

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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## SCHOOL CONTACTS

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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admin@hfsm.bkcat.co.uk  
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Telephone: 01977 691000  
email@st-wilfrids.bkcat.co.uk  
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## 17<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY	24/07	St Michael's	9:00am	David Dry (RIP)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Doris & Bill McLane (Anniversary)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	25/07	St Joseph's	10:15am	Stacey Ann Walsh (RIP)
<i>St James, Apostle</i>				
Tuesday	26/07	St Joseph's	2:00pm	Leavers Mass for Year 6
		St Michael's	7:15pm	Special Intentions
<i>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>				
Wednesday	27/07	St Joseph's	11:15am	Don Dalton (Anniversary)
Thursday	28/07	St Michael's	10:30am	Dead List
		St Joseph's	7:00pm	Special Intentions
Friday	29/07	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Souls of Mama Lorenz and Daddy Rod
<i>St Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>				
Saturday	30/07	St Michael's	11:15am	Tess Stoker
<i>Mass of Our Lady</i>				
SUNDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	31/07	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Brenda and Alan Smith 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Special Intentions

**Confessions:** St Michael's; Saturday, 10:40am to 11.10am. St Joseph's; Friday 5:30pm – 6pm. Also, on request.

**HOLY DAYS** – In addition to Sundays being Holy Days, the following days are Holy Days:

**Sunday 14th August - The Assumption**

**Tuesday – 1st November - All Saints**

### LATELY DEAD

Please pray for: Father Bernard Funnell, Gerard Knowles, Lily Wroe 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: Connie Clamp, Francis Keane, Joan Belanger, Kathleen Bourke, Alberta Burns and Nick Yarsley.

## MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Father Bernard Funnell, Gerard Knowles (Lately Dead), Bowerman Family, Janczavek Family,  
Susan Bennett (Lately Dead), Tom and Nellie Dickinson (Anniversary)

### FOR MASS INTENTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hand to Canon Tim or Father Joshy after Mass (envelopes available in the entrance to both Churches)</li><li>• Post in the letterbox on the door into the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's.</li><li>• Send via post to the Presbytery</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please state the name and Intention (e.g. Sick, Anniversary, RIP, Birthday etc).</li><li>• If you wish a particular day, please mention.</li><li>• Note - Mass on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.</li></ul> |
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### GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

When coming to Mass it is important to consider that others may wish to take a more cautious approach to meeting together than yourself. We should all be considerate of this and provide the opportunity and space for others to reduce close contacts if they wish. Please anticipate a desire for social distancing, especially when offering the Sign of Peace and when lining up to receive Holy Communion.

**WELCOMERS** - If you would like to join our group of Welcomers then please give your name and contact details to Canon Tim or contact Tina, our Parish Secretary.

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**MAKING AN OFFERING TO THE PARISH** - If you have any questions about any of the methods of making your offering to the Parish then email the Parish Office at <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>

**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 can 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 1am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.

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### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

As we are out of all Covid restriction just a reminder of the arrangements for Sacramental Preparations in our Parish.

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| <b>First Confession:</b>    | Celebrated in School Year 3 (in Lent)  |
| <b>First Holy Communion</b> | Celebrated in School Year 4 (around June)                                      |
| <b>Confirmation:</b>        | Celebrated with Bishop Marcus with Students in year 6 (and above) in February. |

If your Child attends either St Joseph' or Holy Family & St Michael's Primary Schools, the school will give details to you nearer the time.

If your Child is not in one of the Parish Primary Schools but attends another school, including St Wilfrid's Catholic High School, please note that details for those Candidates will appear on the Parish Bulletin when preparation is about to begin.

There will be a deadline for applications, especially for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Baptisms:** See Canon Tim or Father Joshy if you are looking to have your child Baptised or call the Parish office on Tuesday or Friday between 10am & 2pm – 01977 702297.

For Parents who wish to have their Child(ren) Baptised, it is expected that one of the Parents is a Catholic, is attending Mass and lives in the Parish. Godparents must also be practising Catholics.

**Adults received into the church:** for those adults wishing to be received into the Church, classes will begin in September. However, it is expected that anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic is already attending Mass on a regular basis.

**Adults for Confirmation:** For any Parishioner who may not have been Confirmed and wishes to be Confirmed please see one of the Priests.

**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 or Father Joshy.

**PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers,  
17<sup>th</sup> July 15 & 115**

If you would like to join, then you can select a number(s) 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.

**PARISH NEWS**

**FR BERNARD** - Our former Parish Priest and friend to us all, Fr Bernard Funnell died in Pinderfields Hospital on Friday 8 July.

Fr Bernard's body will be received into St Joseph's on Tuesday 2nd August at 7pm, followed by Mass. Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 3rd August at 11.30am, followed by burial at Pontefract Cemetery. Bishop Marcus and Clergy from across the Diocese will also be in attendance.

Please pray for the repose of Fr Bernard's soul and for his family and friends.

We are looking for 6 pallbearers for Father Bernard's Funeral.

Please email the office if you are available to do this. ([office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk))

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING –  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS**

In order to comply with Diocesan Safeguarding Policies it is essential that parents of children attending children's liturgy during mass have completed and signed the necessary consent form (one form per child please). The last thing the liturgy leaders would want is to have to turn a child away because they aren't registered. Forms are available at the back of both churches and from the leaders. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**HELP NEEDED PLEASE!**

The Children's Liturgy Groups are run by a very small band of loyal and committed volunteers some of whom have been doing it for many years. The parish is desperately in need of more help in order to provide rotas that call upon people's time fairly. Training and support will be provided by existing leaders. Additionally, they are also in need of help running the administrative side of this important work. It would only involve completing the weekly register during the session and ensuring that any new attendees fill in a consent form which is a Diocesan Safeguarding requirement. Please think about offering your

services for either of these roles as it is a vital part in ensuring the continuing success of both Liturgy Groups. Please feel free to approach any of the liturgy leaders to offer your help. You can be sure of a warm welcome. Thank you.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**FAITH & FRIENDSHIP – Meeting next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7pm at St Michael's Hall.**

The two Faith and friendship events we have put on so far have been a great success and we are seeing new faces too. Bingo night and the Cheese and Wine Night were a roaring success!!

To help us plan for future events, we need to find out what people would like to do for the next 6 months. So please come along to our next evening on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and share your ideas while we have tea, biscuits and a chat.

**SVP** - Next meeting **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 6:15pm** in St Michael's Church Hall.

**DIOCESE NOTICES**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION VACANCY:** Fulltime, Permanent, Salary £55k - £70k dependent upon skills, experience and expertise. Start: January 2023 or earlier if possible. For an informal and totally confidential discussion about the role before making an application, please contact the Director of Education, Mr Kieron Flood on 07860773400 or Canon Tim Swinglehurst on 01132618040. Recruitment packs including application forms are available by emailing [evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Closing Date: 12pm Monday 19th September 2022. Interviews: Tuesday 27th September 2022.

**VOCATIONS SERVICE HOLY HOUR:** There will be Adoration on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and regularly on the last Wednesday of every month. All welcome, whether exploring your own relationship with Jesus, or simply to pray for vocations. Hinsley Hall 7pm-8pm. Bar open afterwards for informal chat with Vocations Service.

**For further information regarding news and events in the Diocese go to [dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://dioceseofleeds.org.uk)**

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 - Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8

**R: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R:**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R:**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R:**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R:**

## Second reading - Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

### Gospel Acclamation - Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

### Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."'

He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon - Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

### Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.