

# 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

<b>Sunday</b>	25/07	St Michael's	9:15am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:15am	Jack Gallagher
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>				
Monday	26/07	St Joseph's	10:15am	Don Dalton (Anniversary) <i>St Joachim &amp; St Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tuesday	27/07	St Michael's	7:15pm	Jim Cowan (Anniversary)
Wednesday	28/07	St Joseph's	11:15am	In Thanksgiving
Thursday	29/07			Dead List <i>St Martha</i>
Friday	30/07	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Edna Machin
Saturday	31/07	St Michael's	11:15am	Arthur Carney (RIP) <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	01/08	St Michael's	9:00am	Yorkshire Brethren
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	6.00pm	Monsignor Seamus Kilbane (L.D)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>				

Limited spaces at St Joseph's and St Michael's for Masses on Sunday, 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 St Michael's on Saturday.

**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.

### LATELY DEAD

Please pray for

**Margaret Gerrard**

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.

**Mary and Jim Croston (Anniversary), Margaret Gerrard (L.D), In Thanksgiving and Praise,  
 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** - Lucas John Williamson and Noah Anthony Williamson who were Baptised last Sunday at St Joseph's Church

**We would like to offer our warmest wishes to Mrs Michaela Tomlin** (Headteacher) at St Joseph's School and wish her well as she begins her maternity leave.

**We would also like to send best wishes to our Year 6 children** in St Joseph's School and Holy Family and St Michael's School as they move to Secondary Education.

**Changes to Mass Times** – In addition to the re-introduction next Sunday of 6pm Mass in the evening at St Joseph's, also from 1st August 2021 Sunday Mass at St Michael's Church will be at 9am and at St Joseph's the morning Mass will start at 11am. Please keep an eye on the Parish Bulletin for any further changes.

### **COVID-19 STEP 4**

After careful consideration of the guidance received from our Bishop and the Catholic Bishops of England we will progress in to Step 4 as follows:

- The lifting of the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass will not be introduced any earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, but in order to provide more capacity at Sunday Masses in our Parish the evening Mass on Sunday will return and start at 6pm on August 1st.
- The requirement to book places in advance at Masses on Saturday and Sunday via the telephone line will remain. This will continue to help us manage the capacity at our churches and avoid where possible the need to turn people away at the door.
- Congregational singing will be permitted, provided masks are being worn by the congregation, and will be phased in gently over the summer months at the morning Masses at St Michael's and St Joseph's.
- Stewards will continue to be in attendance to provide help and guidance but only on Saturdays and Sundays. Visitors are therefore asked to respect others and avoid getting too close in church when attending Mass on weekdays.
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed by the priest while everyone remains in their place.
- Hand sanitisers will be available on entry and exit to both churches and the requirement to wear face coverings will remain (unless they are children under the age of 11 or exempt from doing so for medical reasons).
- The seating layout at St Joseph's will not change. At St Michael's we will move the pews a little closer together so that the pews close to the altar can be moved within the body of the church.
- Scheduled periods for Confession will return at both churches. Details to follow.
- Restriction on attendance at Sacraments such as Baptism, Marriage and at Funerals are being lifted but will need to be in recognition of the safe capacity of the church.

The above changes are some way off a complete lifting of restrictions, but it is a start. It has been a long time since we could just come and go to church without any of these restrictions in place, but a more cautious approach is the way to build the confidence of everyone wanting to return to normality. Further lifting of restrictions will be considered in the light of our experiences as we learn from these changes and where restrictions can be lifted whilst retaining our churches as a safe, welcoming environment then they will be implemented.

*Canon Tim*

**TO BOOK A PLACE FOR MASS ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY - Phone 07709 091786**

**Bookings can only be made by calling:**

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

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

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

**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**

With effect from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July Stewards will no longer 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 and 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 to:

- Book your place(s) at Mass in advance using the Telephone Booking Line (Details above).
- 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).

**Sunday 25 July 2021 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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 - 2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18**

*You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

**Second reading - Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

**Gospel Acclamation - cf. Jn6:63,68**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel - John 6:1-15**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

**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.

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