

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

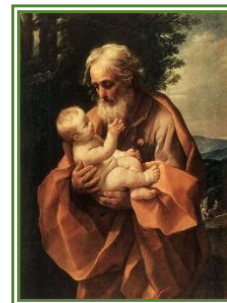
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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	27/07	St Michael's	9:00am	Private Intention
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Louise Arrowsmith
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Henry Stones (Birthday)
Monday	28/07	St Joseph's	10:15am	Don Dalton (Anniversary)
Tuesday	29/07	St Michael's	7:15pm	Special Intention
St Martha, Mary and Lazarus				
Wednesday	30/07	St Joseph's	11:15am	Mrs Kidd (Special Intention)
Thursday	31/07	St Michael's	11:00am	Agnes M'Kenna
St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest				
Friday	01/08	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Patrick William Duffy
St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church				
Saturday	02/08	St Michael's	10:00am	Game Family
Mass of Our Lady				
18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	03/08	St Michael's	9:00am	Teresa 4 th Birthday
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Anne Wheatley (RIP)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

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)

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

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.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for: For 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: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley,
Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara
Winwood, Margaret Clamp, Eric Duker,
Mary Musji, Angela Berry (nee Land),
Arabella Louise Green

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special Intention, Michael Knight (RIP)

FOR MASS INTENTIONS

- Hand to Canon Tim or Father Joshy after Mass (envelopes available in the entrance to both Churches)
- 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.**
- **(3 weeks' notice is needed).**
- Note - one of the Masses on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism: Please see Canon Tim after Sunday Mass if you wish to arrange a Baptism.

Marriage: At least 6 months' notice needs to be given.

For information regarding all Sacramental Preparation (First confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms, Adults received into the Church, Adult Confirmation and Marriage please see the Parish Website <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

FOR A POLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE GO TO <https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/bulletin-%26-news>

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

Sunday 20th July

Envelopes - £293.00
Loose Plate – £421.00

Standing Orders For June
£2660

OFFERINGS There is now a Link on the Parish Website Offertory Page

(<https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory>) where you can make a

Donation to the Parish. The Link takes you to a page where you can set the amount you wish to donate and then put in your Card Details. You will then be asked if you wish to "Gift Aid" your donation. If you are a Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your Donation, then the Parish will be able to claim a further 25% to add to your donation.



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St Joseph's Church will be open Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S during 9am Mass & **ST JOSEPH'S** during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS –served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall & after the 11am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.

St Joseph's retaining wall: Permission has been given by all the necessary committees! for the repair work on the wall to begin. The Architect is awaiting health and safety documents from the Contractors via the Diocese before the work can commence. The work is going to cost in the region of £37,000 (in VAT). Your continued support is very much needed and appreciated. **The work will begin on Monday 4th August and will take 4-5 weeks.**

Red Mission Boxes- In total from September 2024 to March/April 2025 a total of £220.00 has been handed in at St Michael's church. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH NEWS

Calling out for new choir members for St Michael's Church Choir!

Interested.... let Janet or a choir member know.

Choir practice will be on each: **MONDAY evening** at St Michaels Church the first one is: **28th July '25 7.00pm**

ST MICHAELS CHOIRS AN INCLUSIVE CHOIR, SO NO AUDITIONS JUST COME AND SING

Whilst its light in the evening we will start at 7.00pm as the nights draw-in we will start a bit earlier

Everyone can sing, & singing is an uplifting & joyous experience

Come along and sing with us give it a try

If you would like to come along but don't have transport, let Janet (M@C) or one of the choir know and we can arrange lifts for you

We sing together at Sunday morning Mass 9am & any occasions the Canon would like this choir to sing


You don't have to have done experience, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Parish Finances		
	April 2023 to March 2024	April 2024 to March 2025
	Income	Income
Offertories (Gift Aid included in the total)	£97,589	£90,617
	£14,535	£10,323
Donations	£1,601	£533
Votives	£3,519	£6,111
Repository	£1,535	£1,371
Rents and Hires	£7,161	£6150
Weekly Draw	£1,015	£1320
	Expenditure	Expenditure
Clergy Costs (2 Priests)	£15,481	£17,176
Travel costs - mileage (2 Priests)	£4,031	£4,030
Utilities - 2 Churches, Presbytery and St Michael's Hall	£22,413	£20,685
Insurance for Church Property	£3,629	£4,038
Professional Fees	£2,012	£2,316
Administration	£10,698	£9,327
Parish Assessment for the running of the Diocese and its Offices	£17,584	£19,304
Routine Repairs & Maintenance. 2 Churches, Presbytery, St Michael's Hall and all grounds, including Holy Family.	£23,871	£40,484

Prayer meeting – There will be a prayer meeting on the Second Saturday of each month from 4pm to 5pm 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.

PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 20/07/25 are 38 and 76. Congratulations.

If you would like to join, then can you select a number(S) in the entrance to either Church before the following Masses or 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.



Anyone who is able to contribute towards WRAP funds may pay into our Bank Account.

Account name: Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds)

Sort Code 05-00-05

Account number 10508810

Thank you for your continued support

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on
Thursday 31st July 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

SVP - Next meeting will be on Monday 11th August at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.



No F&F meeting August 2025

Next meeting is 3rd September.... Which will be a Flower craft evening

DIOCESE NEWS

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on Sat. 23 August. Starting at 1.30pm, lasting about 1 hour. No booking required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

ST MARK'S WAY ON THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE: begins on Saturday 6 September with 8am Mass at Leeds Cathedral. Walk all or part of the way between the Cathedral and the Jubilee Pilgrimage Church of St Austin in Wakefield. [See Diocesan website for details of how to sign up.](#)

PONTEFRAC T AND WAKEFIELD DEANERY JUBILEE MASSES: There will be a series of special Jubilee Masses in some of the churches in the Deanery. Parishioners are encouraged to go to some or all of these Masses and so become 'pilgrims' in this Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Jubilee Masses are: Tuesday 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 - Genesis 18:20-32

In those days: The Lord said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 6-7b. 7c-8. R3a

R: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I praise you. I bow down towards your holy Temple. *R:*

I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and your faithfulness. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul. *R:*

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly, and the haughty he knows from afar. You give me life though I walk amid affliction; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes. *R:*

With your right hand you save me; the Lord will accomplish this for me. O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands. *R:*

Second reading - Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation - Romans 8:15bc

Alleluia, alleluia. You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.' And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon - Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.