

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...15:00

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

Children's' Liturgy Groups

St Joseph's.....Sundays at 11.30am Mass
during school term time.

St Michael's.....Sundays at 9am Mass
throughout the year.

This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sunday	23/06	St Michael's	09:00	A & H Konwea Wedding Anniversary
		St Joseph's	11:30	Peter Booth
		St Joseph's	18:00	People of the Parish
<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>				
Monday	24/06	St Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion Service
<i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>				
Tuesday	25/06	St Michael's	19:00	K.C. Joseph
Wednesday	26/06	St Joseph's	11:00	Fr Paddy Waldron (Y.B.)
Thursday	27/06	H.F.S.M.	09:30	Special Intention (M.S.)
<i>Our Lady of Unfailing Health</i>				
Friday	28/06	St Joseph's	09:30	Blessed Sacrament Procession with the School
		St Joseph's	12:30	John Linley
<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>				
Saturday	29/06	St Michael's	11:30	Tom & Nellie Dickinson
<i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>				
Sunday	30/06	St Michael's	09:00	Joseph Game
		St Joseph's	11:30	Fr. Simon's Ordination Anniversary
		St Joseph's	18:00	People of the Parish
<i>St Peter & St Paul</i>				

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Betty Richards, Bridget Meloy 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:

Mark Harrison

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

James 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: **586**

Envelopes **£619**

Loose **£460**

This Week's Draws

St Michael's

Pool No.86 C. McLane - £20

St Joseph's

Pool No.20 S. Chester - £20

MEETINGS

UCM – Wednesday 17th July, 7pm St Michael's Hall

SVP – Tuesday, 25th June, St Joseph's Parish Room

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.

CHURCH CLEANING:

St Joseph's:

S Metcalfe, J Battersby

St Michael's:

10am on the first

Monday of the month

Help always welcome

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION – Please note that on Friday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Mass will be at 12.30pm in St Joseph's. This later time facilitates a Blessed Sacrament Procession from St Joseph's school into church for Benediction. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Whatever the weather, we walk!

REV BEN HILTON – we are running a bus from the parish for Ben's ordination to the priesthood in the Cathedral on Saturday 20th July. The Bus will leave St Joseph's at 9:45am and return from the Cathedral at 1pm. **We will be arranging for the bus to pick up at St Michael's too – details to follow.** A list is at the back of our churches so that you can reserve and pay £10 for your seat. **This is the last weekend for you to be able to sign up.** Children under 16 go free. He will celebrate Mass for us in St Joseph's on Monday 22nd July at 7pm and there will be a 'do' afterwards. We will organise a collection for him as a gift from the parish on Sunday 7th July. Put these dates in your diaries now, please.

EXAM TIME – please keep all our students who are taking there GCSE's and A Levels in your prayers.

CAFOD - Look out for our Fairtrade stall at both churches on 14th July.

PARISH PARTY – Many thanks to the people who worked so hard 'front of house' and behind the scenes to ensure that, despite the monsoon, the parish party was a great success one again. Keep your eye on the Parish Website where we will post some pictures from the day.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019 - Children who took part in the Sacramental Programme this year (Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation), and have not collected their certificates can collect them from the Parish Office at St Joseph's until the 28th of July. Books that were handed in by Confession and First Holy Communion children can also be collected from the Parish office until the 28th of July. Any certificates or books not collected after this date will be 'reassigned a more permanent resting place'.

CASTLEFORD CHORAL SOCIETY – will present their summer concert in St Joseph's church on Saturday 13th July. Tickets can be bought at the door and half of the proceeds will go to parish funds. Everyone is welcome to come along to listen to this excellent local choir.

BKCAT CHILDREN'S CHOIR – will lead the congregation at 11.30am Mass on Sunday 14th July in St Joseph's church.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS – This year's crop of year 6 children will have their Leavers' Mass in St Michael's church at 6pm, during which

we will present them with a gift from the parish to mark their leaving our schools and starting this new chapter in their lives. It is a busy event, but parishioners are very welcome to attend.

