

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (pg 258)	19/04	St Michael's	9:00am	Peter Wilson
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Canon Tom O' Connor
Monday	20/04	St Joseph's	10:15am	World Peace
Tuesday	21/04	St Michael's	7:15pm	Nora M ^c Cann
St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church				
Wednesday	22/04	St Joseph's	11:15am	Laurie Williams
Thursday	23/04	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Albert Hainsworth (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Martin John Fleming
SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND				
Friday	24/04	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Dougie Wigglesworth (RIP)
Saturday	25/04	St Michael's	10:00am	Family of Baby Evelyn Dry
ST MARK, EVANGELIST				
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	26/04	St Michael's	9:00am	John Saul (Anniversary) (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	Kathleen M. Burns

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: 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), Kenneth Burns, Mary Slee</p>
<p align="center">MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Exam Success, Brenda Night (Lately Dead), Policarpio Dela Luna (Anniversary), Michael Midgeley, Mary France & Margaret France (Anniversary), Sylvia Hawksworth (Anniversary), David Hawksworth (Birthday), Mrs V Hinde & Friends of CAFOD, Kathleen Hawksworth & Friends of the SVP, Mr & Mrs Saji, Sandra & Shannon, Michael Wallace, Eric & John Duker & Family</p>	

PARISH NEWS

LEPRA – last week's second collection for LEPRA raised £509.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection next Sunday (26th April) at all Masses -Priests Training Fund.



WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH –

Nevaeh Nain-Ngwankfu Nfor,
Isla-Grace Abbott, Willow-Ivy Abbott,
Elsie-Rose Rooke, Alice-Mae Rooke,
Heidi-Louise Rooke and Mylo Ricky Rotherforth
who were baptised at St Joseph's Church last weekend.

Faith & Friendship Group

Bingo Night!!

Venue: St Michaels Church Hall

Date: 6th May 2026

Time: 7.30pm

- £1 per card
- 3 games with prizes for a line and a full house
- 4th game is a money prize, for a line and then a full house

Come and join us, helping us to raise money for charities and have a good time too



Faith & Friendship Group

The Faith and Friendship Group have worked hard since their start in 2022 to raise funds for a variety of causes. To do this they organise different events, such as film nights, quizzes, flower arranging, guest speakers, bingo etc. They would love for you to join them at these many events. Please read their Update on the notice board which explains everything about what they do, what they raise money for and what they have donated to so far.

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 12/04/2026 are 7 and 103. Congratulations

Collections (12/04/26) Envelopes £355.00, Loose Plate £610.00. Standing Orders for March- £3046.00. Thank you for your support.



SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 20th April 2026 at 7:00pm, at St Joseph's, Pontefract.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 23rd April 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.

Sponsored walk - on Saturday 27th June, Bob Lawson and Dr Pat Mooney will be walking 26 miles across the Yorkshire Dales in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. If you would like to sponsor them, please use the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/robert-lawson-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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.

RECRUITMENT FOR TWO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: St Carlo Acutis Catholic Education Trust (SCACET) and Blessed Chiara Badano Catholic Education Trust (BCBCET). The Diocese of Leeds invite applications for these two positions. Start date: September 2026. Closing date: Monday 20th April. For an informal and confidential discussion, please contact Kieron Flood, education.admin@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.