

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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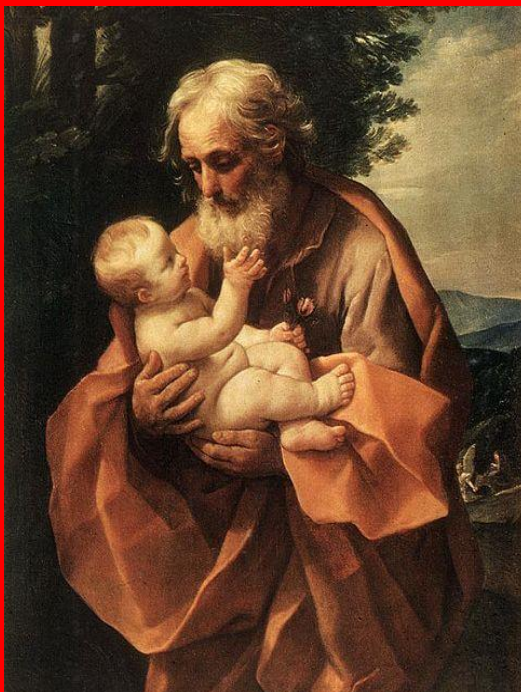
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Wednesday evening.

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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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month...16:15

### Syro Malabar Knanaya Mission Mass

St Michael's: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month...15:00

### 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

### 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.

**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.

**This Week's Schedule & Mass Intentions**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30/06</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Joseph Game</b>
		<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Fr. Simon's Ordination Anniversary</b>
		<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul</b>				
Monday	01/07	St. Joseph's	09:15	Word & Communion.
<i>St Oliver Plunkett</i>				
Tuesday	02/07			<b>No Service</b>
Wednesday	03/07	St Joseph's	11:00	Ted Sands
<i>St Thomas</i>				
Thursday	04/07	<b>St. Wilfrid's</b>	<b>08:15</b>	Priest's Intention
<i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>				
Friday	05/07			<b>No Service</b>
<i>St Anthony Zaccaria</i>				
Saturday	06/07	St Michael's	11:30	Intentions of Mary Musij
<i>St Maria Goretti</i>				
Sunday	07/07	St Michael's	09:00	Betty & Frank Thornton
		St Joseph's	11:30	Elizabeth Konwea
		St Joseph's	18:00	People of the Parish.
<i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				

**LATELY DEAD**

Please pray for Bridget Meloy, Betty Richards, and all who have died recently.  
May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.

**Last Week**

Mass Count:**499**  
Envelopes **£905**, Loose **£381**  
**This Week's Draws**  
**St Michael's** - No. 97 David Hall - £20  
**St Joseph's** - Big Draw. Names and Numbers at back of Church

**MEETINGS**

**SVP** – Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm  
St Joseph's Parish Room  
**UCM** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm  
St Michael's Hall  
**CAFOD** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 7pm  
St. Joseph's Parish Room.

**OUR LADY'S LAMP INTENTIONS For This Coming Week**



**St Joseph's Lady's Lamp Intention: Rev Ben Hilton**

**St Michael's Lady's Lamp Intention: Magdalen Baughan**

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.

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

**St Joseph's:**  
O'Malley Family  
**St Michael's:**  
10am on the first Monday of the month  
Help always welcome

**MGR PAUL FISHER** - This Sunday we welcome Monsignor Paul Fisher to celebrate our Sunday Masses. Some parishioners will remember Fr Paul, as after his ordination in 1991 his first appointment was as Assistant Priest in the old St Joseph's Parish with Fr Lister where he spent three years. He is currently the Vicar General of the Diocese. He is the  "the very model of a modern Vicar General",  you might say!

**REV BEN HILTON** – Thank you to everyone who has booked a place on the bus from the parish for Ben's ordination to the priesthood in the Cathedral on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. The bus is now full and will leave St Michael's at 9:30 calling at St Joseph's about 9:45 before heading off to the Cathedral. He will celebrate Mass for us in St Joseph's on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> July. Put these dates in your diaries now, please.

**COLLECTION** – Next Sunday, we will have a retiring collection after all Masses that will form our gift to Fr Ben on the occasion of his priestly ordination.

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

**PARISH PARTY** – Fr Simon's thoughts and a few photos are available on the Parish Website, News Section.

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH** – On Monday and Tuesday this coming week we are having a building inspection. The church will be open as usual but some disruption may occur during each day.

**WEDNESDAY EXPOSITION** – There will be no Exposition or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this coming Wednesday.

**YEAR 6 LEAVERS** – This year's 'crop' of Year 6 children will have their Leavers' Mass in St Michael's church on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 6pm, during which we will present them with a gift from the parish to mark their leaving primary school and starting this new chapter in their lives. As well as our 2 primary schools, this Mass is also for children who attend other schools, Catholic or otherwise. This is a parish event and not, explicitly, a school event. It's certainly a busy event, but parishioners are very welcome to attend.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> July in St Joseph's church.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – If you are using Envelope number 8, 68, 95 or 106 would you pass your name and address to either Fr Simon or Vincent McGuire please so we can register your envelope on our system.

**GIFT AID DONATIONS** – A letter addressed to those parishioners who donate under the Gift Aid Scheme will be available to collect at the back of our churches this Sunday. 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.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - Some of our parishioners leave during the week for Lourdes. Some of our youngsters set off on Thursday from St. Wilfrid's – Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 in St Wilfrid's chapel before departure. If you would like a petition(s) to be left with Our Lady at the Grotto please hand them, sealed in an envelope to Carmen Pearce at Mass on Thursday morning.

**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](http://www.bkcat.co.uk) or contact Sue Heptinstall, Head of HR at the Trust - email: [sheptinstall@bkcat.co.uk](mailto:sheptinstall@bkcat.co.uk) or telephone 01924 802288

**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.

#### HEALTH & SAFETY

**ST JOSEPH'S GALLERY** – The low height at the front of the gallery at St Joseph's poses a risk to those using the pews in that area. Please take care when seated in that area and keep children away from the front.

**ST JOSEPH'S PEWS** – Some repair work has been carried out but please continue to take care and put up Kneelers when not in use.

**11.30am MASS** - The aisles in St Joseph's are very narrow and can be problematic for people with mobility issues so please cooperate with our 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

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul (transferred from yesterday). Many of you will have grown up with the image of St Peter as the person you're going to meet when you get to the 'pearly gates' of heaven. You can always tell you're looking at a picture or statue of St Peter as he's holding a set of keys, referring to the moment when Jesus gave him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, against which the gates of heaven can never prevail.

With that in mind, here's a story I rediscovered this week as I started to chuck stuff out and begin packing. You may have heard it before; humour me.

A man and his dog were waling along a road lit with beautiful sunlight. He was enjoying the scenery when suddenly it occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead years. He wondered where this road was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It seemed to be made of the finest marble. At the top of a long hill, the beautiful marble wall was broken by a tall golden arch that glowed in the sunlight. As he drew closer, the man saw a magnificent gate in the arch that was made of the purest mother-of-pearl. The street that led to the gate was also gold. As he got closer, he saw a man dressed in fine robes sitting at a highly polished mahogany desk.

The man stopped with his dog in front of the desk and coughed, "Excuse me, where are we?" The man behind the desk replied, "This is heaven, sir." "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" The Man asked. "Of course, sir. Come right on in, and I'll have some ice-water brought to you." The man gestured, and the gate began to open. The man gestured towards his dog and asked, "Can my friend come in too for some water?" "I'm sorry sir, we don't accept pets. Leave the dog here and come in for your drink." The man thought for a moment and then turned back towards the road and continued on the way that he had been heading.

After another long stretch, he came across a wooden fence, broken in parts, that seemed to bounder a farm and the road arrived at a rickety gate that looked like it had never been shut. As he approached the gate, he saw a man dressed in labourer's clothes sitting under a tree swinging a set of keys around his huge fingers. "Excuse me", called out the man, "Do you have any water?" "Sure," came the reply. "There's a pump over there. Help yourself". "And my friend here?" "Of course, there's a bowl by the pump." The man and his dog took a refreshing, long, cold drink. Satisfied, they went back to the labourer under the tree. "What do you call this place?" he asked. "This is heaven." said the man under the tree. "That's confusing," said The Man, "Because the guy down the street said that was Heaven, too." "Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and the pearly gates? Nope. That's hell." The man was taken aback. "But doesn't it make you mad that they lie and use your name like that?" Still swinging the keys around his finger, the labourer smiled and said, "Nah, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

**Fr Simon**

I just ordered a chicken and an egg on Amazon....!ll let you know which comes first