

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf
 Parish Priest: Canon Tim Wilely Pastor Emeritus: Fr. Bernard Funnell

Registered Charity No. 249404



St Joseph's Presbytery, Back Street, Pontefract, WF8 1NL Tel: 01977 702297

Email: office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Website: www.parishofstjoseph.co.uk

Follow us on: Facebook (parishofstjoseph) and Twitter (@ParishofStJ)

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Julie Birch: 01977 277083



Our Churches will be open 15 minutes before the start of Mass

Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	28/03	St Michael's	9:15am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:15am	Canon Vincent O'Hara
Monday	29/03	St Joseph's	10:15am	Susan & John Hilley (RIP)
Tuesday	30/03	St Michael's	7:15pm	Dead List
Wednesday	31/03	St Joseph's	11:15am	Don Atkinson
		<i>St Joseph's</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>01/04</i>	<i>St Michael's</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>Gloria Burden/Adrien Land</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>02/04</i>	<i>St Michael's</i>	<i>3:00pm</i>	<i>Commemoration of The Lord's Passion</i>
		<i>St Joseph's</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	<i>03/04</i>	<i>St Michael's</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>Brian Wainman (RIP)</i>
		<i>Mass of the Easter Vigil</i>		
<i>Sunday</i> <i>EASTER DAY</i>	<i>04/04</i>	<i>St Michael's</i>	<i>9:15am</i>	<i>COVID Victims and Families</i>
		<i>St Joseph's</i>	<i>11:15am</i>	<i>People of the Parish</i>

CONFESSIONS

At St Joseph's on the Sanctuary and St Michael's by Our Lady's Statue before Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and after Mass/Service on Thursday and Friday.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Austin Melody, Anne Binns 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:
 Francis Keane, Joan Belanger, Arthur Carney,
 Kathleen Bourke, Alberta Burns,
 And all those affected by the Coronavirus.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

Sylvia Hawsworth (Anniversary), Gordon Lumb, Policarpio Dela Luna (Anniversary)

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.
- Mass on Sunday is always said for the intentions of all the Parish and Parishioners.

MASSES THIS SUNDAY - there are very few seats left at our Churches on Sunday with a couple of seats free at St Joseph's and only 7 seats free at St Michael's. This means that if you go on Sunday without having booked and no seats are available, you may not be able to stay for Mass.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES – Services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday at St Michael's are now fully booked. There are some seats still available for Maundy Thursday and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. If you have booked a place for any of the Easter Services and your plans change so you cannot go, please call the Telephone Booking Line when open or email office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to let us know.

TELEPHONE BOOKING LINE

If you have plans to be at any of our Masses or Easter Services, then please call the Telephone Booking Line on Thursday or Friday to book your place in advance.

Please note that you can only book your place(s) by speaking to us on Telephone Booking Line during its opening times set out below.

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

The seating plans for our Churches set out below are now also on the Home Page of the Parish Website

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



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



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We are preparing the boxes of Offertory Envelopes for the next Financial Year and as a first step, if you have box of envelopes and you have booked a place at Mass then the new box will be available for you to collect at the church where you have booked. Arrangements will be made over the following weeks to make more of the boxes available for collection. If you want us to leave your box at either St Joseph's or St Michael's, then please tell one of the Stewards or get in touch with the Parish preferably by email.

This may seem like a lengthy process, but we are cautiously trying to avoid any congestion as parishioners arrive or leave church so that we can maintain social distancing and not put anyone at risk.



On behalf of the parish CAFOD group, Hannah and Kate Jones are taking on the Walk for Water Challenge. They will be walking 10,000 steps a day between them for the 40 days of Lent to raise money and to show solidarity with those who have to walk miles to get safe drinking water.

Update from Hannah and Kate: "Hooray, we've reached our goal of walking 400,000 steps! We'll still be walking each day for the rest of Lent in solidarity with those who have to walk miles every day to get water. We're also very close to our final fundraising target of £650. Thanks again for all your support!" If you would like to see updates on their progress or to donate, please visit the CAFOD group's JustGiving page here: <https://bit.ly/3aPCERs>

RED MISSION BOXES - If you have any of these boxes and wish to pass on your collections, then you can leave them at the back of St Joseph's or St Michael's when they are open.

SAFEGUARDING – We have created a page on our website to provide information and advice about Safeguarding in our Parish. You can find the page at <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/safeguarding> We are also seeking a volunteer to be an additional Safeguarding Representative to help implement our safeguarding policy and procedures. Training is available through the Diocese. Anyone interested can contact Julie Birch (Tel 01977 277083 or email julbirch@talktalk.net), for more information and/or to express their interest directly to our Parish Priest Canon Tim.



When arriving and leaving Church please adhere to Social Distancing Rules and “Keep 2 metres apart from others”.

If you have to queue to get in or out, then please ensure that you keep 2 metres apart from whoever is in front of you.

Also please maintain your distance when following someone who may not be able to walk quite as fast as you.



COVID Level: NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

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.

Everyone coming to church 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.

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

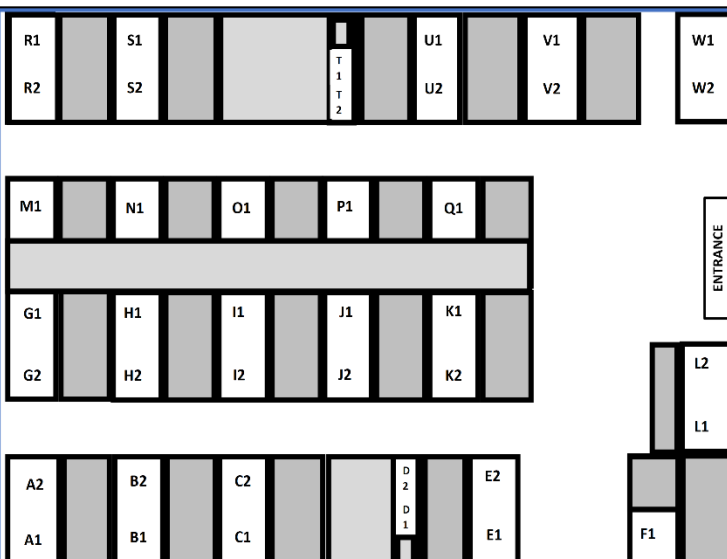
Communion will be brought to everyone in their place.

Visitors are to remain in their seat at the end of Mass until a Steward advises that they can leave church.

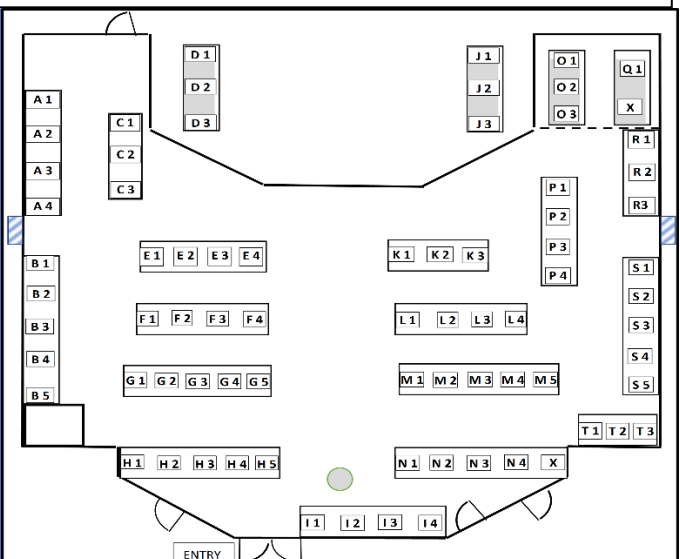
Please follow the advice and guidance of the Stewards when arriving and leaving church. It is especially important that everyone maintains the social distancing rules when arriving at church and leaving. We appreciate that visitors may wish to meet up with friends but in these difficult times, we must ask you to follow the rules and leave church and the grounds promptly under the guidance of the Stewards after Mass.

There will be no Toilet facilities available at either church.

St Joseph’s Seating



St Michael’s Seating



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At each Station say:

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

I. Jesus is condemned to death.

Consider how Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the Cross.

II. Jesus receives the Cross.

Consider how Jesus, in making his journey with the Cross on His shoulders, thought of us, and offered for us to His Father the death He was about to undergo.

III. Jesus falls the first time.

Consider this first fall of Jesus, under his Cross. His flesh was torn by the scourges. His head was crowned with thorns: He had lost a great quantity of blood. So weakened He could scarcely walk. He yet had to carry this great load upon His shoulders. The soldiers struck Him rudely and He fell several times.

IV. Jesus is met by his Blessed Mother.

Consider this meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. Their looks became like so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

V. The Cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene.

Consider how His cruel tormentors, seeing Jesus was on the point of expiring, and fearing He would die on the way, whereas they wished him to die the shameful death of the Cross, constrained Simon of Cyrene to carry the Cross behind Our Lord.

VI. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

Consider how the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so ill-used, and bathed in sweat and blood, wiped His face with a towel, on which was left the impression of his holy countenance.

VII. Jesus falls the second time.

Consider the second fall of Jesus under the Cross; a fall which renews the pain of all the wounds in His head and members.

VIII. The women of Jerusalem mourn for Our Lord.

Consider how these women wept with compassion at seeing Jesus in such a pitiable state, streaming with

blood, as He walked along. "Daughters of Jerusalem" said He, "weep not for me but for yourselves and for your children".

IX. Jesus falls the third time.

Consider the third fall of Jesus Christ. His weakness was extreme, and the cruelty of His executioners excessive, who tried to hasten His steps when He could scarcely move.

X. Jesus is stripped of his garments.

Consider the violence with which Jesus was stripped by the executioners. His inner garments adhered to His torn flesh, and they dragged them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Take pity on your Saviour thus cruelly treated.

XI. Jesus is nailed to the Cross.

Consider how Jesus, having been placed upon the Cross, extended His hands, and offered to His Eternal Father the sacrifice of His life for our salvation. Those barbarians fastened Him with nails, and then, securing the Cross, allowed Him to die with anguish on His infamous gibbet.

XII. Jesus dies on the Cross.

Consider how Jesus, being consumed with anguish after three hours' agony on the Cross, abandoned Himself to the weight of His body, bowed His head and died.

XIII. Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

Consider how, after Our Lord had expired, two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took Him down from the Cross and placed Him in the arms of His afflicted Mother, who received Him with unutterable tenderness, and pressed Him to Her bosom.

XIV. Jesus is placed in the sepulchre.

Consider how disciples, accompanied by His Holy Mother, carried the body of Jesus to bury it. They closed the tomb, and all came sorrowfully away.

Taken from "A Simple Prayer Book" © The Incorporated Catholic Truth Society

