

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

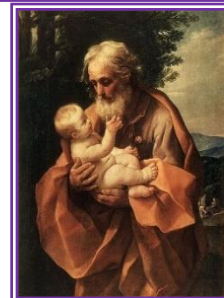
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	03/03	St Michael's	9:00am	Winnie Moran (RIP)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Doreen Kelly (RIP)
Monday	04/03	St Joseph's	10:15am	Dead List
Tuesday	05/03	St Michael's	7:15pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	06/03	St Joseph's	9:15am	Ernesto, Florence, Erwin Espino
		H.F.S.M	9:15am	Stations of the Cross (School)
Thursday	07/03	St Michael's	11:00am	Wendy Chapman
Friday	08/03	St Joseph's	9:30am	Stations of the Cross (School)
		St Wilfrid's School	12:15pm	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	1:00pm	Requiem for Dorothy Howley
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Special Intention ( <b>Followed by Stations of the Cross</b> )
Saturday	09/03	St Michael's	10:00am	In honour of Ss Simon & Jude
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)	10/03	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	John W. Gallivan (Anniversary)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Alma Magnell (RIP)

**Confessions:** St Michael's; Saturday: After 10am Mass until 11am.

St Joseph's; Friday 5:30pm to 6pm and on request

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** (Exposition will begin about 45 minutes before Mass)

Monday	St Joseph's	Before 10:15am Mass
Wednesday	St Joseph's	Before 11:15am Mass
Friday	St Joseph's	Before 6:15pm Mass
Saturday	St Michael's	Before 10:00am Mass

**Silence before Mass** Please respect silence before Mass. Please ensure that mobile phones are switched off! This is a precious time for people to pray and prepare themselves spiritually.

#### LATELY DEAD

Please pray for: Dorothy Howley, Tony Cairns 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: Sir Bill O'Brien, Francis Keane, Kathleen Bourke, Nick Yarsley, David Walsh and Christine Fenton

#### MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Private Intention, John Taylor (RIP), World Peace, Doreen Williams (speedy recovery), David Hawksworth (Anniversary), Maureen Walsh (Birthday), Special Intention for Ancy Anna Paul, John & Myra (Sick)

#### FOR MASS INTENTIONS

- Hand to Canon Tim or Father Joshy after Mass (envelopes available in the entrance to both Churches)
- 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. (2 weeks' notice is needed).
- Note - one of the Masses on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For information regarding all Sacramental Preparation (First confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms, Adults received into the Church, Adult Confirmation and Marriage please see the Parish Website <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

FOR A POLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE GO TO <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

#### COLLECTIONS

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Envelopes - £336.00  
Loose Plate - £442.00

Standing Orders for Feb £2,995

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**OFFERINGS** – If you have any questions about any of the methods of making your offering to the Parish then call or email the Parish Office or go to

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



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#### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (Please note the following)

St Joseph's Church will be open from 8am to 4pm **Monday to Friday** for Private Prayer.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S** during 9am Mass & **ST JOSEPH'S** during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks.

**SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS** –served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall & after the 11am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.

#### PARISH NEWS

**PARISH POOL** - Winning Numbers for 25/02/24 are 51 and 93– Congratulations!

If you would like to join, then can you select a number(S) in the entrance to either Church before the following Masses or by going to the church hall after the 9am Mass at St Michael's or 11am Mass at St Joseph's. Each number will be £1 per week.

**First Confession:** If you have a child in **Year Three or above**, and not in either of our Parish Schools – St Joseph's Pontefract or Holy Family & St Michael's and wish them to make their First Confession, there will be a meeting on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12 noon** in the Parish Office at St Joseph's.

**First Holy Communion:** If you have a child who is in **Year Four or above**, and not in either of our Parish Schools – St Joseph's Pontefract or Holy Family & St Michael's and wish them to make their First Holy Communion, there will be a meeting on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 1pm** in the Parish Office at St Joseph's.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am 2024 in St Michael's Hall.

Delicious soups, sandwiches and cakes to share with friends.

**Next SVP** meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm, in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's Church.



**CAFOD Big Lent Walk - Kate and Hannah have now walked 100km, half of their target distance!**

Thanks to everyone for your messages of support and generous donations. We have now raised £375 for CAFOD! This will make a real difference to people's lives as every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. Thanks also to those who joined us on our

walk this week. If you'd like to join us on one of our future walks, please add your name to the sheet at the back of either church.

Monday 4 March 2:30 pm

Friday 15 March 2:30 pm

Thursday 21 March 10:30 am

If anyone would like to sponsor Kate and Hannah, they would be grateful. You can donate using the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/biglentwalk>

We also have a QR code that will take parishioners to our fundraising page.



**Prayer meeting** – There will be a prayer meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from 4pm to 5pm at St Michael's Church, Knottingley. This is conducted by the St Michael's and St Joseph's prayer group and will be in Malayalam. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

**Stations of the Cross** after 10:00am Mass on a Saturday (in Malayalam) at St Michael's Church, Knottingley.

### **'Welcome Refugee Action Project (WRAP) -**

In order to start the appeal for the Refugee Project (WRAP) there will be a raffle for a hamper (one for each church). Raffle tickets will be sold, at each Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. The winning ticket at St Michael's will be drawn after the 9am Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. The winning ticket at St Joseph's will be drawn after the 6pm Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. Both winning numbers will be on the bulletin next week.

#### Tombola

We are also planning a Tombola to raise funds for the above. If you have any unwanted, surplus items that would be suitable for the tombola please leave them in the boxes provided in the entrance to each Church.

Thank you for your continued support

## DIOCESE NEWS

### **PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS:**

Preparations are now underway for the second session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome this October 2024. The Synod Office in Rome has asked the local Churches to reflect on the following specific question: 'HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?' For further information on this stage of the synodal process and to submit any reflections please visit the diocesan synodal webpages: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission/>.

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL LENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

#### Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 - Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

#### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 18(19):8-11

*R: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

*R:*

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

*R:*

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *R:*

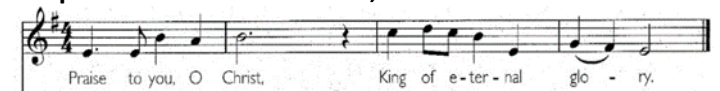
They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. *R:*

#### Second reading - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether

they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

#### Gospel Acclamation - Jn11:25, 26



*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. *Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

#### Gospel - John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

#### Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Prayer over the People

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord.