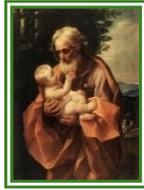


**WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT** (Incorporating the Churches of St. Michael, Knottingley & St. Joseph, Tanshelf). Parish Priest: Canon Tim Wiley. Assistant Priest: Father Joshy Philip

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| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (pg 136)</b> | 15/02 | St Michael's        | 9:00am        | Malcolm Crawshaw  |
|  |       | St Joseph's         | 11:00am       | Special Intention   |
|  |       | St Joseph's         | 6:00pm        | People of the Parish  |
| Monday   | 16/02 | St Joseph's         | 10:15am       | Private Intention   |
|  |       | St Michael's        | 7:00pm        | (Syro Malabar) Vibhooti   |
| Tuesday  | 17/02 | St Michael's        | 7:15pm        | Private Intention   |
| Wednesday  | 18/02 | <b>St Joseph's</b>  | <b>9.30am</b> | Mark Saul (Anniversary)   |
|  |       | <b>St Michael's</b> | <b>7:00pm</b> | Dead List   |
| <b>ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence)</b> |       |                     |               |   |
| Thursday   | 19/02 | St Michael's        | 11:00am       | Holy Souls  |
| Friday   | 20/02 | St Joseph's         | 6:15pm        | George M <sup>c</sup> Kenna<br>Stations of the Cross after Mass |
| Saturday   | 21/02 | St Michael's        | 10:00am       | Mary Nilen (RIP)  |
| <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                            | 22/02 | St Michael's        | 9:00am        | Louise Bodker   |
|  |       | St Joseph's         | 11:00am       | Dead List   |
|  |       | St Michael's        | 3:00pm        | Special Intention (Syro Malabar)                                |
|  |       | St Joseph's         | 6:00pm        | People of the Parish  |

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| <b>Confessions:</b> St Michael's, Saturday: After Mass until 11am. St Joseph's, Friday 5:30pm to 6pm and on request |              |                     |  |  |
| <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> (Exposition will begin about 45 minutes before Mass)                     |              |                     | <b>Silence before Mass</b> 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. |  |
| 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 |  |  |

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| <b>LATELY DEAD</b>  | <b>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</b>  |
| Please pray for: all those who have died recently, Kathleen Magyar. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted. | Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden (nee Land), Duggie Wigglesworth |

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| <b>MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</b>   |
| Thomas Donohue (Lately Dead), Walter & Annie Poskitt, Kathleen Sloan (Anniversary), Special Intention (M.D) |

## PARISH NEWS



**Thank you to everyone with your continued support for the WRAP project. I am pleased to say that in March we will be welcoming a family consisting of, mum, dad and two young children. The Home Office is liaising with the International Organisation of Migration in order to arrange flights and also make sure that the family have some preparation for life in the UK. Please keep the work of the project in your prayers as we strive to make a difference for one family.**

**Vocations Prayer:** The Bishop has asked that the following prayer be said after each Mass for Vocations. We will say the prayer after the Prayer to St. Michael.

***Our Lady of Unfailing Help!***

***Pray that the Lord of the Harvest***

***will send labourers into His harvest***

***and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life***

***within the Diocese of Leeds,***

***and throughout the world. Amen.***

**Monday Nights with Mary** – Come and Pray the Rosary with us at St Joseph's Church every Monday at 6.30pm. Pray for yourselves, the church and the world. "Pray the rosary everyday" Our Lady of Fatima 1917.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** If you have a child who is in year 4 or above and wish them to make their First Holy Communion this year, application forms are available at the Sunday Masses.

**PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 08/02/2026 are: 39 and 104. Congratulations to the winners.**

**Collections (08/02/2026)** Envelopes £304.00, Loose Plate £461.00. Standing Orders for January-£2963.00. Thank you for your support.

**Prayer meeting** – During Lent we will be saying the Rosary after the Saturday 10am Mass 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.

**SVP** - Next meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7:00pm, at St Joseph's, Pontefract.



**'Lunch with Us'** - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

## DIOCESE NEWS

**Priestly Vocations Discernment Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 6:30pm at The Newman Centre at St Theresa's, Crossgates. If you are planning on attending for the first time, and haven't done so already, please contact Fr Simon Lodge to register your interest on [vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS:** Free Guided Tour will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. Booking not required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**NEW MEN'S GROUP:** The Oratory of St Joseph, for young Catholic or other interested laymen aged between 21 & 35. Monthly meetings at Hinsley Hall LS6 2BX, for prayer, Benediction, talks, social time & free supper. Inaugural meeting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30-8.30pm. Contact: [benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**DAY FOR CATECHISTS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. The Vicariate for Education ran a very fruitful and well-attended day workshop for Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists in January. For anyone who was unable to make it, there will be a repeat of the day on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. This will include similar input, times of sharing and prayer. Lunch included. Please register your free place no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> April by emailing [formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

## VACANCIES

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield. Start: September 2026 or earlier. Closing date: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026. For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Rob Barraclough, Acting CEO, The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust on 01924 802285, [rbarraclough@bkcat.uk](mailto:rbarraclough@bkcat.uk) Visit <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/> for more details and to apply.

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Leeds. Start: September 2026. Closing date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Please contact the Trust HR department to discuss the role in more detail or to arrange a visit, [hr@sgtgc.org.uk](mailto:hr@sgtgc.org.uk)