

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

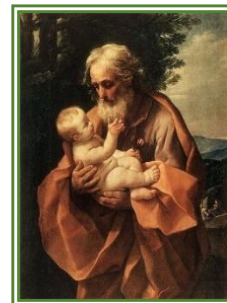
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25 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	21/09	St Michael's	9:00am	For all the Forgotten Souls
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Christine Harrison
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	22/09	St Joseph's	10:15am	Bozena & Wieslaw Urbanscy (RIP)
Tuesday	23/09	St Michael's	7:15pm	Asher Orleans
St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest				
Wednesday	24/09	St Joseph's	11:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	5:00pm	BKCAT Staff Mass
Our Lady of Walsingham				
Thursday	25/09	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Teresa George (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Intention of Mike Woulfe
Mass of Anointing of the Sick				
Friday	26/09	St Wilfrid's School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	Peter Wilson (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Linda Dickenson (Lately Dead)
Ss Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs				
Saturday	27/09	St Michael's	10:00am	Special Intention
St Vincent de Paul, Priest				
26 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	28/09	St Michael's	9:00am	Roy Westmorland (90 th Birthday)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Dead List

Confessions: St Michael's, Saturday: After Mass until 11am. St Joseph's, Friday 5:30pm to 6pm and on request

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Exposition will begin about 45 minutes before Mass)

Monday	St Joseph's	Before 10:15am Mass
Wednesday	St Joseph's	Before 11:15am Mass
Friday	St Joseph's	Before 6:15pm Mass
Saturday	St Michael's	Before 10:00am Mass

Silence before Mass Please respect silence before Mass. Please ensure that mobile phones are switched off! This is a precious time for people to pray and prepare themselves spiritually.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for:

All those who have died recently, Patricia Price, Angela Berry (nee Land). May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Margaret Clamp, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden, (nee Land)

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bozena & Wieslaw Urbanscy, Apolonia & Jan Mrozik-Glisczynscy, Roy Hennesay (Anniversary), Special Intention, Linda Dickinson (Lately Dead)

FOR MASS INTENTIONS

- Hand to Canon Tim or Father Joshy after Mass (envelopes available in the entrance to both Churches)
- Post in the letterbox on the door into the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's.
- Send via post to the Presbytery
- Please state the name and Intention (e.g. Sick, Anniversary, RIP, Birthday etc).
- **If you wish a particular day, please mention.**
- **(3 weeks' notice is needed).**
- Note - one of the Masses on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism: Please see Canon Tim after Sunday Mass if you wish to arrange a Baptism.

Marriage: At least 6 months' notice needs to be given.

For information regarding all Sacramental Preparation (First confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms, Adults received into the Church, Adult Confirmation and Marriage please see the Parish Website <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

FOR A POLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE GO TO <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

Sunday 14th September

Envelopes - £371.00
Loose Plate – £526.00

Standing Orders For August
£2687

OFFERINGS There is now a Link on the Parish Website Offertory Page

(<https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>) where you can make a

Donation to the Parish. The Link takes you to a page where you can set the amount you wish to donate and then put in your Card Details. You will then be asked if you wish to "Gift Aid" your donation. If you are a Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your Donation, then the Parish will be able to claim a further 25% to add to your donation.



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St Joseph's Church will be open Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S during 9am Mass & **ST JOSEPH'S** during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS –served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall & after the 11am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.



WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH – Luna Rain Clark & Rudy William Clark who were baptised last weekend at St Michael's Church.

Art and Craft Club – Monday Afternoons from 12.15pm. If you would like to learn how to Crochet, create garden jewellery, paint or just have a chat, refreshments and a biscuit, please come along to the group. You will be sure of a warm welcome (**St Michael's Church Hall, Knottingley**).

PARISH NEWS

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day



Friday 3rd October is Harvest Family Fast Day. Harvest is a time to give thanks and to share with those facing poverty and injustice. In an Ethiopian village struck by drought CAFOD are helping farmer Waré and her neighbours to build life-changing water tanks. On Family Fast Day we are encouraged to eat simply and donate the money we save to CAFOD to support this vital work. Fast Day envelopes will be attached to next week's bulletin. Thank you.

Gift Aid Donations (GAD) – We have received the Gift Aid Donation letters from the Diocese (for the last tax year) and these will be distributed over the next two weeks, to those who are due to receive them. **If any of your circumstances have changed e.g no longer a taxpayer, changed address, then please contact the office (01977 702297) on a Tuesday or Friday. Alternatively contact the Diocese directly. If, however, you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid but do not currently do so, then please also contact the office.**

Batley Torchlight Procession: We will be having a Coach to the Torchlight as in previous years (6th October 2025). Sign up lists are at the back of both Churches.

Red Boxes-Please bring your boxes to church for counting.

Sunday Mass Books: You may remember before the change in Mass text and Scripture Readings at Mass that we had Mass Books available. A new book is now out with the new Sunday Translations in. Should we get copies for our Churches for you to use?

It would mean that we would no longer put the readings on the bulletin. We would of course put the pages the readings are on in the book along with the pages for the Responses for Mass on the Bulletin. One other change would be that the Bulletin will be printed on just 2 pages. What are your views? Please let Canon Tim know either way. It means that Readers can take a book home to look at and practice the readings before the Sunday they read.

References: Often Canon Tim is asked to give a Reference for employment in Catholic Education or to be a God Parent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation. Canon Tim is more than happy to do so. What is being asked in the reference for Canon Tim to comment on, is that the Person is a practicing Catholic (i.e. going to Mass on Sunday) and often are they involved in the life of the Parish. Please keep this in mind when asking for a Reference.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 14/09/25 are 23 and 39. Congratulations.

If you would like to join, then can you select a number(S) in the entrance to either Church before the following Masses or by going to the church hall after the 9am Mass at St

Michael's or 11am Mass at St Joseph's. Each number will be £1 per week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 22nd September at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.



'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 25th September 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

Mass of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Thursday 25th September at the 11am Mass at St Michael's, followed by the usual Thursday lunch in the Hall.

September is the SVP month of dedication to St Vincent de Paul. The theme for this month is 'Tea with the SVP' You are very welcome to join us.



Anyone who is able to contribute towards WRAP funds may pay into our Bank Account.
Account name: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds), Sort Code 05-00-05
Account number 10508810
Thank you for your continued support

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting on the Second Saturday of each month after the 10am Mass at St Michael's Church, Knottingley. This is conducted by the St Michael's and St Joseph's prayer group and will be in Malayalam. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Faith & Friendship

Bingo! **Everyone's favorite**

Venue: St Michaels Church Hall

Date: 1st October 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Meeting

Bingo! **Bingo!!**

Tea, Coffee, chat and some cake of course!

DIOCESE NEWS

ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27th September. 12:00Noon Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

VISITATION OF THE CENTENARY PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE RELICS OF SAINT JACINTA AND FRANCISCO: on Monday 13th October at Leeds Cathedral from 10.30am until 7pm. Please see the full programme on the poster at the back of church or the Cathedral website.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading - Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 113(112):1-2. 4-6. 7-8. *R* cf. 1a, 7b *R: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blest both now and for evermore! *R:*

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who dwells on high, who lowers himself to look down upon heaven and earth?
R:

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the ash heap he raises the poor, to set them in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. *R:*

Second reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Gospel Acclamation - 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 16:1-13

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.' And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

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