

# 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 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 – 27th Week of Ordinary Time<br>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 – 04/10   |                        | People of the Parish             |                                      | St Joseph's<br>10am to 12 noon |
| Monday – 05/10   |                        | Special Intention                | No Mass                              |                                |
| Tuesday – 06/10  |                        | Special Intention                |                                      |                                |
| Wed'day – 07/10  | Our Lady of the Rosary | Maureen Dyson<br>(Good Recovery) | St Joseph's<br>11am to 12 noon       |                                |
| Thursday – 08/10   |                        | Dead List                        |                                      |                                |
| Friday – 09/10   | St John Henry Newman   | Yorkshire Brethren               | St Joseph's<br>6pm to 7pm            |                                |
| Saturday – 10/10   | St Paulinus of York    | Dead List                        | St Michael's<br>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.

Funeral Service at St Michael's on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October for Jack Hobman Dunnill.

Congratulations to Nicola Lambert and George Reed-Hill; married at St Joseph's last Saturday

**TO BOOK A PLACE FOR MASS - Phone 07709 091786**

**Call on Thursday or Friday between 10 am and 12 Noon**

Starting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October there will be an additional weekly Mass at St Michael's on Tuesday evening. Church will open at 6pm and Mass will start at 6:15pm.

**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](mailto:office.stjoseph.pontefract@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

### LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Kathleen Hardy, Jack Hobman  
Dunnill and John Lee.  
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.

**Maureen Dyson (Good Recovery), Wendy Birdsall (Anniversary), Tom & Nellie Dickinson, Roger Metcalfe, Vera (Lately Dead), Dan Atkinson (Lately Dead), Special Intention (JW + COVID Intention)**

- 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).



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### 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.

### KNOTTINGLEY FOODBANK

The Knottingley Foodbank is continuing to provide help to the local community and our Parish continues to make donations of food and other essential items. Before COVID, parishioners could leave their gifts at St Michael's Church when attending Mass or just visiting when the Church was open. This facility of course became unavailable when St Michael's had to close due to the Virus. Donations have continued to be given however under the guidance of Mary McAteer and Barbara Winwood, to whom we are most grateful. With the Church now open for Mass on Saturday, the facility for parishioners to leave their donations can return. A basket will be available in the entrance so that donations can be made when St Michael's is open for Mass.

Generally, the sort of products needed are: Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Sugar, Cordials, Sauce Packets, Pot Noodles and vegetables. We are checking with the Foodbank to see what their current urgent needs are and will pass on that information through our Social Media Channels and the Parish website (which now has a dedicated page to Knottingley Foodbank under the "Charities" Menu item).

## PARISH WEBSITE - <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/>

A few changes are being made to our Parish Website which we hope will help to keep you informed and up to date.

A new page has been added under the NEWS Menu item for COVID-19 where you will find all the current guidance for visiting our Churches.

The Schedule of Mass Intentions which is published on Wednesday each week, can now be found under the BULLETIN Menu item along with the latest Version of the Parish Bulletin.

A new Menu item for CHARITIES has been added with link to Pages dedicated to the many Charities our Parish supports. Initially a Page is there for CAFOD and one for the KNOTTINGLEY FOODBANK. We will add more Pages for other charities over the coming weeks.

## ST. JOSEPH'S NURSERY PONTEFRACT

Places are currently available for any child who is 3 years old. Please email [admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk).

## SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN - SPUC

### Sign the petition to save the right to save lives

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. We must protect this vital work.

Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition

here: <https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>

## CHANGES TO THE LAYOUT AT ST JOSEPH'S FROM WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> October.** In order to give us time to make the changes, there will be no Mass on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

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.

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

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.

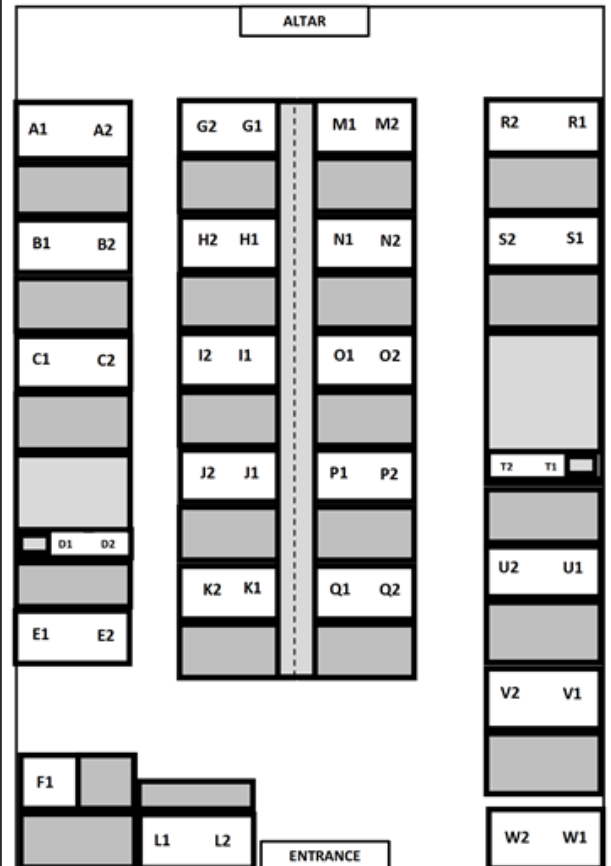
Communion will be offered at the front of each of the Aisles with communicants being guided, one bench at a time, by a Steward.

You 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 at church in order to prevent any risk of transmission of infection.



### 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.

