

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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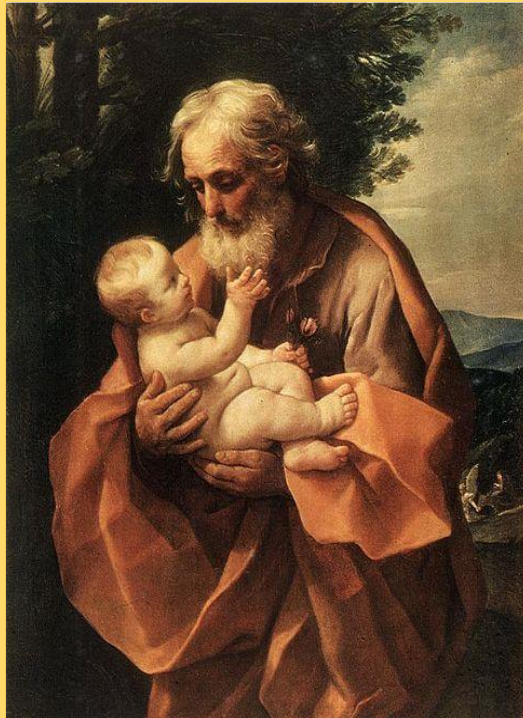
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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday evening.

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St Joseph's School Hall, Christine Wilson: 07810 105742
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Duncan Saul; 07827 357838

SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Times

St Michael's.....09:00

St Joseph's.....11:30 & 18:00

Mass in Polish

St Joseph's: 2nd & 3rd Sunday of 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 Baptism of the Lord, Year C

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	13/01	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Hilary Haddleton Aleykutty Joseph Maggie Wigglesworth.
Monday	14/01	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion
Tuesday	15/01	St Michael's	19:00	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday	16/01	St Joseph's	11:00	Burns & Wilson Family
Thursday	17/01	St Michael's <i>St Anthony</i>	09:15	Canon M Shaw
Friday	18/01	St Joseph's	09:15	November Dead List
Saturday	19/01	St Michael's <i>St Wulstan</i>	11:30	Fr Peter Hurley
Sunday	20/01	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	John Richards People of the Parish Edith Gallivan.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LATELY DEAD

Please pray Jane Oakley and for 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:

Sick of the Parish

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

Vocations to the Priesthood

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: **544**
Envelopes **£751** Loose **£467**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's
Pool No.2 M.Addleton - £20
St Joseph's
Pool No.107 I Roberts - £20

MEETINGS

UCM – Wednesday, 16th Jan, 9:30 in St Michael's Hall
SVP – Tuesday, 22nd Jan in St Joseph's Parish Room
CAFOD – Thursday, 24th Jan in St Joseph's Parish Room

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:
M Gilbertson, B Smith

St Michael's:
First Monday of each month

Help always welcome

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2019 –The Confirmation liturgy will commence at 7pm on Tuesday 5th February. It will be the responsibility of individual families to make their way to the Cathedral of St Anne on Great George Street in Leeds. Please allow plenty of time to get there (during rush hour) and to park. You need to be seated in the Cathedral no later than 6.45pm.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION – If you didn't take one last weekend, please take one of the small pieces of card which should be filled out and handed back to Fr Simon at the Confirmation rehearsal (see item below). This should include the name of the Sponsor. This person **MUST** be a practising Catholic over the age of 16. It cannot be parents. Also, if you haven't already, candidates need to choose a Confirmation name (which must be the name of a saint which they have researched – the Bishop has a habit of asking questions!!). This too goes on the card. These cards will be used during the ceremony in February.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OR YR7 AND ABOVE – Most of the children will be learning what they need to know as part of the Catholic school curriculum in Yr6. For those children not in either of our primary schools, or who have moved up to St Wilfrid's, there are 2 sessions **which you must attend**. The final session will be held

in St Michael's hall on Saturday 19th January for 45 minutes commencing at 4pm.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL – Obviously, we are not able to rehearse in the Cathedral, so we will have a mini-rehearsal in St Joseph's church at 4pm on Saturday 2nd February in which Fr Simon will pretend to be a Bishop! At least one parent needs to attend this rehearsal so that Fr Simon can brief parents about arrangements for Tuesday 5th February in the Cathedral.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PONTEFRAC - Parents whose children will be 5 years of age between September 1st 2019 and August 31st 2020 and wish their child to be considered for a place at St Joseph's school Pontefract, are asked to obtain an application form from the school office (entrance off Love Lane). The completed form and any relevant documents should be returned to school by 15th January 2019. Please note failure to provide any necessary additional documents (including baptismal certificates for Catholic applications) by the closing date will delay the correct categorisation of the application.

ST. JOSEPH'S NURSERY PONTEFRAC - Places are still available for the autumn term for any child who was 3 years old by 31st August 2018. Please call in or contact school (01977 701493) for more details. Applications, for an April start, are now also being

taken for children who will be aged three years by March 31st 2019. Parents are asked to obtain an application form from the school office (entrance off Love Lane). The completed form and any relevant documentation should be returned to school by 3.00pm Friday 18th January 2019. Please note failure to provide any necessary additional documents by the closing date will delay the correct categorisation of the application.

It should be noted that an offer of a place in the nursery does not guarantee a place in school, for which a separate application must be made.

