

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf
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DO NOT LEAVE IT IN CHURCH**

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

Sunday	05/09	St Michael's	9:00am	Jean and Arthur Carney
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	6.00pm	Brian Hazlewood (RIP)
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time				
Monday	06/09	St Joseph's	9:00am	School Staff
			10.15am	Dead List
Tuesday	07/09	St Michael's	7:15pm	Margaret Gerrard (RIP)
Wednesday	08/09	St Joseph's	11:15am	Mary Bowers (RIP)
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY				
Thursday	09/09	St Joseph's	7.00pm	Unity of the Church
Friday	10/09	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Private Intentions
Saturday	11/09	St Michael's	11:15am	In Thanksgiving
Mass of Our Lady				
Sunday	12/09	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Edith Gallivan (Birthday Intention)
		St Joseph's	6.00pm	Yorkshire Brethren
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time				

Limited spaces at St Joseph's for 11.00am Mass so if you haven't booked then we cannot guarantee that you will get a seat and may be turned away. A good number of seats available at all other Masses.

CONFESSIONS - The confessionals at both churches are now back in use. Confession Times – St Joseph's -Friday 5.50-6.10pm. St Michael's Saturday 10.50-11.10am. Also, on request.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for

Margaret Addleton

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:

John Carney, Connie Clamp, Francis Keane, Joan Belanger, Kathleen Bourke, Alberta Burns, And all those affected by the Coronavirus.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK.

Mark Hopkins (sick), In Thanksgiving for people (e.g in Afghanistan), Betty Howley (RIP)

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.
- Note - Mass on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.

ADDITIONAL MASS

Please note that there will be a Mass on Monday 6th September at 9am and a Mass at the usual time of 10.15am.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Our schools go back this week after a well earned holiday for both staff and students. We pray that the coming year will be safe and as normal as possible.

We welcome the staff of both our Primary Schools to Mass on Monday at St Joseph's Church at 9am.

Our Faith – The evenings of finding out more about our Faith will begin on Wednesday 29th September 2021 in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's Church. They will begin at 7pm and will last for 1 hour. They will then take place every other Wednesday evening.

CONFIRMATION - If your child is not in one of our Parish Schools and will be age 11 or over by next August 2022 there will be a short meeting on Wednesday 22nd September at 4.15pm in the Parish meeting room at St Joseph's Church. The purpose of the meeting is for the children to be enrolled and begin preparation for the Sacrament. Bishop Marcus is coming to the Parish in December to celebrate the Sacrament. If your child is in either Holy Family and St Michael's School or St Joseph's School details for your child's Confirmation will be available when the schools reopen in September.

CAFOD

How CAFOD is responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

CAFOD would like to share this prayer with you in this time of crisis

Loving Lord,

For those who have died, give them eternal rest.

For those who are bereaved, comfort and console them.

For those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.

Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.

Heavenly Father, be with us now and always.

Amen.

LIQUORICE SINGERS CONCERT

The UCM are putting on a concert 🎵 at St Michael's Church on the 8 September 2021 at 7pm. Tickets are £4 and includes a raffle prize. Tickets available Saturday and Sunday at St Michael's and Sunday only at St Joseph's or contact Ann on 07710788225 or Kate on 07449685727.

There will be no payment on the door, bookings required as COVID restrictions are still in place. A face covering must be worn, subject to the usual exemptions. A steward will guide you to your seat. Please remain in your seat until a steward advises you to leave at the end of the concert. **Extra parking is available at the back of Knottingley Club.**

TO BOOK A PLACE FOR MASS ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY - Phone 07709 091786

Bookings can only be made by calling:

Thursday - 10:30am to 12:30pm, 6:30pm to 7:30pm Friday - 10:30am to 11:30am

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

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

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.

ATTENDING MASS FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Stewards will not be in attendance at Masses at St Joseph's or St Michael's.

Everyone attending those Masses are asked to:

- Use the hand sanitisers on entry and exit.
- Continue to wear a face covering subject the usual exemptions.
- Respect the concerns of others and avoid getting too close on arrival, departure and when inside church.
- Names and contact details will not be required but sign in can be made by using the NHS App and scanning the QR Code.
- Remain in your place for Communion to be brought to you by the priest.
- Leave church in a safe manner at the end of Mass whilst avoiding gathering in groups inside church.

Note: The toilet at St Michael's will not be available on weekdays.

ATTENDING MASS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

We expect that more visitors will attend Mass at the weekend than from Monday to Friday and so Stewards will be in attendance to welcome you to church and provide guidance as necessary to make visitors to church feel safe.

In addition to adherence to the guidelines set out for attendance from Monday to Friday, everyone attending those Masses are asked to:

- Book your place(s) at Mass in advance using the Telephone Booking Line (Details above).
- Confirm your name and contact details with the Steward on entry.
- Follow the advice and guidance given by the Stewards.
- Ask a Steward if you wish to use the Toilet at St Michael's (no Toilet facilities available at St Joseph's).

Sunday 5 Sept 2021 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 - Isaiah 35:4-7

R:The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' **R:**

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; **R:**

for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water. **R:**

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading - James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those

who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation - 1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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