

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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LIMITED OPENING OF ST JOSEPH'S & ST MICHAEL'S FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS



w/c Sunday 27 th September 2020 – 25 th Week of Ordinary Time Canon Tim will say Mass each day for the following Intentions.			Open for Parishioners to attend Mass	Open for Private Prayer
	Feast	Mass Intention		
Sunday – 27/09		People of the Parish		St Joseph's 10am to 12 noon
Monday – 28/09		Dead List	St Joseph's 10am to 11am	
Tuesday – 29/09	Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Archangels	Claire Atkinson (RIP)		
Wed'day – 30/09	St Jerome	Austin & Alice Burns	St Joseph's 11am to 12 noon	
Thursday – 01/10	St Therese of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)	Dead List		
Friday – 02/10	The Holy Guardian Angels	Jim Walsh (RIP)	St Joseph's 6pm to 7pm	
Saturday – 03/10	Mass of Our Lady	Alice Burrell (Anniversary)	St Michael's 11am to 12 noon	

CONFESSIONS: Before Mass at St Joseph's on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and St Michael's on Saturday. During Private Prayer at St Joseph's on Sunday: 10am to 10.30am and 11.30am to 12noon.

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.

The Funeral Mass for Fr Lister, celebrated by Bishop Marcus, will take place at 11am on Tuesday, 29th September at St Mary's, Halifax. The Service will be live streamed on the day and can be accessed through the link on St Mary's Parish website. <https://www.stmaryshalifax.com/>

**TO BOOK A PLACE FOR MASS - Phone 07709 091786
Call on Thursday or Friday between 10 am and 12 Noon**

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ENSURE WE CAN CONTINUE WITH MASSES AT OUR CHURCHES. If you can help, 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

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Cyril George, Jack Hobman Dunhill and all who have died recently.
May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for:
Kathleen Bourke, Eileen Symons, Alberta Burns,
Harry Clamp,
And all those affected by the Coronavirus.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

Fr Lawrie Lister, In Thanksgiving, Connie & Harry Clamp (Wedding Anniversary)

- Mass Intentions can be sent via post to the Presbytery. If you wish a particular day, please mention.
- Mass on Sunday is always said for the intentions of all the Parish and Parishioners.
- Please state the name and Intention (e.g. Sick, Anniversary, RIP, Birthday etc).

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR SEMINARIAN MARC PITSON

My Name is Marc Pitson. I'm a 5th year seminarian studying at the Venerable English College Rome. When I'm not in Rome, I will be based at St Joseph's Parish. I'm originally from Hull and moved to Leeds in 2011 to study Theology at Leeds Trinity University. It was during my time there that I converted to Catholicism and really began to think about my vocation.

I was brought up in the Church of England and at the age of 16 began to think about a possible vocation to ministry. However, due to my young age I decided to first attend University. During my time at Leeds Trinity I got involved with the Chaplaincy and became more and more interested in Catholicism, this eventually led to my being received into the Church.

After graduating University, I got an office job for a number of years so that I could settle in to being a Catholic as well as further discern my vocation. It was during this time that I felt more and more that God was calling me to the Priesthood, however, I wasn't sure how or where. Therefore, I took the opportunity to visit a number of religious communities as well as attend the Diocesan Vocations Group. After a number of years, I decided to apply to join the Dominicans. I was accepted and began my novitiate. While I was a Dominican, I began to feel that God was calling me back to Leeds Diocese and the more I discerned the more I felt that God wanted me to be a Diocesan priest. I continued to discern this call within the Dominicans and eventually I contacted the Diocesan Vocations Director and was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Leeds and sent to Rome to finish my studies.

When I am not in Rome, I will be in and around the parish helping out and I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming months and years. Please be assured of my prayers for the parish and its members and please pray for me and for all those discerning their vocations.

ST. JOSEPH'S NURSERY PONTEFRACT

Places are currently available for any child who is 3 years old. Please email admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk for more details.

Applications, for a January start, are now also being taken for children who will be aged three years by December 31st. In the current situation parents are asked to obtain an Application Form from our school website www.stjosephspontefract.co.uk. The form is named "SIF 2020" and is under the Menu Selections "Parents", then "Admissions" which you can complete and email to us along with the relevant documentation to admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk. The completed form and any relevant documentation should be received by school by 3.30pm Friday 9th October. Please note failure to provide any necessary additional documents by the closing date will delay the correct categorisation of the application.

It should be noted that an offer of a place in the nursery does not guarantee a place in school, for which a separate application must be made.

We are currently looking into providing 30-hour childcare in our Nursery, if you are interested in this option please contact us by emailing— admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk.

CHANGES TO THE LAYOUT AT ST JOSEPH'S FROM WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

We are changing the layout at St Joseph's to the 1M+ arrangement which we already have in place at St Michael's.

The new layout will be in place for Mass on Wednesday, 7th October. In order to give us time to make the changes, there will be no Mass on Monday 6th October.

Under the new arrangements, when arriving at Church and if you have already reserved a place through the Telephone Booking System, a Steward will guide you to your seat. Others arriving, who have not booked, will only be allowed in, if a spare place is available.

Communion will be offered at the front of each of the Aisles with communicants being guided, one bench at a time, by a Steward.

