

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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	25/10	St Michael's	09:15	Those who have died in the Parish and have not had a Funeral Service in our Churches during the Pandemic
		St Joseph's	11:15	People of the Parish
Monday Ss Chad & Cedd	26/10	St Joseph's	10:15	Fr Lawrie Lister (RIP)
Tuesday	27/10	St Michael's	18:15	Dead List
Wednesday Ss Simon & Jude	28/10	St Joseph's	11:15	Connie & Harry Clamp 69 th Wedding Anniversary
Thursday	29/10			Liz Hall (RIP)
Friday	30/10	St Joseph's	18:15	Tom Kennedy
Saturday	31/10	St Michael's	11:15	James Walsh
Sunday Feast of All Saints	01/11	St Michael's	09:15	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:15	Those who have died in the Parish and have not had a Funeral Service in our Churches during the Pandemic

CONFESSIONS: Before Mass at St Joseph's on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and St Michael's on Saturday.

Due to COVID restrictions Confessions cannot be heard in a confined space. Because of that, Confessions will be heard at St Joseph's on the Sanctuary and at St Michael's by Our Lady's Statue.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for David Cahill 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:

Arthur Carney, Kathleen Bourke, Eileen Symons,
Alberta Burns, Harry Clamp,
And all those affected by the Coronavirus.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

Dead List, Derek Dyson (Anniversary), Alfred Kendrew Handforth (RIP), Anthony Smalley (RIP),
Tom Kennedy, In Thanksgiving (MW),

FOR MASS INTENTIONS

- Hand to Canon Tim after Mass
- Post though 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.



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



PLEASE NOTE YOU CAN NOW BOOK ON THURSDAY BETWEEN 6:30pm & 7:30pm

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST 2020 - Over the next few weeks Dead List envelopes will be available at the back of both churches. On a sheet of paper, make a list of all the people for whom you wish to pray during the month of November. Put this list in the envelope, along with your donation. On the **front of the envelope** write: "**For the family and friends of...**" (insert just your family name). Envelopes can be handed to Canon Tim or put in the collection.

SUNDAY MASS

Sunday Mass will return in our Churches on 25th October.

The first Mass will be at St Michael's with Church opening at 9am and Mass starting at 9:15am.

Mass at St Joseph's will follow with Church opening at 11am and Mass starting at 11:15am.

Mass Intention at St Michael's will be for "Those who have died in the Parish and have not had a Funeral Service in our Churches during the Pandemic due to both our Churches being closed".

Mass Intention at St Joseph's will be for "The People of the Parish".

Those who did not have a Funeral in Church:

James Dean	Edna Enid Harris
Mary Sheard	Bridgett O'Donnell
Elizabeth Noll	Robert Carr
Maureen Mary Thorpe	Policarpio De la Luna
Ann Ryan	Timothy Courtney
James Walsh	Richard Cahill
Anne Turner	Margaret Beverley
Mary Lincoln	Kathleen Grant
Audrey Pinto	Ann Vasey
Jenny Lynch	Mary Moxon

Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen

PARISH NEWS

Some of you will already be aware that we now have an email distribution list for sending out news and updates about our Parish. At least once a week we will email the Parish Bulletin and provide other updates as and when they arise. If you would like to be on the list, then please send an email to

office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ENSURE WE CAN CONTINUE WITH MASSES AT OUR CHURCHES.

Under current regulations we are obliged to ensure that at least 2 Stewards are on duty whenever our churches are open. With Tuesday Mass now available and Sunday Masses being introduced next week the burden on our great team of Volunteers grows. If you can help to provide this important service to our parish, then please let us know the days/times you would be available and whether you can be available at St Joseph's, St Michael's or both churches by emailing the Parish office at:

office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

There is some formal paperwork we will need to go through with you before you can officially 'sign up' but we will respond to your email with those details.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

In the middle of 2019, we engaged an Architect to do a "Quinquennial Survey" of St Joseph's Church and Presbytery. The results of that survey highlighted a number of areas that required attention with the guttering and down pipes around the building and retaining wall on Crab Hill high on the priority list along with the introduction of an Accessible Toilet. Tenders were invited to establish the costs and to support submissions through the approval process required due to the Church's Grade 2* Listed Building Status. But, with the onset of the pandemic, progress was not quite at the pace of normal times. However, with the support of the Finance and Property Departments of the Diocesan Curia, we are now reaching the final stages of the approval process for this initial phase of the works.

With the help of the teams at Hinsley Hall, a number of options are being looked at to seek grants to help with the cost of the works. This initiative is beginning to prove successful and we are very grateful indeed for a significant grant of £35,660 which has been awarded by Historic England via the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. A further grant of £3,500 has also been secured from the Allchurches Trust and we are continuing to look at other possible sources of funding.

These grants will make a significant contribution to the overall cost of completing the work recommended by the Architects which will ensure the preservation of our Church.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

CAFOD – HARVEST APPEAL 2020

Our current campaign is the Harvest Fast Appeal which is in aid of families who are facing chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as a result of coronavirus.

