

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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Page 118)	11/01	St Michael's	9:00am	Eileen Symons (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish (Children's Liturgy)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Michael Murphy
Monday	12/01	Leeds Cathedral	11:00am	Requiem for Father David Bulmer
Tuesday	13/01	St Michael's	7:15pm	Mary Joseph (Anniversary)
Wednesday	14/01	St Joseph's	9:30am	James Robinson
Thursday	15/01	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Sabu Joseph (School Mass)
Friday	16/01	St Joseph's	9:30am	Special Intention (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	John Carroll
Saturday	17/01	St Michael's	10:00am	Lorraine Trias
St Anthony. Abbot				
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	18/01	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Edith Gallivan
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Stanbrook Abbey Nuns

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		

<p align="center">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for: Father David Bulmer, Lorraine Trias 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, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden, (nee Land), Nora McCann, Douggie Wigglesworth</p>
<p align="center">MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p>	
<p align="center">Louise Bodker, Tadeusz, Janina and Maciej Bober, Private Intention (MB), Sabu Joseph, Dave Cass, Peter Barrett (Birthday), Game & Karids Family, Mary Nilen (Lately Dead)</p>	

PARISH NEWS

Faith and Friendship Group - will be having a raffle on 18/01/2026 at St Michael's Church.

Holy Family Church and Site.

An expression of interest has been received to convert the former Holy Family Church into a Community Hub with special provisions for children with learning difficulties or disabilities. The individuals involved have engaged locally and nationally to raise the awareness of their proposal which will rely heavily on grant support. We will keep you in touch with developments.

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.*

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 04/01/2026 are: 43 and 49. Congratulations to all the winners.

Collections- Envelopes £334.00, Loose Plate £341.00
Standing Orders for December- £2788.00. Thank you for your support.

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting on the Second Saturday of each month after the 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 a District Meeting on Monday 26th January 2026 at 7:00pm at St John's, Normanton.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 22nd January 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

DIOCESE NEWS

RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA: On Wednesday 28th January, St Austin's and English Martyrs parish, Wakefield will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass at St Austin's at 7pm, and receive a blessing with his relics.

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LOURDES NURSES VOLUNTEER APPEAL: Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? Please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join the team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience, and many nurses return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

IRISH NIGHT FUNDRAISER: in aid of the Little sisters of the Poor rebuild fund February 27th 2026, Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds commencing at 7.30pm. Irish meal soda bread and Irish dessert, Irish music and dancing. Auction, raffle and football card, tickets on sale in Irish Centre and also contact Sister Christina email funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

VACANCIES

SENIOR GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING OFFICER VACANCY: The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds, is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/. Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY VACANCY: Growing Old Grace-fully is looking for a freelancer to support work across the diocese, with a focus on unpaid Carers. The project has funding for 12 hours per week (or monthly equivalent) at £20 per hour plus travel expenses. We have funding initially for a one-year contract. Closing date: 16th January 2026. Interviews: Thursday 28th January 2026. For an application pack please email carol.burns@yahoo.co.uk To find out more go to www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk