

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT
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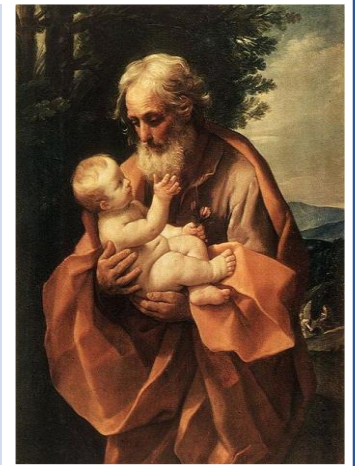
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PRAYER TO MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle.

Be thou our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who roam through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen



LATELY DEAD

Please pray for
all who have died recently.
May they rest in peace and may all
who mourn them be comforted.



OUR LADY'S LAMP INTENTIONS

When our churches reopen, if you wish to have a lamp burning night and day for an intention in front of the statues of Our Lady in either of our churches, please take an envelope from the back of church, write on your intention and hand it to the priest. Please provide a minimum donation of £5 per envelope.

MEETINGS

There are a number of volunteer groups
which meet regularly including:

SVP, CAFOD, & UCM

New members are always welcome.

WEEKLY DRAWS

ST MICHAEL'S POOL & ST JOSEPH'S 100 CLUB

Spare numbers will be available. Assignment of new numbers and payment is taken after each Mass on Sunday at St Michael's and St Joseph's.

MAKING AN OFFERING TO OUR PARISH

A new Standing Order can be set up using your own internet banking, mobile banking or telephone banking using the details set out in the STANDING ORDER MANDATE which is available to download on the Parish Website.

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

To contribute £5 to the Parish Offertory, text CHURCH STJP to 70500. Your donation amount will then be added to your mobile phone bill. The fixed option of "£5" has been chosen as this is the most common denomination using this method of giving and it helps to ensure it's cost effectiveness. Parishioners can use this flexibly – e.g. giving every 2 weeks if the amount is too much or giving twice in the same week if they wish to make a larger donation.

Prayers during a time of 'flu and illness

Information about how the Church is responding practically to Coronavirus can be found here: www.cbcew.org.uk/coronavirus-guidelines This information is kept up to date and should be checked regularly.

When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: 'He took our illnesses and bore our diseases'. Matthew 8:14-17

General Prayer for Health

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Prayer for those in Authority

Loving God, in Christ Jesus, the servant of all, you call us to the service of others.

Grant to those who govern the community the skill to recognise its urgent needs and the strength to pursue the common good. Endow us all with patience and courage, that we may care for the suffering, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and sustain the needy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Health Staff

Wondrous God, author of life,
you fashioned us in your likeness
and breathed into us
the life which is your own.
Be with those whose special care
is the health of mind and body.
Fill their hearts with awe
for the life which is your gift
and sustain them daily in your service,
that their hands may bring to others
the comfort of your healing touch.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for those Affected

Merciful God,
come to the help of your people.
Be our shelter in this time of peril
and strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer
the ravages of disease
and assist those whose skill and art
can put an end to this affliction.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O God,
our refuge and our shield,
even when we walk in the shadow of death
you are there at our side.
Be with your people in this time of danger:
bring strength to the afflicted
and protection to those untouched by disease.
Give us love and courage,
that we may trust in your power to save
and reach out to all who need our care.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Spiritual Communion

There are times when people are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, through illness or due to their personal disposition. Even though some may not receive 'sacramental' Communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. The traditional idea of 'spiritual' Communion is an important one to remember and reaffirm. A deep spiritual communion is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

(cf. Celebrating the Mass 212)

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy
Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my
soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and
forever.
Amen. (based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori)