

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

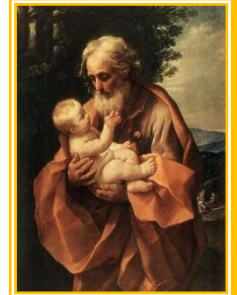
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<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>	29/12	St Michael's	9:00am	Private Intention
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Agnes & Jack Brown
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Private Intention
Monday	30/12	St Joseph's	10:15am	Florence & Eric Walker
Tuesday	31/12	St Michael's	7:15pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	01/01	St Joseph's	11:15am	Anne Wheatley (RIP)
<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>				
Thursday	02/01	St Michael's	11:00am	Maureen O' Dwyer
<b>Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctor of the Church</b>				
Friday	03/01	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Michael & Agnes Rutherford
<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b>				
Saturday	04/01	St Michael's	10:00am	Jean Claude
<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	05/01	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Thanksgiving, Orleans Family
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Fr Dan Harrison

## 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
<b>Confessions:</b>	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.

### LATELY DEAD

Please pray for: Lorraine Backhouse 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: Sir Bill O'Brien, Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Monica Green, Richard Spyrka

### MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Thanksgiving Orleans Family, Edith Gallivan (Anniversary), John W. Gallivan (Anniversary), John B. Gallivan (Birthday), Ian George, Gemma Coyle, Peter Barratt (Birthday), Don Dalton (Birthday), Flores/Makilan & M<sup>c</sup>Court Families, Mary Ford, Ms Aleykuty Joseph (Anniversary), Ms Mary Joseph (Anniversary), Radoslaw Jarzab (RIP)

### 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). Including the stipend.
- If you wish a particular day, please mention.
- (at least 2 weeks' notice is needed).
- Note - one of the Masses on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December

Envelopes - £352.00  
Loose Plate - £338.00

Standing Orders for November  
£2855

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**OFFERINGS** – If you have any questions about any of the methods of making your offering to the Parish then call or email the Parish Office or go to

<https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>



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for Parish  
Website



### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (Please note the following)

St Joseph's Church will only be open for Masses.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S** during 9am Mass each week & **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.



group, WRAP group, Churches together members.

Canon Tim and Fr Joshy would like to thank you for your kind Christmas offerings, cards and presents at Christmas. As the year ends, a happy New Year to everyone. Thank you to all who help to keep our Parish going! To our readers at Mass, Eucharistic ministers, Choirs, Organists, Altar servers, Welcomers, Sidesmen, Children's liturgy, Flower arrangers, Church linen cleaning and Altar care, Piety stalls, Parish weekly draw, Church cleaners, Parish Academy Council members, Sunday collection Counters, work in the Parish Office and Presbytery, Finance work, Grounds of all our properties, odd job repairs, the SVP, CAFOD group, Sunday morning teas and coffee, Faith and Friendship

**Crib: The Crib collection this year will be for the benefit of the work of the SVP in the Parish. Thank you.**

## PARISH NEWS

**The Big Draw- Congratulations to the winners of the Big Draw. Winning Numbers are as follows:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£500</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£300</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>18</b>

**PARISH POOL** - 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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 11.30am in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

**Next SVP** meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025, in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's Church.

**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.



**Canon Tim and Fr Joshy wish you and your loved ones blessings for the New Year.**

## DIOCESE NEWS

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025:** The Holy Father Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme for which is *Pilgrims of Hope*. In every Diocese across the world, the beginning of the Jubilee Holy Year is to be marked by the celebration of Mass in each Cathedral on 29 December 2024. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the 11:00am Mass at Leeds Cathedral on that day. Everyone welcome.

### VACANCIES

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St Ignatius Catholic Primary School, Ossett Start: September 2025. Closing date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 9am. Further info and to apply: [Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust careers page](https://www.bishopkonstantcatholicacademytrust.co.uk/careers). Candidates are most welcome and encouraged to arrange a visit to the school by appointment. Please contact Mrs Walters on 01924 271625.

**TRAIN TO TEACH:** Are you interested in training to teach in a Catholic School? St. Anthony's Catholic Partnership are recruiting now for September 2025. If you would like further details please contact Hannah Taylor on [h.taylor@stanthonysleeds.org.uk](mailto:h.taylor@stanthonysleeds.org.uk) or 0113 2776944.

**CATHOLIC CARE DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCY:** Salary over £70,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision/skills for leadership, a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing/delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or send your CV and cover letter to [Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk). Contact Katrina on 0113 388 5400.

**CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY:** Mental Health Outreach Support Worker, £24,404 - £25,584 pro rata. 23 hours per week. Based in Leeds. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or email your CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

### Entrance Antiphon - Lk 2: 16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

### Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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 - 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there for ever.' And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.' And he worshipped the Lord there.

### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 84(83):2-3. 5-6. 9-10. Rcf. 5a

*R: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God. *R:*

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. Blessed the people whose strength is in you, whose heart is set on pilgrim ways.

### *R:*

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; look on the face of your anointed. *R:*

### Second reading - 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we

receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

### Gospel Acclamation - Cf. Acts 16:14b

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

### Gospel - Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

### Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon - Bar 3: 38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

### Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.