FIRST CONFESSION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – The new sessions start at the end of this month. There will be a parents' meeting for both courses on Thursday 17th January at 7pm in St Joseph's church. Please bring along completed forms (for First Confession) and completed Safeguarding forms (for First Holy Communion).

SVP - The SVP would like to thank everyone for the Christmas donations which came to a wonderful £764. The money will be used to support the work of the parish conference in the coming year.

CAFOD – Thank you to all who bought gifts from our Christmas Catalogue. Across the Diocese over £700K was raised. Watch out for our Family Fast Day on 15th March.

WEEKLY DRAWS, ST MICHAEL'S POOL & ST JOSEPH'S 100 CLUB – If you would like to join the Pool Draw at St Michael's or the 100 Club at St Joseph's there are spare numbers available. This is an excellent way of supporting our parish so please consider taking on a number or treating yourself to an extra number. What about enrolling a member of your family, especially if they're unable to attend Mass due to infirmity etc. Assignment of new numbers and payment is taken after each Mass on Sunday at St Michael's and St Joseph's.

REPOSITORIES – Thank you to everyone who bought from our Repositories at both St Michael's and St Joseph's this year. St Michael's have a special offer on 2019 Calendars – too good to miss!

LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY: All Saints Catholic College, Huddersfield seek to recruit a Lay Chaplain. 24 hours per week (Term Time plus 1 day only) Grade 7 (£11,960 pa). Closing date for applications 14th January 2019. Start Date: February 2019. For further information please see <http://www.aschc.com/vacancies/>

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.

Spiritual Programme

CATECHISTS' MEETING: Sat 9th March, Hinsley Hall, 10am-1pm: The Diocese invites all catechists and those involved in faith formation to a meeting at Hinsley Hall. There will be a chance to meet fellow catechists, to share best practice, and to meet the new Co-ordinators for Catechesis (Gregory Stacey and Kieran Hughes). There will be a particular focus on the opportunities presented by "family catechesis" and the ways in which the Diocese is developing ways to support catechists in their work.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES TO POLAND AND ITALY This 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 Rotondo 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

Dates for your calendar

HOLY DAYS AND FAST DAYS – Below are a table of notable dates for your diary. The dates marked in purple are obligatory days for fasting (in accordance with the usual norms) and the days marked in red are holy days of obligation which do not fall on a Sunday. Other dates are notable in that they pertain to our parish, devotions or the rest of the nation.

Day	Date	Feast
Wed'day	6 th March	Ash Wednesday
Tuesday	19 th March	Feast of St Joseph
Sunday	14 th April	Palm Sunday
Thursday	18 th April	Maundy Thursday
Friday	19 th April	Good Friday
Saturday	20 th April	Holy Saturday
Sunday	21 st April	Easter Sunday
Thursday	30 th May	The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday	9 th June	Pentecost
Sunday	23 rd June	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi
Sunday	30 th June	Saints Peter & Paul
Thursday	15 th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday	1 st November	All Saints
Saturday	2 nd November	All Souls
Sunday	10 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Wed'day	25 th December	The Nativity of the Lord

O BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

Plead for us thy children, whom though didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother

Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the chief Shepherd the Vicar of thy Son.

Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen

Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

A Word From Your Pastor

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season in the revised calendar of the Second Vatican Council. Tomorrow, all the trimmings come down. However, according to the ancient tradition, we shall leave our Cribs up in both churches until the Feast of Candlemas (which marks the Presentation of Christ in the Temple) on 2nd February. This is the tradition in St Peter's square in Rome and if it's good enough for the Hoylee it's good enough for Ponte and Knott!

To facilitate a more focused devotion on the Crib for these last few weeks, please find below a couple of meditation from great saints, including St Francis of Assisi, who started the tradition of erecting a crib.

"I wish to do something that will recall to memory the little Child who was born in Bethlehem and set before our bodily eyes in some way the inconveniences of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he lay upon the hay where he had been placed... (soon) The manger was prepared, the hay had been brought, the ox and ass were led in. There simplicity was honoured, poverty was exalted, humility was commended, and Greccio (the site of Francis' original crib) was made, as it were, a new Bethlehem." *St Francis of Assisi*

"Far into the night, at the coldest time of the year, in a chilly grotto, more suitable for a flock of beasts than for humans, the promised Messiah – Jesus – the savior of mankind, comes into the world in the fullness of time. There are none who clamor around him: only an ox and an ass lending their warmth to the newborn infant; with a humble woman, and a poor and tired man, in adoration beside him. [...] He had been expected for forty centuries; with longing sighs the ancient Fathers had implored his arrival. The sacred scriptures clearly prophesy the time and the place of his birth, and yet the world is silent and no one seems aware of the great event. Only some shepherds, who had been busy watching over their sheep in the meadows, come to visit him. Heavenly visitors had alerted them to the wondrous event, inviting them to approach his cave. [...] The heavenly babe suffers and cries in the crib so that for us suffering would be sweet, meritorious and accepted. He deprives himself of everything, in order that we may learn from him the renunciation of worldly goods and comforts. He is satisfied with humble and poor adorers, to encourage us to love poverty, and to prefer the company of the little and simple rather than the great ones of the world." *St Padre Pio*

Fr. Simon

BULLETIN BLOOPERS!

The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.