Padre Pio runs from 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Over the last few years I have been privileged to be invited to celebrate the funeral rites for parishioners who have died. Sometimes, their death was expected and, after a long illness, it was seen as a blessed release from suffering. Sometimes, the death came very unexpectedly or quickly. For sure, death effects every single one of us during our lives and we will all know, at some point, what it is to grieve for loved ones; and that grief is raw to the individual regardless of the deceased person being very, very old or far too young.

Having experienced that pain, people are often conscious that they want to minimize the grief-stricken suffering of loved ones by “not going to too much fuss when I’m gone”. Phrases like, “Do what you like with me when I’m dead” or “Take me to church and keep it simple” are meant to help mitigate the suffering of grief but I can tell you, from my experience, that more often than not they do precisely the opposite. In your head, “Take me to church and keep it simple” may mean “Let me have a Requiem Mass and don’t be bothering with eulogies and poems etc”. That’s what *I* would mean. But to your lapsed relatives who haven’t been to church for a long time – being aided by an undertaker who has no thorough awareness of what the Catholic Funeral Rites are comprised of – this could mean something very different altogether. *I* may know that you would wish to have a Requiem Mass offered for the salvation of your soul, but what *I* may know and what your family may have instructed the Undertaker to undertake, can often be two very different things. And, in this age of litigation and accountability and expediency, I can assure you that the insights of your priests count for very little. I cannot tell you the number of times I have had to fight the corner of a deceased parishioner, who I knew would want a Requiem Mass and who was just going to be driven straight past the church and taken to the crematorium for a short service. If that happens to you, it won’t be your family’s fault, nor will it be the Undertaker’s fault – how could it be, when the practice of the Faith doesn’t mean as much to them as it does to you? There’ll only be one person at fault and they’re reading this right now!!

It is important that you are specific in your requests, just as you would be with a Last Will and Testament. Your loved ones will have enough on their plate (as most of us well know) and you will ease their burden if you’ve left specific instructions for them. For my money, every Catholic should have a Requiem Mass in church, followed by burial or cremation (yes, cremations are allowed). Contrary to popular opinion, Requiem Masses DO NOT last ‘hours’ and, if you have an ounce of Faith, they are not morbid affairs. Put simply, it’s the best prayer we can offer our loved ones when they die because it’s the greatest and most efficacious prayer we can ever take part in. It is the prayer of Jesus, offered up on our behalf. As with most things in life, it doesn’t hurt to plan ahead; the same applies in eternal life, so take heed of the item in this bulletin and help yourself to your Pastor’s free gift to you on this wonderful feast of Christ our King, the very One you’re going to meet one day!

**Fr. Simon**

### CHURCH SIGNS USA

“Church Parking Only. Violators will be baptised.” - Clifton Baptist Church