

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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2nd WEEK OF EASTER

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	24/04	St Michael's	9:00am	John Saul (Anniversary)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Father Michael Gallon (RIP)
Monday	25/04	St Joseph's	10:15am	Edna Smith
ST MARK, EVANGELIST				
Tuesday	26/04			Dead List
SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND				
Wednesday	27/04			Dead List
Thursday	28/04			Dead List
Friday	29/04			Dead List
ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE				
Saturday	30/04	St Michael's	11:15am	Roberto Gutid (RIP)
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	01/05	St Michael's	9:00am	25 th Wedding Anniversary
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Charles Joseph Saul (RIP)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Confessions: St Michael's; Saturday 10.45 to 11.05am. Also, on request.

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: Connie Clamp, Francis Keane, Joan Belanger, Kathleen Bourke, Alberta Burns, Gerard Knowles and all those affected by the Coronavirus.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Roger Metcalf (Anniversary), Sean Holland

FOR MASS INTENTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. |
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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 or call the Parish office on Tuesday or Friday between 10am & 2pm – 01977 702297.

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

Following the ending of Plan B in England and in accordance with guidance from the Catholic Bishop's Conference we ask that:

- Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church.
- Hands are sanitised on entry and exit to church.
- Although face coverings are no longer required by law in any setting we ask that face coverings continue to be worn when in church if you can.
- When selecting your place to sit, it is important to consider that others may wish to take a more cautious approach. We should all be considerate of this and provide the opportunity and space for others to reduce close contacts if they wish.

There will be someone at the entrance to our Churches to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME AND DO NOT LEAVE IT IN CHURCH

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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Thank you to everyone who has collected their Offertory Envelopes. Envelopes that haven't got a nominated church on them are now available in St Michael's.

STANDING ORDERS - Many Parishioners are already using Standing Orders for their offering to the Parish. If anyone would like to use this method to make a regular offering, then a "Standing Order Mandate" is available at the back of church which Parishioners can use to set a Standing Order up. If you complete the form, then please hand it to Canon Tim or pass it into the office at St Joseph's and we will process it with your bank. You can also set up a Standing Order yourself using the details set out in the Standing Order Mandate. The form can also be downloaded at <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>

If you have any questions about any of the methods of making your offering to the Parish then email the Parish Office at office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or call Tina, our Parish Secretary (Tuesday and Friday between 10am & 2pm – 01977 702297).

SIGN OF PEACE – From the Easter Vigil we'll reintroduce the Sign of Peace at Mass. A simple handshake or a nod to our near neighbour as way of sharing the Peace of the Risen Lord.

SUNDAY MASS CHILDREN'S LITURGY - ST MICHAEL'S during 9am Mass. **ST JOSEPH'S** during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks. More help always welcome: If you are able to volunteer to help, please contact the Parish Office (01977 702297).

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS – Tea and Coffee will be served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall and after the 11am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to – Andrea Riley, Sarah Larrington and Edward Larrington who were received into full Communion with the Church last Tuesday at St Michael's.

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION on Good Friday raised £226.50

EASTER OFFERINGS – Canon Tim thanks you for your kind Easter Offerings.



CAFOD Walk Against Hunger

On behalf of the parish's CAFOD group, Viv Hinde is taking on the Walk Against Hunger Challenge this Lent. 200 million children in the world are at risk from malnutrition, so Viv will be walking 200km during Lent to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world. You can sponsor Viv at: www.bit.ly/CAFODwalk

Update: Viv has now completed her Walk Against Hunger challenge. She did an incredible 570km! To date, Viv has raised over £500 in sponsorship. We'll announce the final total raised in the coming weeks. Thank you again to everyone for your amazing generosity and support.

TREES AT ST JOSEPH'S – As you will have seen the 3 trees at St Joseph's, along the pathway to the bridge at St Joseph's have been felled. After advice from the Diocesan Property Department, we were strongly advised to do this to protect the

PARISH POOL - Easter Draw - 17/04/22

Prize	Winning Number	Prize	Winning Number
£50	85	£20	61
£50	77	£20	131
£25	171	£20	3
£25	93	£20	59
£25	69	£20	50
£25	82		

Thank you for your support.

Church building and also prevent future repairs which would have been very large.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH – Although the church is closed it does come under the responsibility of St Joseph's Parish. Recently there have been issues over large-scale dumping of rubbish, which has now been removed and a fence is being put around the entire property. Unfortunately, this week vandals broke into the Church and have caused an amount of damage to the property.

The building has been made safe and secure again (we hope!). Unfortunately, the Parish has to pay for all the repair work.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish to Mission – Follow up from last meeting. Wednesday 11th May in the Hall at St Joseph's School at 7pm.

DIOCESE NOTICES

DIOCESE OF LEEDS: LEAD THE SINGING!: Three choral workshops designed to assist nonprofessional singers and parish musicians with the provision of high-quality music for Mass. Sessions in vocal coaching, choral conducting, organ accompaniment and chant to give you tools to help invigorate choral music for the liturgy. Sun 8, 15 and 22 May 2022, 2–4pm at Wheeler Hall, Leeds Cathedral. Please book your free place with office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk.

BKCAT CHAIR VACANCY: The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust seek to appoint a new Chair of the Trust Board from September 2022. More info: <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin>

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Entrance Antiphon - 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 - Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

R : Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R :**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R :**

Second reading - Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Sequence - Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation - Jn20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel - John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.