

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

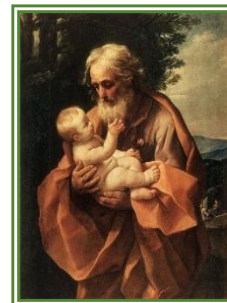
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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	09/11	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	John B. Gallivan
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Henry Stones
Monday	10/11	St Joseph's	10:15am	Special Intention
St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church				
Tuesday	11/11	St Michael's	7:15pm	Special Intention
St Martin of Tours, Bishop				
Wednesday	12/11	St Joseph's	11:15am	Dead List
		St Joseph's	4:00pm	Reception into Church for Margaret Clamp
St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr				
Thursday	13/11	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Private Intention (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	10:00am	Requiem for Margaret Clamp
Friday	14/11	St Wilfrid's School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	Christine Harrison (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Joseph Thomas Kattakayam (Anniversary),
Saturday	15/11	St Michael's	10:00am	Mathai Mathew Ampattumalayil (Anniversary),
Mass of Our Lady				
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	16/11	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Francis and Joan Ford
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Radoslaw Jarzab (Anniversary) & Patrick Jarzab (Health)

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: Margaret Clamp
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, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden, (nee Land) Nora McCann, Douggie Wigglesworth

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Dead list, John Carroll, Gerry Carmody, Martin John Fleming (Birthday)

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 2nd November

Envelopes - £359.00
Loose Plate – £603.00

Standing Orders For October
£2968

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.



Sunday 9th November, the 11am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for our Parish War Dead.

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation: Bishop Marcus is coming to the Deanery at the end of January 2026 to Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have a child who is in Year 6 at school or above and **does not** attend either St Joseph's School, Pontefract or Holy Family and St Michael's School, there will be a short meeting held on Saturday 15th November at 11.30am to register for the course of instruction and to be given dates of the classes. The Meeting will be held in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's.

Cemetery Sunday: Sunday 23rd November 3pm. We will meet as usual at Fr Bernard's Grave, in Pontefract Cemetery for our prayers for our deceased loved ones.

Pontefract Food Bank needs a Warehouse Manager. Please see poster at the back of each church for details.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pontefract – Nursery Places Available.

We have nursery places available for 15 hours and 30 hours for children who are already 3 years old to start immediately. If your child will be 3 years old by the 31st December 2025 then they are eligible to start in January 2026. All visits are welcome. Please contact us via the following:
01977 701493
admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk

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.

November Dead List: Envelopes are available for your deceased relatives and friends to be remembered throughout the year in Masses for our dead. Please put the names of those you wish to be remembered together with your offering in an envelope and give it to one of the priests, to the office or in the Sunday collection basket.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 02/11/2025 are 10 and 108. 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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

			
EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	COST
BACON BUTTIES	23/11/25 after 11am Mass	St Joseph's Hall	£3 for sandwich and drink
ADVENT FAIR	30/11/25 AT 12 Noon	St Joseph's Hall	



Advent Fair – Tombola and Bottle Stall Appeal

There will be a tombola stall and a bottle stall at the Advent Fair. We are appealing for donations for both stalls. Please leave any donations in the boxes at the back of each church (boxes there until 23/11/25). **Thank you for your continued support.**



Christmas Concert Tickets are now on Sale!!!



£6 per ticket

An entertaining evening with **The Phoenix Choir**

There will be a Raffle on the night

If you would like to purchase tickets to the Christmas concert on Saturday 6th December 2025 Please speak to Christine Harrison or Ann Barraclough they will have the tickets.

Refreshments interval. Mince pie, tea/coffee

Also your ticket number will be put into a pot, the number pulled out will win a prize, so don't lose your ticket!!



SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 24th November at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.



'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 20th November

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

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on Saturday 13th December, at 1.30pm. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19th December (Venue TBC).

Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Rev 21: 2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. _____

Collect

O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.

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 - Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side. And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R5

R: The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea. **R:**
The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken;
God will help her at the dawning of the day. **R:**
The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the Lord,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth. **R:**

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let

each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. _____

Gospel Acclamation - 2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia. I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever.

Alleluia. _____

Gospel - John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here and grant that by it those who seek your favour may receive in this place the power of the Sacraments and the answer to their prayers. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Mt 5: 8-10

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us the heavenly Jerusalem through the sign of your Church on earth, grant, we pray, that, by our partaking of this Sacrament, we may be made the temple of your grace and may enter the dwelling place of your glory. Through Christ our Lord.