

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	21/03	St Michael's	9:15am	In Thanksgiving & Birthday
		St Joseph's	11:15am	People of the Parish
Monday	22/03	St Joseph's	10:15am	Dead List
Tuesday	23/03	St Michael's	7:15pm	Jimmy Jordan (RIP)
Wednesday	24/03	St Joseph's	11:15am	Harry Clamp (RIP)
		<i>St Joseph's</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday <i>The Annunciation</i>	25/03	St Joseph's	11:15am	In Thanksgiving
Friday	26/03	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Miss Jean Chambers
Saturday	27/03	St Michael's	11:15am	John Gallivan (Birthday Memories)
		<i>St Joseph's</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</i>
Sunday Palm Sunday	28/03	St Michael's	9:15am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:15am	Canon Vincent O'Hara

**CONFESSIONS:** Before Mass on the Sanctuary at St Joseph's, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and by Our Lady's Statue at St Michael's on Saturday.

**EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES** - In order to accommodate as many people as possible, Services over the Easter Triduum will take place at St Michael's as the capacity there is almost twice that available at St Joseph's. Parking will also be available at the nearby Conservative Club.

1<sup>st</sup> April

2<sup>nd</sup> April

3<sup>rd</sup> April

Holy Thursday – Mass 7pm Good Friday – 3pm Holy Saturday – Vigil Mass 6pm

Bookings for these Services will be available via the Telephone Booking Line from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### LATELY DEAD

Please pray for 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, Joan Belanger, Arthur Carney,  
Kathleen Bourke, Alberta Burns,  
And all those affected by the Coronavirus.

### MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

Miss James Walsh (Anniversary), Joyce & Barry Trueman, Private Intention, For Favours Received  
**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.
- Mass on Sunday is always said for the intentions of all the Parish and Parishioners.

**THERE IS ONLY ONE BENCH AT ST JOSEPH'S SPARE AND A LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES LEFT AT ST MICHAEL'S FOR MASS ON SUNDAY.**

### **TELEPHONE BOOKING LINE**

**From Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March you will be able to book a place for Masses and Services from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. That will therefore include the Services for the Easter Triduum at St Michael's**

If you have plans to be at any of our Masses or Easter Services, then please call the Telephone Booking Line on Thursday or Friday to book you place in advance.

Booking your place in advance for Mass will also help us to ensure that sufficient Stewards are on duty so that your visit to our churches is as safe and secure as possible.

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

**The seating plans for our Churches set out below are now also on the Home Page of the Parish Website**  
<https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/>



**TELEPHONE LINE IS NOW OPEN  
TO BOOK A PLACE FOR MASS - Phone 07709 091786  
Bookings can only be made by calling on  
Thursday between 10am & 12 Noon, 6:30pm & 7:30pm  
Friday between 10am & 12 Noon**



### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

We are preparing the boxes of Offertory Envelopes for the next Financial Year and as a first step, if you have box of envelopes and you have booked a place at Mass then the new box will be available for you to collect at the church where you have booked. Arrangements will be made over the following weeks to make more of the boxes available for collection. If you want us to leave your box at either St Joseph's or St Michael's, then please tell one of the Stewards or get in touch with the Parish preferably by email.

This may seem like a lengthy process, but we are cautiously trying to avoid any congestion as parishioners arrive or leave church so that we can maintain social distancing and not put anyone at risk.



On behalf of the parish CAFOD group, Hannah and Kate Jones are taking on the Walk for Water Challenge. They will be walking 10,000 steps a day between them for the 40 days of Lent to raise money and to show solidarity with those who have to walk miles to get safe drinking water.

**Update from Hannah and Kate:** "We're really getting into our stride and have walked over 300,000 steps, 75% of our challenge goal. Thank you again for all your support and encouragement!" If you would like to see updates on their progress or to donate, please visit the CAFOD group's JustGiving page here:

<https://bit.ly/3aPCERS>

Hannah and Kate will also be posting updates and sharing some photos from their walks. Thank you.

**RED MISSION BOXES** - If you have any of these boxes and wish to pass on your collections, then you can leave them at the back of St Joseph's or St Michael's when they are open.

**SAFEGUARDING** – We have created a page on our website to provide information and advice about Safeguarding in our Parish. You can find the page at <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/safeguarding>  
We are also seeking a volunteer to be an additional Safeguarding Representative to help implement our safeguarding policy and procedures. Training is available through the Diocese. Anyone interested can contact Julie Birch (Tel 01977 277083 or email [julbirch@talktalk.net](mailto:julbirch@talktalk.net)), for more information and/or to express their interest directly to our Parish Priest Canon Tim.



When arriving and leaving Church please adhere to Social Distancing Rules and “Keep 2 metres apart from others”.

If you have to queue to get in or out, then please ensure that you keep 2 metres apart from whoever is in front of you.

Also please maintain your distance when following someone who may not be able to walk quite as fast as you.



### COVID Level: NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

**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.

Everyone coming to church must wear a face covering unless they are children under the age of 11 or exempt from doing so for medical reasons. Please ensure that you have a face-covering/mask with you and put it on before entering church.

Alcohol Hand Gel will be available and must be used to sanitise hands on entry and exit.

