

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

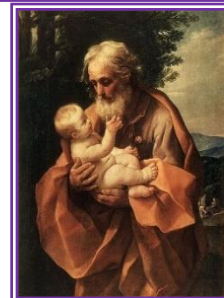
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	25/02	St Michael's	9:00am	Jim Giles (RIP)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	In Thanksgiving to St Joseph
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	26/02	St Joseph's	10:15am	Joan Dalton (Birthday)
Tuesday	27/02	St Michael's	7:15pm	Dead List
Wednesday	28/02	St Joseph's	11:15am	Mark Saul
Thursday	29/02	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Stations of the Cross (School)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Bill & Anthea Adlington
Friday	01/03	St Wilfrid's School	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	Stations of the Cross (School)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Special Intention (Followed by Stations of the Cross)

ST DAVID, BISHOP AND PATRON SAINT OF WALES

Saturday	02/03	St Michael's	10:00am	Christine Carroll
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	03/03	St Michael's	9:00am	Winnie Moran (RIP)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Doreen Kelly (RIP)

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: Canon Joe Smith, Michael Walsh, Dorothy Howley, Tony Cairns 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 and Christine Fenton

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Linda Cunningham, Donna Story, St Simon & Jude, Duncan & Paula Saul (Silver Wedding), John Saul (Anniversary, Special Intention, Doreen Kelly (RIP), Winnie, Gerry, James Nicholson (RIP), Michael & Marie Foy(RIP), Mary & Albert Morgan (RIP), Baby Evelyn Anne Dry & Family, Louise Arrowsmith

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 18th February

Envelopes - £310.00
Loose Plate - £411.00

Standing Orders for Jan £3,263

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

OFFERINGS – 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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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.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH POOL - Winning Numbers for 18/02/24 are 77 and 92– 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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 29th February 2024 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.



CAFOD Big Lent Walk - This Lent, Kate and Hannah Jones are taking on the Big Lent Walk to raise funds for CAFOD. They'll be walking 200km over the 40 days of Lent. Kate and Hannah would like to invite parishioners to join them for a short walk in Pontefract Park. If you'd like to join in on any of the dates listed, please add your name to the sheet at the back of church or send Kate a message on 07449685727. Please meet near the entrance to Aspire leisure centre.

Wednesday 28 February 10:30 am

Monday 4 March 2:30 pm

Friday 15 March 2:30 pm

Thursday 21 March 10:30 am

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.



Kate and Hannah are on track in the Big Lent Walk.

Thank you to everyone who has donated. We have already raised £150 for CAFOD! Thanks also to those who joined us on our walk on Saturday. If you would like to join us on any of our future walks. Please add your name to the sheet at the back of both Churches.



World day of prayer 2024 at Micklegate Methodist Church Pontefract.

Friday 1st March at 2pm.

Prepared by The Women of Palestine.

The theme I beg you, bear with one another.

'Welcome Refugee Action Project (WRAP) - After our recent meeting of the Community Project we have formally agreed to adopt the name of 'Welcome Refugee Action Project (WRAP)'. As mentioned in the bulletin and following advice from the Catholic Care Project worker, Sue Parsons, we now need to start fund-raising. This is to fulfil the Home Offices legal requirements to initially raise £3,000 in order to move forward with the project. An official bank account is to be set up soon, this will be over seen by Catholic Care. Once the bank account is set up any donations will be able to be made to this account. The link to the account will be given in a future bulletin.

In order to start the appeal, there will be a raffle for a hamper (one for each church). Raffle tickets will be sold over two weeks, at each Mass on Sunday 25th February 2024 and Sunday 3rd March 2024.

Once again, any further ideas for fund raising would be appreciated. Also, anyone who has knowledge of possible rental accommodation for a family, that may be available in the near future: please contact Marlyn Morgan 01977 690441.

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.

Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening. A Thank you to our Schools for their help in their preparation and to their Parents for their support.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face,
O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

R: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted,' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

R:

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name. **R:**

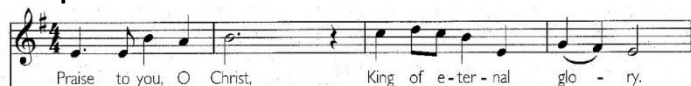
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R:**

Second reading - Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those

that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation - Mt17:5



From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' *Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!*

Gospel - Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.