

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	25/05	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Father Terry Boyle (RIP)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Kath Sloan (RIP)
Monday <i>St Philip Neri, Priest</i>	26/05	St Joseph's	10:15am	Peter Clarke
Tuesday <i>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP</i>	27/05	St Michael's	7:15pm	Pope Francis
Wednesday	28/05	St Joseph's	11:15am	Deceased Knowles Family
		St Joseph's	6:30pm	Reception into Church for Susan Duker
Thursday	29/05	St Joseph's	9:30am	Dead List
		St Joseph's	1:45pm	Requiem for Susan Duker
		St Michael's	7:00pm	People of the Parish
ASCENSION OF THE LORD				
Friday <i>Yorkshire Martyrs</i>	30/05	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Ammakutty John
Saturday <i>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	31/05	St Michael's	10:00am	Pauline O'Shea
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	01/06	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Patricia Barriere
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Game Family

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: Sir Bill O'Brien, Fr Terry Boyle, Mary France, Patrick Duffy, Susan Duker and all those who have died recently. 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, Monica Green, Barbara Winwood, Margaret Clamp

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Martin Hyde, Mary Philip (Anniversary), Anne Wheatley (Anniversary), Patrick Duffy, Private Intention, Students taking Exams

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. (2 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 18th May	Envelopes - £349.00 Loose Plate – £395.00	Standing Orders For April £3048
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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.



QR Code for the Donation Page



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St Joseph's Church will be open Tuesday-Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Church will NOT BE open on Bank Holiday Monday.

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.

Holy Year Pilgrimage 28th June.

All is now Booked. Coach will leave St Michael's at 10.30am and then pick up at St Joseph's. Mass is at 12noon at St Austin's followed by a short walk to Lunch at Felice's where lunch is booked for 1.30pm. We will be picked up at 3.30pm for the return journey. The Restaurant needs our Order before the day. Canon Tim has a Menu for each person on the list, for them to pre order their lunch. This needs to be returned asap but no later than 7th June.

PARISH NEWS

Thursday 29th May is the Feast of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The second collection for the Priest Training Fund raised £382. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr Simon Lodge celebrates his Silver Jubilee (25years) as a Priest this summer. Fr Simon has sent an invitation to the Parishioners to join him in his special Mass, which will be celebrated on Friday 27th June at 7pm at the church of the Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike.

Second Collection in June will be on Sunday 29th June and will be for - The retired Priests fund and for Peters Pence

HYMN FOR THE JUBILEE 2025 (At St Joseph's Church). The words for this hymn are in the front cover of the Parish Hymn Books

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 18/05/25 are 61 and 82. 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.

Readers: The new Readers Rota for Sunday Masses will be out soon. We need more readers for Mass, especially for Sunday evening Mass. See Canon Tim if you are interested.

Holy Family and St Michael's Catholic Primary School: Are you interested in being a Foundation Governor on the Academy Council? If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in Catholic Education, please see Canon Tim.

Sacramental Preparation: Canon Tim is looking to reestablish a Parish team of Catechists who will help Parents with Children for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. You will need to have a DBS for this voluntary role. Please see Canon Tim if you are interested.

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting on the Second Saturday of each month from 4pm to 5pm 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.

Knottingley Food Bank – Need the following:
Tins of fruit, tins of soup, tins of spaghetti, tins of beans, tins of tomatoes, tins of rice pudding, jam, squash and sandwich spreads.
Thank you for your continued support

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on

Thursday 5th June 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 9th June at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.

DIOCESE NEWS

LAUDATO SI' MINI-PILGRIMAGE: Saturday 31 May. After 12 Noon Mass, walk from Leeds Cathedral to Kirkstall Abbey: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/jubilee/laudato-si-pilgrimages/> Bring a packed lunch. Please contact communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to sign up for this risk assessed walk.

CATHOLIC HISTORY DAY: The annual York Catholic History Day takes place on Saturday 14 June at the Bar Convent, York. For details go to <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/york-catholic-history-day-2025/>

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS MEETING: Following the Bishop's recent Pastoral letter, this is a reminder that any man who is even remotely thinking about a vocation to the priesthood is invited to meet with Bishop Marcus and the Vocations Promotion Team. Hinsley Hall, Pentecost Sunday, 8 June, 2pm lasting about an hour, including prayers/talks/Q&A. Under 18s must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Queries to Fr Simon Lodge (simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk /01274 872984). Please email Miss Anne Cooke (bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) if you are attending.

VACANCIES

DIOCESE OF LEEDS MUSIC VACANCY: We are seeking to appoint an exceptional leader of children's voices to work as a Choral Director in our Schools Singing Programme, including leading Bradford Catholic Girls Choir Choral Director. For more information, please request an application pack from recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk. Closing Date: Monday 2 June 2025, 5.00 pm.

6th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.' In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question. Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. R4

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. or: Alleluia.

May God be gracious and bless us and let his face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation. **R:**

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples; you guide the nations on earth. **R:**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him. **R:**

Second reading - Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve

foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation - John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

Gospel - John 14:23-29

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing. Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance. Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth be united with him in the homeland of heaven. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.