We would normally be holding a Harvest Soup Meal to raise funds for the appeal, but unfortunately this is not possible at the moment.

Instead, you can help by donating, either through the Fast Day envelopes which will be available at the back of both churches or by texting CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10, and by praying the Harvest prayer.

HARVEST PRAYER

"God, who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light." 1 Peter 2:9

God, you call us out of darkness.

May we hear your voice
in the cry of our brothers and sisters in crisis.

As you walk alongside us always,
may we walk beside one another
listening and responding in love.

Shine the light of your compassion through us,
dispelling chaos, fear and despair.

Breathe hope and courage into all our hearts
as we work together to rebuild once more.

Strengthen us, Lord, and keep us steadfast.

Bring healing and comfort to all
and lead us renewed into your marvellous light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

RED BOXES - MISSIO & THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

You can leave your Red Box at either St Michael's or St Joseph's when Mass is being said but if you can't there are alternative methods of making a donation.



Send a Cheque

Make it payable to
Missio-Mill Hill and post
it to:
Red Box,
23 Eccleston Square,
London, SW1V 1NU

Give via Text

Text **REDBOX 5** (to
donate £5) or
REDBOX 10 (to donate
£10) to **70085**.
This costs £5 or £10
plus your standard rate

By Phone

Call Missio on
020 7821 9755
during office hours to
donate with your credit
or debit card.

Bank Transfer

Account name: **Missio**
Sort Code: **16-00-16**
Account Nr: **10824230**
Reference: **RB + Your
Postcode**

GUIDELINES FOR VISITING OUR CHURCHES.

Everyone coming to church, whether for Mass, or other Sacraments 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. You should also socially distance from people outside your household whilst inside the Church building.

There will be Stewards present in church during the time it is open who will help and guide visitors. Please follow any advice and guidance they give.

There will be no Toilet facilities available at either church.

You are asked to leave Church promptly at the end of Mass under the guidance of the Stewards.

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

ST JOSEPH'S

Entrance and Exit is by the door at the end of the footbridge next to the school.

Seating is identified by a label with a Letter and Number (e.g. A1). Each Bench where 2 seats are marked can accommodate 2 Individuals from different Households 1 metre apart, or a group of Adults and Children from the same Household. Benches with only 1 seat marked can only be occupied by 1 Individual.

The 1M+ rule will apply with the requirement to wear Face Coverings, subject to the official exceptions.

The Benches, or parts of them which are not to be used will have "DO NOT SIT HERE" signs on them.

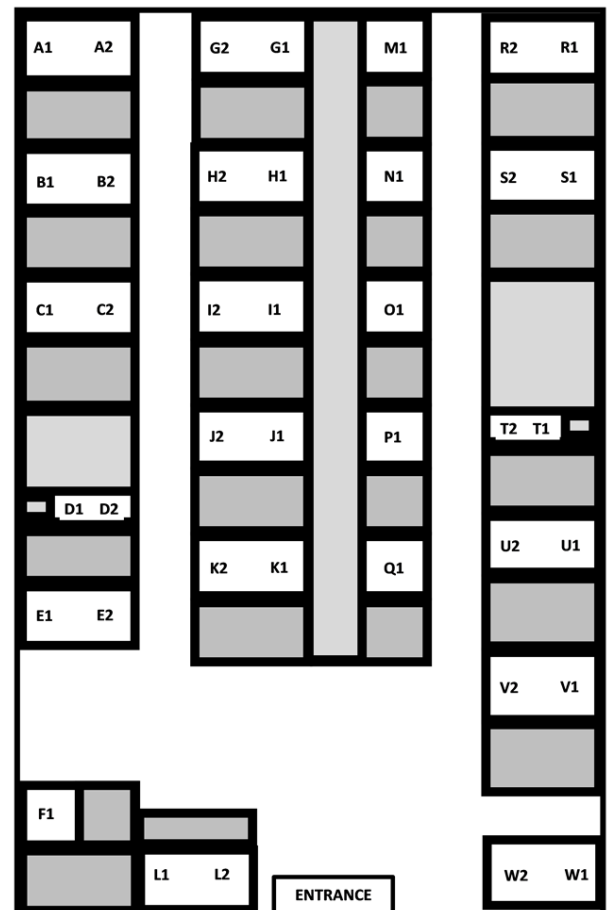
Communion will be brought by the Priest to each bench.

You are to stay in your seat at the end of Mass until a Steward advises that you can leave the church.

All the current requirements including the wearing of Face Coverings and use of Hand Cleansing on entry and exit will remain in place.

At times when our school is open, please take care when approaching church and ensure social distancing requirements are maintained.

There will be no Toilet facilities available.



ST MICHAEL'S

Entrance and Exit is through the main doors at the front.

The benches are separated at 2 metres, but the seating is labelled at 1M. The 1M+ rule will therefore apply with the requirement to wear Face Coverings, subject to the official exceptions.

Visitors are asked to follow the guidance of the Stewards when going to their seat.

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.

Toilets are not to be used.