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

These rules, along with wearing of Face Covering, in many ways change the way we are used to being 'at Mass', but they are necessary to ensure that we can conform with the requirement to maintain Social Distancing in Church and that we care for the safety and wellbeing of everyone attending Mass. Please follow the guidance of the Stewards.

SEATING ARRANGEMENT

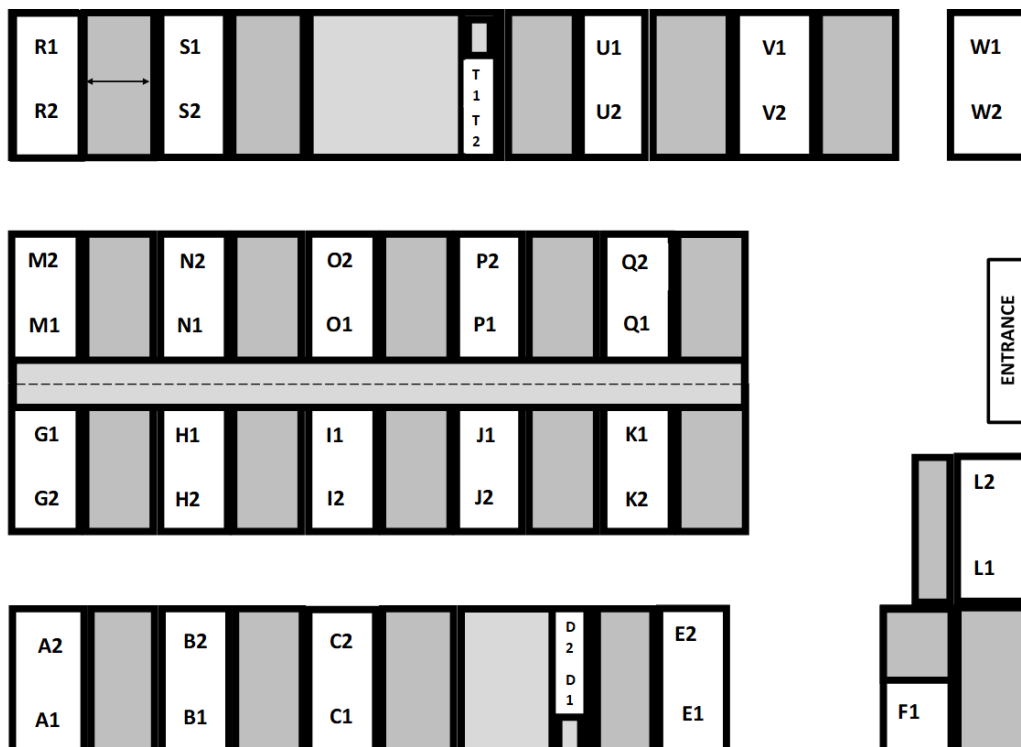
This is how the seating will be labelled under the 1M+ arrangement from Wednesday 7th October.

Each bench, where seating is permitted, can accommodate 2 Individuals from different households 1 metre apart, or a group of Adults and Children from the same Household.

The Benches which are not to be used and a half metre space on the inside of each of the benches in the middle of church will have "DO NOT SIT HERE" signs on them.

When booking a place at Mass using the Telephone Booking System, Household Groups will be given a Bench Letter. Individuals will also be given a Bench Letter and where a Bench is being shared by 2 Individuals and the first person arriving will be asked to sit in the seat in the allocated Bench labelled 1 and the second person arriving will be asked to seat in the Bench labelled 2.

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



GUIDELINES FOR VISITING OUR CHURCHES.

Everyone coming to church, whether for Mass, Private Prayer 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.

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.

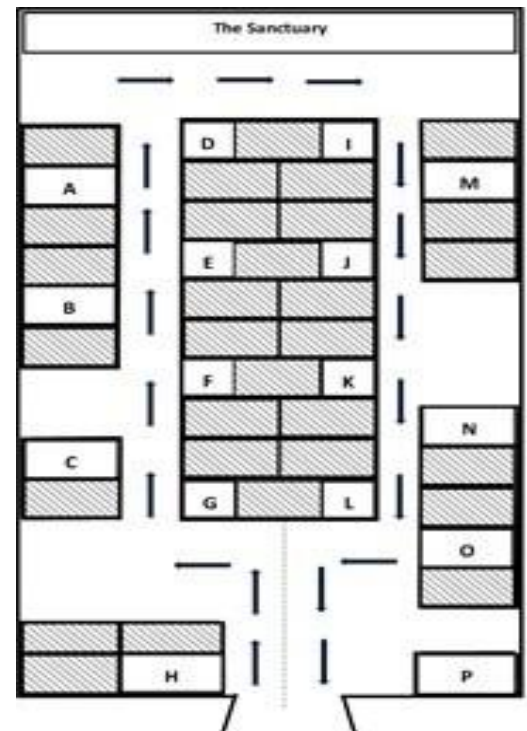
There will be no Toilet facilities available at either church in order to prevent any risk of transmission of infection.

ST JOSEPH'S

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

A signposted 'one way' system will be in place in the church. Benches have been taped off to ensure 2 metre social distancing can be maintained inside church. Some benches will be suitable for individuals, others for up to 3 people from the same household. There will also be a limit on the total number of people in church at the same time. Should the church reach its limit then a "one in, one out" policy will be adopted.

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



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.

