

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 & 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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

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.
Monday <i>St Agnes</i>	21/01	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion
Tuesday <i>St Vincent</i>	22/01	St Michael's	19:00	Mgr Peter Maguire
Wednesday	23/01	St Joseph's	11:00	Int of Courtney Family
Thursday <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	24/01	H.F.S.M.	09:30	November Dead List
Friday	25/01	St Joseph's	09:30	Ted Sands (School in Attendance)
<i>The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle</i>				
Saturday <i>St Timothy & St Titus</i>	26/01	St Michael's	11:30	Int of Anne Ryan
Sunday	27/01	St Michael's St Joseph's St Joseph's	09:00 11:30 18:00	Mary Morgan James McCormack.& Ken Hegarty John Devlin
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time				

LATELY DEAD

Please pray Annie Blackburn, 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:-
Maureen Walsh

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:665
Envelopes **£693** Loose **£547**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's
Pool No.53 Christine Haslam - £20
St Joseph's
Pool No.94 R.McArdle - £20

MEETINGS

SVP – Tuesday, 22nd Jan in St Joseph's Parish Room
CAFOD – Thursday, 24th Jan in St Joseph's Parish Room
UCM – Wednesday, 27th Feb, 9:30 in St Michael's Hall

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:
A Caine, A Burns, P O'Duffy

St Michael's:
First Monday of each month

Help always welcome

NEW PARISHIONERS – If you have recently moved into our parish: Welcome! We're delighted to have you with us. Please take a census form from the back of church and once you have completed it return it to Fr Simon. Also, join us for refreshments after the 9am and 11.30am Masses.

HEALTH & SAFETY – As many of you will be aware, there has been a massive shift in Health and Safety legislation over recent months and this means that we have to pay even more attention to the safety of everybody who uses our premises. It should go without saying that we want everyone to be safe and well when they come to either of our churches or use either of our halls and so, in a very real sense H&S is the responsibility of us all. We are lucky to have the support of 2 individuals in the parish, James and Richard (their details are on the front of this bulletin) who assist Fr Simon in implementing the necessary regulation and help us to stay in business! But everyone needs to keep an eye out which is why Father keeps asking you to put up your kneelers in church etc. It's also why, particularly at the 11.30am Mass, Father has asked a group of parishioners to help marshall the procession at Holy Communion. The aisles in St Joseph's are very narrow and can be problematic for people with mobility issues so please cooperate with the marshalls to ensure that the procession moves as smoothly as possible.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC – Are you, or is someone you know, thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you think you wouldn't be good enough, or able to make sense of the Church's teachings and laws? Well, take a look around Church (and especially at the priest up there at the altar) and you'll find a load of other people trying to become better Catholics, trying to make sense of the Church in the world. You are not alone. Why not give Fr Simon a call or send him an email with absolutely no commitment at this stage and have a talk with him. If you don't do something about that nagging thought in your head, you'll get no peace!

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 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.

FIRST CONFESSION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – The new sessions start next weekend so please keep our young people in your prayers as they begin their formation for the sacraments. From next weekend, First Confession children will collect a prayer card from the sacristy after Mass and First Communion children will sign off on a register in the sacristy.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Rotas (27/01/19-28/07/19) for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers have been posted at the back of each church and have been circulated by email where possible. If you have any difficulties in connection with them then please contact Tom Moran or David

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul this coming Friday marks the start of a week of prayer whereby Christians throughout the world pray together for that unity for which Christ prayed: Father, may they be one as we are one. Please spend time this week praying for your fellow Christians, especially those who are suffering for their discipleship of Christ at this time.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PONTEFRACT– Christian Unity Service – at Central Methodist Church Pontefract. Wednesday 23rd January, @ 7:30pm. The speaker will be Nicholas Stebbins from Mirfield College -All Welcome.

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!

ST MICHAEL’S TOMBOLA STALL – Donations always welcome.

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

CATECHETICAL COURSES – In February and March, and then again May and June 2019, there will be a series of short courses on the following subjects: Catholic Social Teaching, Lay Chaplaincy in Schools, Liturgy, Catholic Schools and Religious

Education, Family Life Ministry or Youth Ministry. For further details of any of these courses please contact Emma on 0113 261 8040 or evangelisation.admin@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 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

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

This week sees the celebration of the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. If you were a follower of Jesus in the first few decades of the history of the Church, the dramatic conversion of Saul of Tarsus to the Christian Way would have been cause for ecstatic celebration (once you'd got over your initial skepticism and doubts) as Saul, now Paul, had been one of the prime instigators and perpetrators of the persecution of Christians. He had been responsible for the brutal killing of the Deacon Stephen by stoning and without his conversion he'd probably be coming for you next! Celebrations indeed!

The only person who would have been celebrating more than you and every other Christian at that time would have been Paul himself. Indeed, if you read Paul's letters and the accounts of his travels and escapades in the Acts of the Apostles you encounter a man who finds it hard to keep still or quiet. Such is the power of his conversion and its effects on his life that he can often come across as very forceful and quite arrogant. He has no shame about throwing his weight around and even takes on Peter and the other Apostles without breaking a sweat. Remember, Peter and the other Apostles had spent time with Jesus - they knew him in the flesh. What must they have thought of this 'oftcundun' who had suddenly appeared on the scene. Note well: PAUL NEVER MET JESUS IN THE FLESH. But you'd never know that by reading the accounts of his life or his letters. He is absolutely convinced about the power of Christ to save people from their sins; he regards himself as the prime visual aid.

This is an important feast for us who have never met the human Jesus in the flesh. We meet Him under the appearance of bread and wine; we hear Him in the scriptures; we encounter Him in prayer and through each other. We need to trust these meetings, hearings and encounters and allow them to filter into our lives. "You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not yet seen but believe." So said Jesus about me and you. We are told that seeing is believing, but St Paul would say otherwise and lived like the converse is true. He did not see, but he had such an experience which he was prepared to trust even up to the moment of his beheading in Rome. He was passionate about his Christ. And so must we be.

I don't know about you, but I have never been lucky enough to have such an experience as St Paul clearly did. I have never been thrown off my ass; I've been thrown *on to it* (!) several times by the vicitudes of life and, on reflection and after the event, it's then that I've encountered the kindness and tenderness of Christ ministering to me through the words and actions of others. We all have those experiences if we're prepared to reflect and remember and we should trust that those encounters set us up to become more passionate, more credible witnesses to Christ.

Fr. Simon

BULLETIN BLOOPERS!

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.