

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (pg 158)	08/03	St Michael's	9:00am	Private Intention	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Louise Arrowsmith	
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)	
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	09/03	St Joseph's	10:15am	Special Intention	
Tuesday	10/03	St Michael's	7:15pm	Kerridge & Game Families	
Wednesday	11/03	St Joseph's	11:15am	Kathleen Stone (Anniversary)	
		St Michael's	1.15pm	Requiem for Kathleen Magyar	
Thursday	12/03	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Stations of the Cross (School)	
		St Michael's	11:00am	Nora M ^c Cann	
Friday	13/03	St Joseph's	9:30am	Stations of the Cross (School)	
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Special Intention Stations of the Cross after Mass	
Saturday	14/02	St Michael's	10:00am	20 th Wedding Anniversary (Agata & Raf)	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	15/03	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	John W Gallivan (Anniversary)	(Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Dave Cass	

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.
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	

LATELY DEAD	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Please pray for: all those who have died recently, Kathleen Magyar. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.	Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden (nee Land), Duggie Wigglesworth, Kenneth Burns, Mary Slee

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK
 Special Intention, World Peace, Shirley Marshall, Game Family, Nora M^cCann, Zlobinski Family

PARISH NEWS



WRAP

Come and join us for Bacon Butties in the hall at St Michael's after Mass on Sunday 8th March. Cost £3 including drink.



WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH –

Arthur Crossfield and Ivy Crossfield who were baptised at St Joseph's Church last weekend.

St Wilfrid's Lourdes Appeal: Thank you all for your generous contributions. The winning tickets for the raffle by Students from St Wilfrid's High School to raise funds to go to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, are as follows:

St Michael's – 2nd prize yellow 453 and 3rd prize yellow 774. **St Joseph's 11am** – 4th prize lilac 562. **St Joseph's 6pm** – 1st prize – white 328

Readers for Holy Week – The list is available at the back of St Joseph's Church. Please add your name if you are available.



AFTERNOON TEA – The Minnie Vinnies at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pontefract would like to invite Parishioners to join them for afternoon tea. This will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 25th March at 1:30pm.

If you would like to attend, please ring the **church office** to book a place, on a Tuesday or Friday, between 10am and 2pm (01977 702297) or email office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
Closing Date for bookings 17/03/2026 at 2pm
We look forward to seeing you.

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.

Reading at Mass: We need more readers for Sunday Masses especially the 6pm, if you are interested see Canon Tim

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 01/03/2026 are: **34 and 109. Congratulations to the winners.**

Collections (01/03/26) Envelopes £447.00, Loose Plate £500.00. Standing Orders for February-£2435.00. Thank you for your support.

Prayer meeting – During Lent we will be saying the Stations of the Cross after the Saturday 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 on Monday 9th

March 2026 at 7:00pm, at St Joseph's, Pontefract.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 19th March 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

APF Red Boxes: It's time to bring the boxes in and leave at the back of Church.

DIOCESE NEWS

DAY FOR CATECHISTS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE

WORD: Saturday 11th April, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. The Vicariate for Education ran a very fruitful and well-attended day workshop for Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists in January. For anyone who was unable to make it, there will be a repeat of the day on the 11th April. This will include similar input, times of sharing and prayer. Lunch included. Please register your free place no later than 3rd April by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE: The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply here: https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026. Applications close on 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.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.