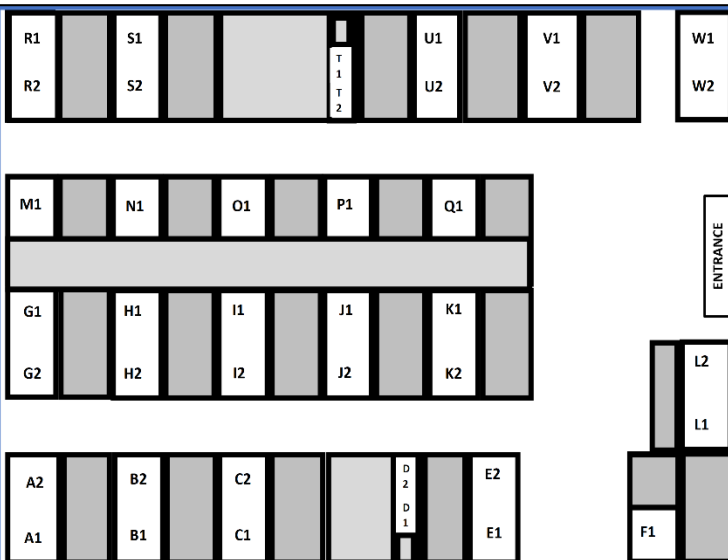
Communion will be brought to everyone in their place.

Visitors are to remain in their seat at the end of Mass until a Steward advises that they can leave church.

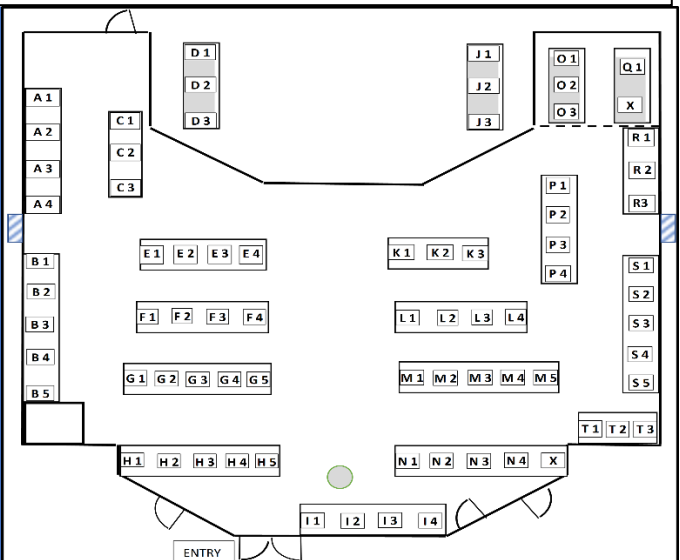
**Please follow the advice and guidance of the Stewards when arriving and leaving church. It is especially important that everyone maintains the social distancing rules when arriving at church and leaving. We appreciate that visitors may wish to meet up with friends but in these difficult times, we must ask you to follow the rules and leave church and the grounds promptly under the guidance of the Stewards after Mass.**

There will be no Toilet facilities available at either church.

**St Joseph’s Seating**



**St Michael’s Seating**



## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At each Station say:

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.*

*Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

### **I. Jesus is condemned to death.**

Consider how Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the Cross.

### **II. Jesus receives the Cross.**

Consider how Jesus, in making his journey with the Cross on His shoulders, thought of us, and offered for us to His Father the death He was about to undergo.

### **III. Jesus falls the first time.**

Consider this first fall of Jesus, under his Cross. His flesh was torn by the scourges. His head was crowned with thorns: He had lost a great quantity of blood. So weakened He could scarcely walk. He yet had to carry this great load upon His shoulders. The soldiers struck Him rudely and He fell several times.

### **IV. Jesus is met by his Blessed Mother.**

Consider this meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. Their looks became like so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

### **V. The Cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene.**

Consider how His cruel tormentors, seeing Jesus was on the point of expiring, and fearing He would die on the way, whereas they wished him to die the shameful death of the Cross, constrained Simon of Cyrene to carry the Cross behind Our Lord.

### **VI. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.**

Consider how the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so ill-used, and bathed in sweat and blood, wiped His face with a towel, on which was left the impression of his holy countenance.

### **VII. Jesus falls the second time.**

Consider the second fall of Jesus under the Cross; a fall which renews the pain of all the wounds in His head and members.

### **VIII. The women of Jerusalem mourn for Our Lord.**

Consider how these women wept with compassion at seeing Jesus in such a pitiable state, streaming with

blood, as He walked along. "Daughters of Jerusalem" said He, "weep not for me but for yourselves and for your children".

### **IX. Jesus falls the third time.**

Consider the third fall of Jesus Christ. His weakness was extreme, and the cruelty of His executioners excessive, who tried to hasten His steps when He could scarcely move.

### **X. Jesus is stripped of his garments.**

Consider the violence with which Jesus was stripped by the executioners. His inner garments adhered to His torn flesh, and they dragged them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Take pity on your Saviour thus cruelly treated.

### **XI. Jesus is nailed to the Cross.**

Consider how Jesus, having been placed upon the Cross, extended His hands, and offered to His Eternal Father the sacrifice of His life for our salvation. Those barbarians fastened Him with nails, and then, securing the Cross, allowed Him to die with anguish on His infamous gibbet.

### **XII. Jesus dies on the Cross.**

Consider how Jesus, being consumed with anguish after three hours' agony on the Cross, abandoned Himself to the weight of His body, bowed His head and died.

### **XIII. Jesus is taken down from the Cross.**

Consider how, after Our Lord had expired, two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took Him down from the Cross and placed Him in the arms of His afflicted Mother, who received Him with unutterable tenderness, and pressed Him to Her bosom.

### **XIV. Jesus is placed in the sepulchre.**

Consider how disciples, accompanied by His Holy Mother, carried the body of Jesus to bury it. They closed the tomb, and all came sorrowfully away.

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