

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

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## SCHOOL CONTACTS

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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## 19<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY	07/08	St Michael's	9:00am	Private Intentions
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Paul & Mary Hogan (RIP)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Private Intentions
Monday	08/08	St Joseph's	10:15am	Brazil Walsh
<i>St Dominic</i>				
Tuesday	09/08	St Joseph's	7:15pm	Mary & Jim Croston (Anniversary)
<i>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS</i>				
Wednesday	10/08	St Joseph's	11:15am	Dead List
<i>St Lawrence</i>				
Thursday	11/08	St Michael's	10:30am	Joy Potton (RIP)
<i>St Clare</i>				
Friday	12/08	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Derrick Harrison (RIP)
Saturday	13/08	St Michael's	11:15am	Thanksgiving Prayer
<i>Mass of Our Lady</i>				
SUNDAY	14/08	St Michael's	9:00am	David Dry (RIP)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Yorkshire Brethren
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Syro Malabar Mass
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Confessions:** St Michael's; Saturday, 10:40am to 11.10am. St Joseph's; Friday 5:30pm – 6pm. Also, on request.

**HOLY DAYS** – In addition to Sundays being Holy Days, the following days are Holy Days:

**Sunday 14th August - The Assumption**

**Tuesday – 1st November - All Saints**

### LATELY DEAD

Please pray for: Mgr William Steele, Gerard Knowles, Susan Sharman 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: Connie Clamp, Francis Keane, Joan Belanger, Kathleen Bourke, Alberta Burns and Nick Yarsley.

## MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK FOR MASS INTENTIONS

The Butler & Walker Family, Hogan Family (RIP), Brenda & Alan Smith in Thanksgiving, James Walsh (RIP) and relatives & friends

### FOR MASS INTENTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hand to Canon Tim or Father Joshy after Mass (envelopes available in the entrance to both Churches)</li><li>• Post in the letterbox on the door into the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's.</li><li>• Send via post to the Presbytery</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please state the name and Intention (e.g. Sick, Anniversary, RIP, Birthday etc).</li><li>• If you wish a particular day, please mention.</li><li>• Note - Mass on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.</li></ul> |
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### GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

When coming to Mass it is important to consider that others may wish to take a more cautious approach to meeting together than yourself. We should all be considerate of this and provide the opportunity and space for others to reduce close contacts if they wish. Please anticipate a desire for social distancing, especially when offering the Sign of Peace and when lining up to receive Holy Communion.

**WELCOMERS** - If you would like to join our group of Welcomers then please give your name and contact details to Canon Tim or contact Tina, our Parish Secretary.

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**MAKING AN OFFERING TO THE PARISH** - If you have any questions about any of the methods of making your offering to the Parish then email the Parish Office at <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>

**SUNDAY MASS CHILDREN'S LITURGY - ST MICHAEL'S** during 9am Mass. **ST JOSEPH'S** during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks. More help always welcome: If you can volunteer to help, please contact the Parish Office (01977 702297).

**SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS** – Tea and Coffee will be served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall and after the 1am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.

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### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

As we are out of all Covid restriction just a reminder of the arrangements for Sacramental Preparations in our Parish.

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| <b>First Confession:</b>    | Celebrated in School Year 3 (in Lent)  |
| <b>First Holy Communion</b> | Celebrated in School Year 4 (around June)                                      |
| <b>Confirmation:</b>        | Celebrated with Bishop Marcus with Students in year 6 (and above) in February. |

If your Child attends either St Joseph' or Holy Family & St Michael's Primary Schools, the school will give details to you nearer the time.

If your Child is not in one of the Parish Primary Schools but attends another school, including St Wilfrid's Catholic High School, please note that details for those Candidates will appear on the Parish Bulletin when preparation is about to begin.

There will be a deadline for applications, especially for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Baptisms:** See Canon Tim or Father Joshy if you are looking to have your child Baptised or call the Parish office on Tuesday or Friday between 10am & 2pm – 01977 702297.

