

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

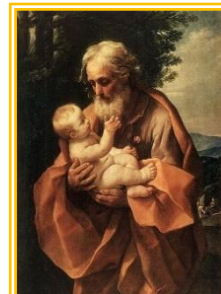
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

01/06	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
	St Joseph's	11:00am	Patricia Barriere
	St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
	St Joseph's	6:00pm	Game Family
02/06	St Joseph's	10:15am	Margaret Pilkington
03/06	St Joseph's	4:10pm	Reception into Church for Mary France
	St Michael's	7:15pm	Helen Fleming (Anniversary)

Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday	04/06	St Joseph's	11:15am	Martin Fleming (Anniversary)
		St Joseph's	1:15pm	Requiem for Mary France
Thursday	05/06	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Peter Mill (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Peter Clarke

St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Friday	06/06	St Joseph's	9:30am	The Sick and all who have no one to Pray for them (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Dead List
Saturday	07/06	St Michael's	10:00am	Bryan Martin (Anniversary)
PENTECOST	08/06	St Michael's	9:00am	Vicky Smith
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Martin Hyde (RIP)

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: Sir Bill O'Brien, Mary France, 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, Monica Green, Barbara Winwood, Margaret Clamp

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

James Ryan (RIP), Terry Jarvison (RIP), Kathleen Hughes (B/D), Thanksgiving

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.
- (2 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 25th May

Envelopes - £ 291
Loose Plate – £ 369

Standing Orders For April
£3048

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.

Holy Year Pilgrimage 28th June.

All is now Booked. Coach will leave St Michael's at 10.30am and then pick up at St Joseph's.

Mass is at 12noon at St Austin's followed by a short walk to Lunch at Felice's where lunch is booked for 1.30pm. We will be picked up at 3.30pm for the return journey.

The Restaurant needs our Order before the day. Canon Tim has a Menu for each person on the list, for them to pre order their lunch. This needs to be returned asap but no later than 7th June.

PARISH NEWS

The second collection for the Priest Training Fund raised £382. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr Simon Lodge celebrates his Silver Jubilee (25years) as a Priest this summer. Fr Simon has sent an invitation to the Parishioners to join him in his special Mass, which will be celebrated on Friday 27th June at 7pm at the church of the Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike.

Second Collection in June will be on Sunday 29th June and will be for - The retired Priests fund and for Peters Pence.

First Holy Communions, please keep in your prayers our Children who will make their First Holy Communions in the next few weeks.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 25/05/25 are 37 and 92. 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.

Readers: The new Readers Rota for Sunday Masses will be out soon. We need more readers for Mass, especially for Sunday evening Mass. See Canon Tim if you are interested.

Holy Family and St Michael's Catholic Primary School: Are you interested in being a Foundation Governor on the Academy Council? If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in Catholic Education, please see Canon Tim.

Sacramental Preparation: Canon Tim is looking to reestablish a Parish team of Catechists who will help Parents with Children for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. You will need to have a DBS for this voluntary role. Please see Canon Tim if you are interested.

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.

Knottingley Food Bank – Need the following:

Tins of fruit, tins of soup, tins of spaghetti, tins of beans, tins of tomatoes, tins of rice pudding, jam, squash and sandwich spreads.

Thank you for your continued support



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 5th June 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 9th June at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.

DIOCESE NEWS

CATHOLIC HISTORY DAY: The annual York Catholic History Day takes place on Saturday 14 June at the Bar Convent, York. For details go to

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/york-catholic-history-day-2025/>

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS MEETING: Following the Bishop's recent Pastoral letter, this is a reminder that any man who is even remotely thinking about a vocation to the priesthood is invited to meet with Bishop Marcus and the Vocations Promotion Team. Hinsley Hall, Pentecost Sunday, 8 June, 2pm lasting about an hour, including prayers/talks/Q&A. Under 18s must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Queries to Fr Simon Lodge (simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk /01274 872984). Please email Miss Anne Cooke (bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) if you are attending.

VACANCIES

DIOCESE OF LEEDS MUSIC VACANCY: We are seeking to appoint an exceptional leader of children's voices to work as a Choral Director in our Schools Singing Programme, including leading Bradford Catholic Girls Choir Choral Director. For more information, please request an application pack from recruitment@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk. Closing Date: Monday 2 June 2025, 5.00 pm.

7th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon -Cf. Ps 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading - Acts 7:55-60

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 97(96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9. R1a, 9b

R: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth. or: Alleluia.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Justice and right are the foundation of his throne. *R:*

The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. All you angels, worship him. *R:*

For you indeed are the Lord, most high above all the earth, exalted far above all gods. *R:*

Second reading - Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation - Cf. John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel - John 17:20-26

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, '[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Jn 17: 22

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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