

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>QR Code for the Donation Page</p>	 <p>QR Code for the Parish Website</p>
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (pg 275)	17/05	St Michael's	9:00am	Peter Wilson	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Dead List	
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	18/05	St Joseph's	10:15am	Special Intention	
Tuesday	19/05	St Michael's	7:15pm	Nora M ^c Cann	
Wednesday	20/05	St Joseph's	11:15am	Special Intention	
Thursday	21/05	H.F.S.M	9:15am	May Procession (School)	
		St Michael's	11:00am	Mary Walsh	
Friday	22/05	St Wilfrid's	8:15am	Special Intention	
		St Joseph's	9:30am	May Procession (School)	
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Nick Yarsley (Lately Dead)	
Saturday	23/05	St Michael's	10:00am	Dougie Wigglesworth	
PENTECOST	24/05	St Michael's	9:00am	Policarpio Dela Luna	
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish	
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)	
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Yorkshire Brethren	

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">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for: Eileen Saul, Nick Yarsley and all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.</p>	<p align="center">PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</p> <p>Please pray for: Francis Keane, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden (nee Land), Kenneth Burns, Mary Slee, Wendy Barry.</p>
<p>MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Teresa (5th Birthday), Private Intention, Sally Scott, Game Family, Nick Yarsley</p>	

PARISH NEWS

Faith & Friendship
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Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets last weekend. We raised £137.00.

Meeting: Please refer to the notice board for further details with reference to a meeting that took place on 12th May 2026 regarding the potential amalgamation of the Middlesbrough, Leeds and Hallam dioceses. Further information is also available using the online link published in the bulletin (under Diocese News). Parishioners are encouraged to use the opportunity to complete the questionnaire before the deadline of 22nd May 2026.

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 10/05/2026 are 32 and 50. Congratulations

Collections (10/05/26) Envelopes £440.00, Loose Plate £491.00 Standing Orders for April- £4157. Thank you for your support.



SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 1st June at 7pm at St Joseph’s.

‘Lunch with Us’ - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 21st 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.

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Join us as Eric tells us the stories of the
4 Most Famous Murders

Venue: **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL**
Date: **Weds 3rd June 2026**
Time: **7.30PM**

There will be a raffle too!

PRIME SCENE

FUN EVENING AND A GREAT GET TOGETHER

Rosary in Honour of Our Blessed Lady. In this month of May members of St Joseph’s UCM Castleford invite you to join them in prayer, reflection, and hymns to honour Our Blessed Lady.

Thursday 21 May at 12 noon, afterwards everyone welcome to join us for a cream tea served in the church hall.

If you are able to join us please contact Carol on
07984596137 **Thankyou**

DIOCESE NEWS

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.

PENTECOST NOVENA: As part of the Eastertide social media series *Tomb to Mission*, we will be hosting a Pentecost Novena. Daily videos will be posted in which members of the Dioceses of Middlesbrough, Leeds, and Hallam will lead the prayers. The videos will be hosted on the [Diocese of Leeds Faith Formation](#) Facebook sites as well as the corresponding Instagram accounts.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETING: 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: Friday 22nd May, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. 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.

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.