

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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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (PAGE 111)	04/01	St Michael's	9:00am	David Dry
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Special Intention
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	05/01	St Joseph's	10:15am	Maureen Walsh
TUESDAY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	06/01	St Joseph's	9:30am	John Chapman (School in attendance)
		H.F.S.M	10:45am	Yorkshire Brethren (School Mass)
		St Michael's	7:00pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday	07/01	St Joseph's	11:15am	Aleykutty Joseph (Anniversary)
<i>St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest</i>				
Thursday	08/01	St Michael's	11:00am	Dead List
Friday	09/01	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Game Family
Saturday	10/01	St Michael's	10:00am	Father John Brendan Murphy (RIP)
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	11/01	St Michael's	9:00am	Eileen Symons
		St Joseph's	11:00am	People of the Parish
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Michael Murphy

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

<p>LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for: Father David Bulmer and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.</p>	<p>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</p> <p>Please pray for: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara Winwood, Eric Duker, Mary Musji, Gloria Jean Burden, (nee Land), Nora McCann, Douggie Wigglesworth</p>
<p>MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Edith Gallivan (Anniversary), John W. Gallivan (Anniversary), John B Gallivan (Birthday), Barbara Evans (Birthday), Private Intention (K.K), Lorraine Trias</p>	

PARISH NEWS

Holy Family Church and Site.

An expression of interest has been received to convert the former Holy Family Church into a Community Hub with special provisions for children with learning difficulties or disabilities. The individuals involved have engaged locally and nationally to raise the awareness of their proposal which will rely heavily on grant support. We will keep you in touch with developments.

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.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 28/12/2025 are: **19 and 131.** Congratulations to all the winners.

Collections- Envelopes £297.00, Loose Plate £467.00 Standing Orders for November- £2630.00. Thank you for your support.

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting on the Second Saturday of each month after the 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 5th January 2026 at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 8th January 2026 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.



Canon Tim and Fr Joshy
wish you all a very Happy
New Year

A big thank you to everyone for your generous offerings and support throughout the year.

Crib: The Crib collection this year will be for the benefit of the work of the SVP in the Parish. Thank you.

DIOCESE NEWS

LOURDES NURSES VOLUNTEER APPEAL: Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? Please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join the team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience, and many nurses return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

IRISH NIGHT FUNDRAISER: in aid of the Little sisters of the Poor rebuild fund February 27th 2026, Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds commencing at 7.30pm. Irish meal soda bread and Irish dessert, Irish music and dancing. Auction, raffle and football card, tickets on sale in Irish Centre and also contact Sister Christina email funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

Vacancies

GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY VACANCY: Growing Old Grace-fully is looking for a freelancer to support work across the diocese, with a focus on unpaid Carers. The project has funding for 12 hours per week (or monthly equivalent) at £20 per hour plus travel expenses. We have funding initially for a one-year contract. Closing date: 16th January 2026. Interviews: Thursday 28th January 2026. For an application pack please e mail carol.burns@yahoo.co.uk To find out more go to www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk

HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACANCY: Holy Family Catholic High School, Keighley. Start: Easter 2026. Closing date: Friday 16th January at 9am. Contract packs are available from the school office: office@holyfamilyschool.uk or 01535 210212. For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Michelle Clare, mclare@holyfamilyschool.uk