

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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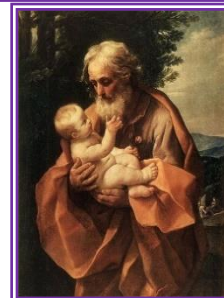
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Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 5pm



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)	10/03	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	John W. Gallivan (Anniversary)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Alma Magnell (RIP)
Monday	11/03	St Joseph's	10:15am	Robert Asquith (Anniversary)
Tuesday	12/03	St Michael's	7:15pm	Game Family
Wednesday	13/03	St Joseph's	11:15am	Linda Cunningham
Thursday	14/03	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Stations of the Cross (School)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Asher Michael Leon Orleans (Birthday)
		St Wilfrid's School	12:15pm	Special Intention
Friday	15/03	St Joseph's	9:30am	Stations of the Cross (School)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Requiem for Tony Cairns
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	David Hawksworth (Anniversary)
Saturday	16/03	St Michael's	10:00am	Dead List
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	17/03	St Michael's	9:00am	In Thanksgiving for Anthony Konwea
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Louise Arrowsmith (RIP)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Confessions: St Michael's; Saturday: After 10am 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: Tony Cairns, Steve M^cCann 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: Sir Bill O'Brien, Francis Keane, Kathleen Bourke, Nick Yarsley, David Walsh and Christine Fenton

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Asher Michael Leon Orleans (Birthday), Thanksgiving for Anthony Konwea, Ava & Henrietta, Kath Sloan, Barbara Spencer

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

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

Sunday 3rd March

Envelopes - £354.00
Loose Plate - £577.00

Standing Orders for Feb £2,995

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

OFFERTINGS – If you have any questions about any of the methods of making your offering to the Parish then call or email the Parish Office or go to

<https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>



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for Parish
Website



ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (Please note the following)

St Joseph's Church will be open from 8am to 4pm **Monday to Friday** for Private Prayer.

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.

THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES have been received and will be available for collection at our churches. Based on current information, a number of boxes will be initially available at St Michael's: all other boxes will be at St Joseph's. There will also be some un-named Boxes available which will have a card in them which can be filled in with Name & Address details and given to Canon Tim or Fr Joshy so we can assign them as appropriate.

Red Boxes – If you have a 'Red Box' please return it to Church for emptying. Thank you.

PARISH POOL - Winning Numbers for 03/03/24 are 27 and 87– 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.

**The Second Collection for CAFOD raised £293.
Thank you for your continued support.**

BKCAT CHOIR – We welcome the BKCAT choir who will be singing at 11am Mass on Sunday 10th March.

‘Welcome Refugee Action Project (WRAP) - “Thank you to everyone for your support with the hamper raffles. Over two weekends at the three Sunday Masses we raised £458, this is almost 16% of our initial target of £3000.

The winning tickets are St Michael’s - the strip beginning 256. St Joseph’s- white ticket 334

The funds are vital in order to help us secure a rental home for a family in need. The search for a home has started, in addition, anyone who may have knowledge of a possible home please contact Marlyn Morgan 01977 690441”

Tombola We are also planning a Tombola to raise funds for the above. If you have any unwanted, surplus items that would be suitable for the tombola please leave them in the boxes provided in the entrance to each Church.



CAFOD Big Lent Walk - - Kate and Hannah have now walked 150km, three-quarters of their target.

Thanks to those who joined us on our walk on Monday. We have now raised an amazing £500! Thank you to everyone for your generosity. Please note that we have had to change the time of our next walk.

If you'd like to join us on one of our future walks, please add your name to the sheet at the back of either church.

Friday 15th March 2:00pm

Thursday 21st March 10:30am

If anyone would like to sponsor Kate and Hannah, they would be grateful. You can donate using the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/biglentwalk>

We also have a QR code that will take parishioners to our fundraising page



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 14th March at 11.30am 2024 in St Michael’s Hall.

Delicious soups, sandwiches and cakes to share with friends.

Next SVP meeting will be on the 11th March at 7:00pm, in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph’s Church.

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting every 2nd Saturday 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.

Stations of the Cross after 10:00am Mass on a Saturday (in Malayalam) at St Michael’s Church, Knottingley.

First Confession: If you have a child in **Year Three or above**, and not in either of our Parish Schools – St Joseph’s Pontefract or Holy Family & St Michael’s and wish them to make their First Confession, there will be a meeting on **Saturday 23rd March at 12 noon** in the Parish Office at St Joseph’s.

First Holy Communion: If you have a child who is in **Year Four or above**, and not in either of our Parish Schools – St Joseph’s Pontefract or Holy Family & St Michael’s and wish them to make their First Holy Communion, there will be a meeting on **Saturday 23rd March at 1pm** in the Parish Office at St Joseph’s.

Knottingley Art and Craft Group – Every year we like to raise money for a chosen good cause. This year we have chosen the ‘After School Addy Youth Club’. We will be having a raffle, which will be drawn on Easter Sunday. Thank you.

DIOCESE NEWS

PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Preparations are now underway for the second session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome this October 2024. The Synod Office in Rome has asked the local Churches to reflect on the following specific question: ‘HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?’ For further information on this stage of the synodal process and to submit any reflections please visit the diocesan synodal webpages:

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission/>.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL LENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday 19th March, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE WORKER

VACANCIES: Catholic Care are recruiting a Senior Residential Childcare Worker & Residential Childcare Workers in LS9. Please visit website for a list of current vacancies <https://catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 for further details.

4th Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Collect

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."''

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 136(137):1-6

R: *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R:**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R:**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R:**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R:**

Second reading - Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely

rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation - Jn3:16



Glory and praise to you, O Christ! King of Eternal Glory.

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. *Glory and praise to you, O Christ! King of Eternal Glory.*

Gospel - John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord.