

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT (Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf). Parish Priest: Canon Tim Wiley. Assistant Priest: Father Joshy Philip**

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<p>To reach the Parish website or the Donation page, use the relevant QR codes.</p>	 <p><b>QR Code for the Donation Page</b></p>	 <p><b>QR Code for the Parish Website</b></p>
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<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pg 262)</b>	26/04	St Michael's	9:00am	John Saul (Anniversary)	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)	
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Kathleen M. Burns	
Monday	27/04	St Joseph's	10:15am	Dead List	
Tuesday	28/04	St Michael's	7:15pm	Margaret Thorpe	
Wednesday	29/04	St Joseph's	11:15am	Tom & Nellie Dickenson (RIP)	
<b>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE</b>					
Thursday	30/04	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Kathleen Kidd (Birthday)	(School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Special Intention	
<b>St Pius V, Pope</b>					
Friday	01/05	St Joseph's	9:30am	Elsy Lonoppen	(School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Sylvia Hawkesworth (Anniversary)	
<b>St Joseph the Worker</b>					
Saturday	02/05	St Michael's	10:00am	Friends & Family of Nora M <sup>c</sup> Cann	
<b>St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>					
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	03/05	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Mary France & Margaret France	
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)	
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish	

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

<p align="center"><b>LATELY DEAD</b></p> <p>Please pray for: all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.</p>	<p align="center"><b>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</b></p> <p>Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden (nee Land), Kenneth Burns, Mary Slee</p>
<p align="center"><b>MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</b></p> <p align="center">James A John (Anniversary), Brenda Knight (Lately Dead), Special Intention, Kathleen Kidd (Birthday), Dougie Wigglesworth (RIP)</p>	

## PARISH NEWS

Second Collection this Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> April) at all Masses -Priests Training Fund.

Faith & Friendship Group

## Bingo Night!!

Venue: St Michaels Church Hall

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Time: 7.30pm

- £1 per card
- 3 games with prizes for a line and a full house
- 4<sup>th</sup> game is a money prize, for a line and then a full house

Come and join us, helping us to raise money for charities and have a good time too



Faith & Friendship Group

The Faith and Friendship Group have

worked hard since their start in 2022 to raise funds for a variety of causes. To do this they organise different events, such as film nights, quizzes, flower arranging, guest speakers, bingo etc. They would love for you to join them at these many events. Please read their Update on the notice board which explains everything about what they do, what they raise money for and what they have donated to so far.

**Monday Nights with Mary** – Come and Pray the Rosary with us at St Joseph’s Church every Monday at 6.30pm. Pray for yourselves, the church and the world. “Pray the rosary everyday” Our Lady of Fatima 1917.

**PARISH POOL** – Winning Numbers for 19/04/2026 are 21 and 81. Congratulations

**Collections (19/04/26)** Envelopes £357.00, Loose Plate £521.00. Standing Orders for March- £3046.00. Thank you for your support.



**SVP** - Next meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026, after 7:15pm Mass at St Michael’s, Knottingley.

**‘Lunch with Us’** - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael’s Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

**Prayer meeting** – Saturday after 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.

**Sponsored walk** - on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Bob Lawson and Dr Pat Mooney will be walking 26 miles across the Yorkshire Dales in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. If you would like to sponsor them, please use the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/robert-lawson-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/robert-lawson-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

## DIOCESE NEWS

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE:** There will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life, Leeds Cathedral, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 12noon for couples and their families celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> (Silver), 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby), 50<sup>th</sup> (Golden), 60<sup>th</sup> (Diamond) and 70<sup>th</sup> (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please complete the application form, available at the back of church (return details on form).

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT:** Castlerigg Manor, Keswick is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast/evening meals included. Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges. Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Visit <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

## Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds & Middlesbrough

As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

Thank you for the time and prayer you can offer to this important task.

**Vocations Prayer:** The Bishop has asked that the following prayer be said after each Mass for Vocations. We will say the prayer after the Prayer to St. Michael.

## Our Lady of Unfailing Help!

**Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.**