

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

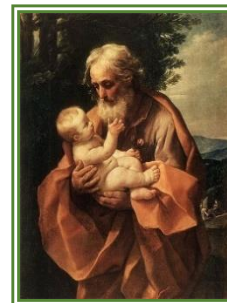
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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	17/08	St Michael's	9:00am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Levey Golden Wedding
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	18/08	St Joseph's	10:15am	Peter Clarke
Tuesday	19/08	St Michael's	7:15pm	Agness McKenna
Wednesday	20/08	St Joseph's	11:15am	Carmel Keane
St Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church				
Thursday	21/08	St Michael's	10:00am	Eric Duker
St Pius X, Pope				
Friday	22/08	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Radoslaw Jarzab (RIP)/ Patryk Jarzab (B/D)
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
Saturday	23/08	St Michael's	10:00am	James Ryan
Mass of Our Lady				
21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	24/08	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	For Successful Surgery and Recovery
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Dead List

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: Father John Carter, Christine Harrison (Former Parish Secretary) 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, Margaret Clamp, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Angela Berry (nee Land), Gloria Jean Burden

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Successful Operation, Marlyn and Stuart 50th Wedding, Kunjamma Joseph (An), Gwendolyne, Malcolm Crawshaw (LD), Michael Crawshaw and family, Edith Gallivan (B/D). John W Gallivan (B/D), John B Gallivan, Christine Harrison (RIP), Int of Mike Woulfe, Radoslaw Jarzab (RIP) Patrick Jarzab (B/D), Diane Flanagan (RIP), David and Pauline (RIP), All teachers and staff who taught me the faith living and dead at St. Blaise, Cardinal Hinsley and St Mary's Menston.

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 10th August

Envelopes - £ 441
Loose Plate – £ 409

Standing Orders For July
£2978

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.

St Joseph's retaining wall: Permission has been given by all the necessary committees! for the repair work on the wall to begin. The Architect is awaiting health and safety documents from the Contractors via the Diocese before the work can commence. The work is going to cost in the region of £37,000 (in VAT). Your continued support is very much needed and appreciated. **The work has now begun and will continue for approximately 3 weeks more weeks**

Donation - Thank you for the Donation of £294.00 from the funeral of Veronica Ellam for the Church.

Donation – Thank you for the donation of £100.00 towards the retaining wall.

PARISH NEWS

Christine Harrison (Former Parish Secretary)- It is with sadness that we inform you that Christine died suddenly last weekend. Our thoughts and Prayers are with her husband and Family.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 10/08/25 are 31 and 113. 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 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.



Anyone who is able to contribute towards WRAP funds may pay into our Bank Account.

Account name: Catholic Care
(Diocese of Leeds)

Sort Code 05-00-05

Account number 10508810

Thank you for your continued support

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 28th August 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 1st September at 7: 00pm at St Joseph's.

The SVP need your unwanted kitchen appliances such as microwaves, slow cookers, kettles, steamers and mixers. Also domestic appliances such as lamps, heaters, hairdryers and televisions. The donations will be used to support families in need. Items may be brought to both churches on Sunday 24th August and Sunday 31st August, there will be boxes available at the back of both churches.

Thank you for your continued support.



DIOCESE NEWS

FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS: Mass for the Feast of St Bernard, Wednesday 20th August, 12noon. All welcome.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden/events>

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025: Taking place at Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025. Tickets are also available for families and groups. For more information, email: events@youth2000.org.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on Sat. 23 August. Starting at 1.30pm, lasting about 1 hour. No booking required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

ST MARK'S WAY ON THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE: begins on Saturday 6 September with 8am Mass at Leeds Cathedral. Walk all or part of the way between the Cathedral and the Jubilee Pilgrimage Church of St Austin in Wakefield. [See Diocesan website for details of how to sign up.](#)

PONTEFRAC T AND WAKEFIELD DEANERY JUBILEE MASSES: There will be a series of special Jubilee Masses in some of the churches in the Deanery. This Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Next Jubilee Masses: *Tuesday 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.*

ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION: St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 6th October, commencing at 7:30pm. The Procession will start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and end at the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Catholic Church. Refreshments afterwards.

ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27th September. 12:00Noon Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Ps 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Collect

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever.

First reading - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days: The officials said to the king, 'Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.' King Zedekiah said, 'Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.' So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 'My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.' Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, 'Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 40(39):2. 3. 4. 18. R14b

R: Lord, make haste to help me!

I waited, I waited for the Lord, and he stooped down to me. He heard my cry. **R:**

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock, made my footsteps firm. **R:**

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **R:**

Wretched and poor though I am, the Lord is mindful of me. You are my rescuer, my help; O my God, do not delay. **R:**

Second reading - Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Gospel Acclamation - John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 12:49-53

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 129: 7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Prayer after Communion

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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