

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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Canon Tim will say Mass in private for the following Intentions.

Sunday 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	29/11	People of the Parish
Monday St Andrew	30/11	Ralph Jackson
Tuesday	01/12	Don Atkinson



CHURCH RE-OPENING FOR MASS STARTING ON WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

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

Wednesday	02/12	St Joseph's	11:15	Mario Alcantara
Thursday St Francis Xavier	03/12			Dead List
Friday	04/12	St Joseph's	18:15	Fr Lawrie Lister
Saturday	05/12	St Michael's	11:15	Intentions of Walsh Family & Friends
Sunday 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	06/12	St Michael's	09:15	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:15	Yorkshire Brethren

SACRAMENTS - Please keep in your prayers a number of our children who will make their First Communion on Saturday and also those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation a week on Thursday.

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 Brian Wainman, Louise Arrowsmith, Harry Clamp 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:
Joan Belanger, Arthur Carney, Kathleen Bourke, Eileen Symons, Alberta Burns, And all those affected by the Coronavirus.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Marie Austin (nee Walsh) who died in St Michael's Hospice, Harrogate this week. Marie left our Parish 7 years ago after living in Pontefract all her life. May she rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

Dead List, Jimmy Gordon (Lately Dead), Anne Ryan, William Ryan, Don Atkinson, Steve Musij
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.

ADVENT

This great season begins this Sunday. The year as we know all too well has not been one of the best! Advent though is a time where we can as a Parish and individually prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus. We could, as well as having an Advent Wreath in our homes, have an altar similar to the ones we had in Lent. This could be our focus as we pray at home for each other. It also helps us to see that it's not quite the time to put up our Trees.

Coming to Church has been difficult for so many of you, and it will be so for a number of months into the New Year. Let us use this Holy season, giving time to the Lord, especially at home when we are unable to get to Church, to pray for each other, for good health at this time and for our Faith to be strengthened in these difficult days.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Over the next few weeks and into the New Year our Children will be Celebrating the sacraments of Initiation. There will be, for the obvious reason of numbers in Church, the necessity for more celebrations of the Sacraments than usual. I am most grateful to our two Parish Schools, St. Joseph's and Holy Family and St Michael's for their help and support in preparing our Children for the Sacraments. It is especially understanding of Bishop Marcus to give me, as Parish Priest, the Faculty (permission) to Confirm Candidates this School year.

If you have any children not in one of Parish Primary Schools, you will be invited in the early new year to enrol them for Sacramental Preparation. Because of the restrictions in numbers we can have in our Churches, and in case of any further tightening of those restrictions, Date or Dates for Holy Communions in particular cannot yet be given. But watch this space.

BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT MASS – Our Telephone Booking System will be open again from Thursday 3rd December. Bookings can be made by individuals for themselves, on behalf of another parishioner, or for a family/household. Booking for Wednesday 2nd December will not be required.



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



NOVEMBER DEAD LIST 2020 will remain open until the middle of December due to the current restrictions in place. 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. 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, put in the collection, or posted in the letterbox on the door into the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's .

REPOSITORY STALL - Various cards and other items will be on sale in the entrance at St Michael's Church before and after Mass on Saturdays & Sundays. Limited stock is available and due to current circumstances and we will not be able to order further stocks this year. We ask you not to pick up any items you may not buy and please bring the right amount of cash as change cannot be given.

Please maintain social distancing when approaching the stall if someone else is already there.

PRICE LIST

Boxed Christmas Cards - £4.00

Single Christmas Cards - £1.00

Advent Calendars - £1.50

First Communion Cards - £1.00

All other Cards - £1.00

COVID Level: TIER 3 VERY HIGH ALERT

From Wednesday 2nd December both Churches in our Parish will be in the Local Alert Level 3 (Tier 3 - Very High Alert).

The restrictions state that places of worship remain open, but you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there, unless a legal exemption applies.

Please follow the guidance of the Stewards at all times.

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.

Even if you check in with the App & QR Code we still ask you to provide name and contact details. This record is held securely for 21 days to assist with the NHS Test & Trace System.

PERU MISSION FUND APPEAL: Under current restrictions it will not be possible to hold our usual 'after Mass' collection for the Peru Mission Fund. Please support the people of Peru with your prayers. If you have an Offertory Envelope you can leave it at church. All donations will be forwarded to the Peru Commission.

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

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS – We are now publishing the readings for Sunday Mass on the Parish Website. The readings will be available to download on Friday each week with a link provided on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Go to <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-readings>

MAKING AN OFFERING TO OUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone who has made donations to our parish. Information about our Online Parish Offertory, Text Giving and Standing Orders is on our Website. <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>

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. 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.

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.

The funds in the Red Mission Boxes will be passed on to the APF.

KNOTTINGLEY FOODBANK

Our Knottingley Foodbank page on the Parish Website has been updated with some Seasonal Products that would be much appreciated.

Go to: <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/knottingley-foodbank>

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

You should socially distance from people outside your household whilst inside or outside the Church building. Please follow the advice and guidance given by the Stewards.

There will be no Toilet facilities available at either church.

You must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when inside church or outdoors.

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

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.

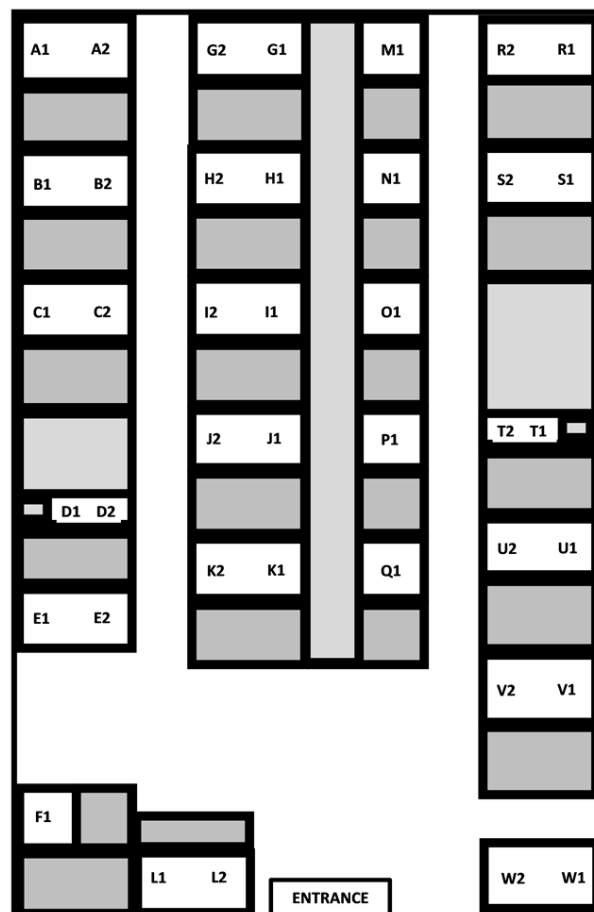
Communion will be brought by the Priest to each bench.

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.