For Parents who wish to have their Child(ren) Baptised, it is expected that one of the Parents is a Catholic, is attending Mass and lives in the Parish. Godparents must also be practising Catholics.

**Adults received into the church:** for those adults wishing to be received into the Church, classes will begin in September. However, it is expected that anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic is already attending Mass on a regular basis.

**Adults for Confirmation:** For any Parishioner who may not have been Confirmed and wishes to be Confirmed please see one of the Priests.

**Marriages:** If you are planning to marry at St Joseph's Church or St Michael's Church, **six months' notice is needed.** See Canon Tim or Father Joshy.

**PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers,  
31<sup>st</sup> July 42 & 70**

If you would like to join, then you can select a number(s) 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.

**PARISH NEWS**

**CAFOD** - Thank you to everyone who helped us to celebrate CAFOD's 60th anniversary on Sunday at both churches - and thank you for your generous donations which totalled £95.30!

**GOOD NEWS** – The Diocese have given permission for the accessible toilet at St Joseph's Church – More details later.

**Thank you** – to all who attended Father Bernard's funeral. Special thanks for those who helped to prepare church, for stewards, Pall Bearers, Readers and Tea and coffee for the clergy in the hall.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING –  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS**

In order to comply with Diocesan Safeguarding Policies it is essential that parents of children attending children's liturgy during mass have completed and signed the necessary consent form (one form per child please). The last thing the liturgy leaders would want is to have to turn a child away because they aren't registered. Forms are available at the back of both churches and from the leaders. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**HELP NEEDED PLEASE!**

The Children's Liturgy Groups are run by a very small band of loyal and committed volunteers some of whom have been doing it for many years. The parish is desperately in need of more help in order to provide rotas that call upon people's time fairly. Training and support will be provided by existing leaders. Additionally, they are also in need of help running the administrative side of this important work. It would only involve completing the weekly register during the session and ensuring that any new attendees fill in a consent form which is a Diocesan Safeguarding requirement. Please think about offering your services for either of these roles as it is a vital part in ensuring the continuing success of both Liturgy

Groups. Please feel free to approach any of the liturgy leaders to offer your help. You can be sure of a warm welcome. Thank you.

**DIOCESE NOTICES**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION VACANCY:** Fulltime, Permanent, Salary £55k - £70k dependent upon skills, experience and expertise. Start: January 2023 or earlier if possible. For an informal and totally confidential discussion about the role before making an application, please contact the Director of Education, Mr Kieron Flood on 07860773400 or Canon Tim Swinglehurst on 01132618040. Recruitment packs including application forms are available by emailing [evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Closing Date: 12pm Monday 19th September 2022. Interviews: Tuesday 27th September 2022.

**COORDINATOR FOR CATECHESIS AND CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION VACANCY:** Permanent, Salary £25k - £35k per annum dependent upon experience. For further information, please contact the Director of Education, Mr Kieron Flood on 07860773400 or Canon Tim Swinglehurst on 01132618040. Recruitment packs including application forms are available by emailing [evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Closing Date: 12pm Friday 9th September 2022. Interviews: Wednesday 21st September 2022.

**FLAME:** The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena in London. Tickets are £60 per person (including return coach travel). Email [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) to book yours!

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023:** Aged 16-30? You're invited to join the Diocese of Leeds Youth Service in Lisbon, Portugal from 31<sup>st</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 for World Youth Day, a week-long youth festival with Pope Francis and young people from across the world! Cost: £1200, which includes accommodation, travel, WYD package and more! Email [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) to apply!

**MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S:** Irish Night, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30-10:30, Irish Stew, Dessert, Irish Dance Band, Tickets: £15, available at reception.

**For further information regarding news and events in the Diocese go to [dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://dioceseofleeds.org.uk)**

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First reading - Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 32(33):1,12,18-20,22

**R:** Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R:**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R:**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R:**

### Second reading - Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so,

figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

### Gospel Acclamation - Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

### Gospel - Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon - Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.