

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

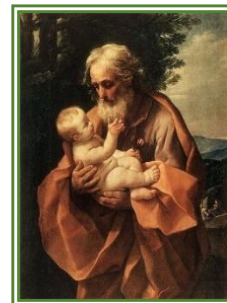
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23 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	07/09	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Edith Gallivan (Birthday)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Christine Harrison
Monday	08/09	St Joseph's	10:15am	Monica Green
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY				
Tuesday	09/09	St Joseph's	12 Noon	Requiem Mass for Wendy Smith
		St Michael's	7:00pm	Jubilee Mass (Michael Midgley, Successful Surgery & Recovery)
Wednesday	10/09	St Joseph's	11:15am	In Thanksgiving
Thursday	11/09	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Marta Jaroszewska (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Leslie Hardcastle
Friday	12/09	St Wilfrid's School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	Dead List (School Mass)
		St Michael's	10:15am	Funeral Service for John Wilks
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Peter Clarke
The Most Holy Name of Mary				
Saturday	13/09	St Michael's	10:00am	In Thanksgiving for Favours Received
St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church				
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	14/09	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Ryder Family

**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:

John Brian Wilks, Wendy Smith, 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

For all the Forgotten Souls, Special Intention, Mr & Mrs P Wilson & Family, Teresa George, Ian George

#### 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 31<sup>st</sup> August

Envelopes - £231.00  
Loose Plate – £473.00

Standing Orders For August  
£2687

**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:** 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 will continue for approximately 1 more week. We have been awarded a grant of £3,400 by the Benefact Trust towards the cost of the work.**

**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. Please join us for the Mass and Tea & Coffee after Mass.**

## PARISH NEWS



**WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH – Eden Mila Zimozdra who was baptised at St Joseph's Church.**

**Gift Aid Donations (GAD)** – We have received the Gift Aid Donation letters from the Diocese (for the last tax year) and these will be distributed over the next two weeks, to those who are due to receive them.

**Batley Torchlight Procession:** We will be having a Coach to the Torchlight as in previous years (6<sup>th</sup> October 2025). Sign up lists will be at the back of both Churches next Sunday.

**References:** Often Canon Tim is asked to give a Reference for employment in Catholic Education or to be a God Parent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation. Canon Tim is more than happy to do so. What is being asked in the reference for Canon Tim to comment on, is that the Person is a practicing Catholic (ie going to Mass on Sunday) and often are they involved in the life of the Parish. Please keep this in mind when asking for a Reference.

**Sunday Mass Books:** You may remember before the change in Mass text and Scripture Readings at Mass that we had Mass Books available. A new book is now out with the new Sunday Translations in. Should we get copies for our Churches for you to use?

It would mean that we would no longer put the readings on the bulletin. We would of course put the pages the readings are on in the book along with the pages for the Responses for Mass on the Bulletin. One other change would be that the Bulletin will be printed on just 2 pages. What are your views? Please let Canon Tim know either way. It means that Readers can take a book home to look at and practice the readings before the Sunday they read.

**PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 31/08/25 are 67 and 70. 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 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7: 00pm at St Joseph's.

**Mass of Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the 11am Mass at St Michael's, followed by the usual Thursday lunch in the Hall. More details later.

## DIOCESE NEWS

**ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION:** St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

**PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS:** As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese. Clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend this celebration, especially men who may be discerning their possible vocation to the diaconate. Let us take this opportunity to pray for our permanent deacons and for vocations to the diaconate in our diocese.

**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS:** 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: 19<sup>th</sup> September (Hinsley Hall), 17<sup>th</sup> October (Hinsley Hall), 14<sup>th</sup> November (Cathedral Hall), 19<sup>th</sup> December (Hinsley Hall).

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 [simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon - Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 - Wisdom 9:13-18b

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17.

#### R1

*R: O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.*

You turn man back to dust, and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, or like a watch in the night.

#### R:

You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning. In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades. **R:**

Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Turn back, O Lord! How long? Show pity to your servants. **R:**

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands. O give success to the work of our hands.

### Second reading - Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own

accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

### Gospel Acclamation - Psalm 119(118):135

Alleluia, alleluia. Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia.

### Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

### Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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