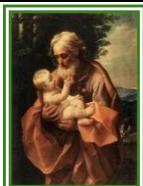


WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT (Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf). Parish Priest: Canon Tim Wiley. Assistant Priest: Father Joshy Philip

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (pg 127)	25/01	St Michael's St Joseph's St Michael's St Joseph's	9:00am 11:00am 3:00pm 6:00pm	Carney Family People of the Parish Special Intention (Syro Malabar) Special Intention	(Children's Liturgy) (Children's Liturgy)
Monday <i>Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	26/01	St Joseph's	10:15am	Dead List	
Tuesday	27/01	St Joseph's St Michael's	4:00pm 7:15pm	Reception into church for Lorraine Trias Eileen Symons	
Wednesday	28/01	St Joseph's Sacred Heart, Hemsworth	10.15am 7:00pm	Requiem for Lorraine Trias Confirmations	
<i>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>					
Thursday	29/01	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Special Intention	(School Mass)
Friday	30/01	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9:30am 6:15pm	All Staff at St Joseph's School For Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life	(School Mass)
Saturday	31/01	St Michael's	10:00am	Tadeusz, Janina & Maciej Bober (RIP)	
<i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>					
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pg 130)	01/02	St Michael's St Joseph's St Michael's St Joseph's	9:00am 11:00am 3:00pm 6:00pm	Peter Jarrett (Birthday) Father David Bulmer Special Intention (Syro Malabar) People of the Parish	(Children's Liturgy)

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)	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: Lorraine Trias, Nora McCann 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, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden (nee Land), Douggie Wigglesworth
MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK Veronica's Birthday, Bridget Kitts, Special Intention, Kathleen Hughes (Anniversary), George McKenna (Anniversary), Mark Saul (Anniversary), Lorraine Trias	

PARISH NEWS



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.*

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 18/01/2026 are: 40 and 50. Congratulations to the winners.

Collections - Envelopes £479.00, Loose Plate £540.00
Standing Orders for December- £2788.00. Thank you for your 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.

SVP - Next meeting will be a District Meeting on Monday 26th January 2026 at 7:00pm at St John's, Normanton.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 5th February 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.



DIOCESE NEWS

GIFT AID - Many taxpaying parishioners already have a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD). This is a valuable source of income for the parish, enabling us to claim back 25p for every £1 donated. If you are a taxpayer, but don't have a GAD with the parish, or are unsure if you have a GAD, please complete a form here

www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/gift-aid-declaration/ (paper copies are also available at the back of church and can be returned in the collection bag/basket). If you have any queries or are unsure whether you can Gift Aid your donation, please consider contacting Louise Ward (Diocesan Gift Aid Administrator) on 0113 2618023 / louise.ward@dioceseofleeds.org.uk - this may be especially relevant to couples where only one person is a taxpayer. We can back claim up to 4 years' worth of donations, so a quick conversation could be worth a lot of money to the parish!

RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA: On Wednesday 28th January, St Austin's and English Martyrs parish, Wakefield will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass at St Austin's at 7pm, and receive a blessing with his relics.

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VACANCIES

SENIOR GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING OFFICER VACANCY: The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds, is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/. Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Normanton. Start: **September 2026**. Closing date: **Monday, 2 February 2026**. Further info: https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WVID=797592QEnN&VACANCY_ID=992803rP0v

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