

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf
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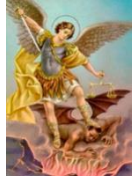
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Our Churches will be open 15 minutes before the start of Mass

Sunday	19/09	St Michael's	9:00am	Arthur Carney and Family
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving for 1 st Anniversary of Ordination
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time				
Monday	20/09	St Joseph's	10.15am	Mark Hopkins (Sick)
Tuesday	21/09	St Michael's	12 Noon	Requiem Mass
Wednesday	22/09	St Joseph's	11.15am	Robert MacDonald (Anniversary)
Thursday	23/09	St Joseph's	7.00pm	Dead List (Latin Mass)
Friday	24/09	St Joseph's	6.15pm	Private Intentions
Saturday	25/09	St Michael's	11:15am	Wendy Birdsall (Anniversary)
Sunday	26/09	St Michael's	9:00am	Dead List
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Special Intentions
		St Joseph's	6.00pm	People of the Parish
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time				

Very limited spaces at St Joseph's for 11.00am Mass so if you haven't booked then we cannot guarantee that you will get a seat and may be turned away. A good number of seats available at all other Masses.

CONFESSIONS - The confessionals at both churches are now back in use. Confession Times – St Joseph's -Friday 5.50-6.10pm. St Michael's Saturday 10.50-11.10am. Also, on request.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for

Margaret Addleton

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:

John Carney, Connie Clamp, Francis Keane, Joan Belanger, Kathleen Bourke, Alberta Burns, And all those affected by the Coronavirus.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

Margaret Addleton (RIP), Wendy Birdsall (Anniversary), Deceased members of the UCM, Aileen Queenan (RIP)

FOR MASS INTENTIONS

- Hand to Canon Tim after Mass
- 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.
- Note - Mass on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.



WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

Killian Thomas Horwell and Florence Eva Longstaff who were baptized last Sunday at St Joseph's Church.

BOOKING YOUR PLACE FOR MASS – We have reviewed the requirement to Book your place in advance for Masses and have decided that for Saturday morning Mass at St Michael's and the Sunday evening Mass at St Joseph's advance booking will not be required with effect from next weekend. Stewards will be present at those Masses to provide help and guidance as may be necessary but names and contact details will not be required. All the requirements set out in our "Guidelines for visiting our churches" will continue to apply.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Tea and Coffee will be served after the 9am Mass at St Michael's . We are making plans to start Tea & Coffee after the 11am Mass at St Joseph's soon.

If we are to keep this service going we are will need some parishioners to come forward so we can have a rota in place to share the duties on a week-by-week basis.

If you would like to help out, then please get in touch by calling the Parish Office on 01977 702297 between 10am and 2pm on Tuesday or Friday, email to office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, or print your name and contact telephone number on the list provided at the back of both churches.

VACANCY: With the upcoming retirement of the current officeholder, the Diocese of Leeds is recruiting for the post of Chief Operating Officer. Contract: Permanent, Full-time. Salary: £70k to £80k p.a. related to experience. For details of the application process and job specification, Email: bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date for applications: Friday, 24th September 2021. Date of Interviews: Monday, 4th October 2021.

FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS INFORMATION MEETING: Meetings for all Faith In Action Award Leaders and those interested in running the Awards Scheme in your Parish or School will be held at Hinsley Hall on Tuesday 28th September and Wednesday 6th October, 2-4pm or 7-9pm on each day. Please book your free place at youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Our Faith – The evenings of finding out more about our Faith will begin on **Wednesday 29th September** 2021 in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's Church. They will begin at 7pm and will last for 1 hour. They will then take place every other Wednesday evening.

CONFIRMATION - If your child is not in one of our Parish Schools and will be age 11 or over by next August 2022 there will be a short meeting on Wednesday 22nd September at 4.15pm in the Parish meeting room at St Joseph's Church. The purpose of the meeting is for the children to be enrolled and begin preparation for the Sacrament. Bishop Marcus is coming to the Parish in December to celebrate the Sacrament. If your child is in either Holy Family and St Michael's School or St Joseph's School details for your child's Confirmation will be available when the schools reopen in September.

Marriages

If you are planning to marry at St Joseph's Church or St Michael's Church **six months notice is needed**. See Canon Tim.

Baptisms

See Canon Tim if you are looking to have your child Baptised.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will begin 45 minutes before weekday Masses.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will take place Sunday morning Mass at St Michael's. Parent consent forms are available.

TO BOOK A PLACE FOR MASS ON SUNDAY MORNING - Phone 07709 091786

Bookings can only be made by calling:

Thursday - 10:30am to 12:30pm, 6:30pm to 7:30pm Friday - 10:30am to 11:30am

Bookings can be made for yourself, your Household, on behalf of another Individual or another Household.

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

Bookings are not required for the Mass on Saturday morning at St Michael's and Mass on Sunday evening at St Joseph's.

NHS COVID-19 APP and QR CODE - In the porch of each of our Churches there are now posters with a QR code which those who have downloaded the NHS COVID-19 App can use to scan and check in.

GUIDELINES FOR VISITING OUR CHURCHES.

ST JOSEPH'S - Entrance and Exit is by the door at the end of the footbridge next to the school.

ST MICHAEL'S - Entrance and Exit is through the main doors at the front.

ATTENDING MASS FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Stewards will not be in attendance at Masses at St Joseph's or St Michael's.

Everyone attending those Masses are asked to:

- Use the hand sanitisers on entry and exit.
- Continue to wear a face covering subject the usual exemptions.
- Respect the concerns of others and avoid getting too close on arrival, departure and when inside church.
- Names and contact details will not be required but sign in can be made by using the NHS App and scanning the QR Code.
- Remain in your place for Communion to be brought to you by the priest.
- Leave church in a safe manner at the end of Mass whilst avoiding gathering in groups inside church.

Note: The toilet at St Michael's will not be available on weekdays.

ATTENDING MASS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

We expect that more visitors will attend Mass at the weekend than from Monday to Friday so Stewards will be in attendance to welcome you to church and provide guidance as necessary to make visitors to church feel safe.

In addition to adherence to the guidelines set out for attendance from Monday to Friday, everyone attending those Masses are asked:

- For Saturday morning Mass at St Michael's and the Sunday evening Mass at St Joseph's, follow the guidance of the Stewards to find a place in church (Booking in advance not required).
- For Sunday morning Masses at both churches, book your place(s) in advance using the Telephone Booking Line (Details above).
- Where advance Booking is required, confirm your name and contact details with the Steward on entry.
- Follow the advice and guidance given by the Stewards.
- Ask a Steward if you wish to use the Toilet at St Michael's (no Toilet facilities available at St Joseph's).

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

R: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R:**

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R:**

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R:**

Second reading - James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it,

it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation - Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

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