GIFT AID DONATIONS – A letter addressed to those parishioners who donate under the Gift Aid Scheme is now available to collect at the back of our churches. It provides details of the total amount you have given and the amount that is being reclaimed from HMRC. The information may be required for your tax return. If any information in the letter such as your address is incorrect then please return the envelope with the revised detail to our Gift Aid Administrator, Vincent McGuire or to Fr Simon.

PARISH POOL – The Pool run from both churches is desperately in need of people to take new numbers. Please see Mary or Frances in the respective churches to secure your number. The pools provide the parish with a good source of income so please take a number if you haven't already. You can have more than one number if you so wish!

YOUR CHILDREN ARE BEAUTIFUL: we all know this and we appreciate it. But they are children and sometimes it can be a big ask for them to be quiet for an entire hour whilst at Mass. For this reason, cut yourself some slack and rather than fighting to keep them quiet give them some time out at the back of church. We are blessed with two lovely areas in our churches whereby people can have a break and still be a part of everything that's happening during Mass. Use them!

CAN YOU HELP – Thank you for those who have already come forward to help but more volunteers are needed to help with refreshments and the 100 Club following 11:30 Sunday Mass at St Joseph's. If you would like to help out please come along any Sunday after Mass and have a chat with those already helping out and they will explain what is involved.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Calling all mums and dads whose children attend Children's Liturgy on a Sunday. The Liturgy Leaders of both St Joseph's and St Michael's groups are in need of extra volunteers to help run the administrative side of this important work. It would only involve completing the weekly register during the session and ensuring that any new attendees fill in a consent form. The planning, preparation and delivery of the Liturgy programme means the present volunteers simply do not have the time to oversee the registration process which is a Diocesan Safeguarding requirement. Please think about offering your services for this role as it is a vital part in ensuring the continuing success of both Liturgy Groups. Put simply, if you're not prepared to help then we will not be able to offer this service. Please feel free to approach any of the liturgy leaders to offer your help. Thank you.

HALL HIRE - Do you need to find somewhere for a meeting, celebration, party or family get together? Then why not hire one of our halls? Both are available on evenings and weekends and St Michael's is also available on weekdays too. If you're interested, then for St Joseph's School Hall call Christine Wilson on 07810 105742, or for St Michael's Church Hall call Paula Saul on 07305 318683 or Duncan Saul on 07827 357838.

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.

PARISH REPOSITORIES - Gifts and cards are available in the Hall at St Michael's after the 9am Mass and in St Joseph's after 11.30 mass on Sunday. Please take a look. There is a large variety of items for purchase, including Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism and other religious gifts and cards are available. All proceeds go to the parish. Any questions or requests for special orders please contact Anne Barraclough or Ruth on 01977 780560.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE - On Saturday 5th October 2019 at 6pm, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year, 2019. The Mass will fulfil the Sunday Obligation and there will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. More details to follow in the coming months.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR ALBERT MAHER - former President of the Leeds Central Council of the SVP. There will be a Mass offered for Albert at Ss Peter & Paul, Sandal on Monday 22nd July 2019 at 7pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Simon Bradbury and the homily will be offered by Fr Phillip Hall who is the Spiritual Director for the Leeds Central Council of the SVP. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

VACANCY - The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academic Trust is looking to appoint an interim Headteacher at St Wilfrid's Catholic High School in Featherstone. With a start date of 1st September 2019, this provides an exciting opportunity for either an experienced Head or Deputy Head to lead the school whilst the recruitment process for a permanent Head takes place. If you would like further information please visit the Trust website: www.bkcat.co.uk or contact Sue Heptinstall, Head of HR at the Trust - email: sheptinstall@bkcat.co.uk or telephone 01924 802288.

HEALTH & SAFETY

We have recently had a visit from the Diocese Health & Safety Officer. We await his report but there are a couple of issues which we need to bring to parishioner's attention.

- **ST JOSEPH'S GALLERY** – The Diocese Health & Safety Officer identified the risk posed by the low height at the front of the gallery at St Joseph's. We are looking at solutions to make the gallery safer but, in the meantime, please take care when seated in that area and keep children away from the front.
- **ST JOSEPH'S PEWS** – Our pews are 'getting old'. We are making plans to have them repaired but some kneelers are not secured properly to the pew. Kneelers should be put up when not in use. Please take care, particularly in the section of pews at the front on the right-hand side which are particularly unsteady.
- **11.30am Mass** - we have a group of parishioners to help marshal 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 marshals to ensure that the procession moves as smoothly as possible.

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

During the last week we celebrated the feasts of three martyrs for the Faith from this country. Clearly from 'another time' some Catholics may suggest that they are 'of their day' and as such have little to say to us today other than the importance of being faithful to Christ and His Church. That's a catch-all phrase for martyrs of every age and it's also a good way of consigning them to that realm that is 'out of sight, out of mind' and utterly useless.

On Thursday, we celebrated the feast of the first known martyr in this country, St Alban. He was beheaded by the Romans in the town that now bears his name around 287AD. He had disguised himself as a priest who was on the run from the Romans (they saw this new religion and its priests as a major threat to their 'gods') and, caught in the priest's place, he took the punishment due to a priest. As is often the case, the locals recognized both the stunning witness of the man **and** the power of a sacramental priesthood that was clearly worth such a sacrifice, and so kept his memory alive until such time as a shrine could be erected. To this day, there are priests and people around the world risking their lives to bring the sacraments to God's children. Alban's martyrdom reminds us of the importance of the sacraments in our lives and it's one of the reasons why it gets my goat when modern Catholics don't take this seriously or even think it matters. O, for another St Alban today!

Yesterday, we celebrated the joint feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More. Put to death by another deluded powerhouse, Thomas More teaches us of the necessity of being loyal to our conscience, no matter how impressive the force that stands against us. It is a modern affectation to write off his witness because of the ample evidence that he approved of the burning of heretics. To our modern sensibilities, this is barbaric and, in the light of the Gospel, there is no excuse for it. At the time, More's conscience was so formed that it 'allowed' him to permit this (despite evidence of his reluctance). On the other hand, that same conscience was so formed that he gave himself up to death when he knew his King to be committing a grave sin on behalf of the whole realm. Saints aren't perfect; neither are our politicians (despite the faux moralizing of the media that insists that they must have no past sins and be squeaky clean in a way that neither the media nor the public are). However, our politicians can learn from Thomas More to speak the Truth (capital 'T'), no matter what the cost to self. O, for another Thomas More today!

John Fisher was the only bishop that did not capitulate before the civil authorities of his day; every other bishop sold his soul (and their Church communities) to keep things cosy for themselves. For Fisher, it was more important than life itself that the very nature of the Church and Her sacraments remained inviolate (especially the Priesthood and the Mass). We could do with a bishop like him today: a prophet that refuses to collude with the 'Empire', no matter how seemingly 'kind' the Empire appears to be with regards the Church. Sadly, many of our bishops are trapped into the ways of the Empire in this country since their predecessors signed us up to the Education Act in 1945 (for attractive reasons at the time). As a result many good Heads and teachers are badly directed or restricted as to what they can say and do in their classroom and this is only going to get worse. If you sell out to Empire you are obliged to keep said Empire 'sweet' if it want to keep the 'perks'. O, for another John Fisher today!

Wait! We **do** have another Alban, More and Fisher today. Potentially, they're you and me, primed and ready to act by the virtue of the sacraments that we have received. On this feast of Corpus Christi, which was so central to the Faith-in-action of these Christians of the past and many Christians of today, let us ask these holy martyrs to pray for us that we may develop a deep trust in the power of Christ working through the sacraments, so that when we are called to act in the name of Christ – and we will be - we may do so without hesitation. O, holy martyrs of England, pray for us.

Fr Simon

6:30 is the best time on a clock.....hands down.