

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRAC T

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

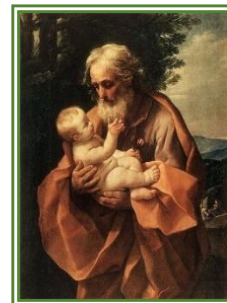
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22 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	31/08	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw & Family
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Martin Hyde (RIP)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	01/09	St Joseph's	10:15am	Special Intention
Tuesday	02/09	St Michael's	7:15pm	Asian Earthquake
Wednesday	03/09	St Joseph's	11:15am	Joan Dawson (Birthday)
ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH				
Thursday	04/09	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Dead List (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Ryder Family
St Cuthbert, Bishop				
Friday	05/09	St Joseph's	9:30am	All Living Family & Relatives of J & M Walsh (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Marta Jaroszewska
Saturday	06/09	St Michael's	10:00am	In Thanksgiving for Favours Received
Mass of Our Lady				
23 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	07/09	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Edith Gallivan (Birthday)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Christine Harrison

**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:

Christine Harrison (Former Parish Secretary)  
John Brian Wilks, Wendy Smith, 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: Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley,  
Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Barbara  
Winwood, Margaret Clamp, Eric Duker,  
Mary Musji, Angela Berry (nee Land),  
Gloria Jean Burden

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Special intention, Malcom Crawshaw, Mary Clayton, Tom Hudson, Christine Harrison, Michael Midgley (Successful Surgery & Recovery), In Thanksgiving, Peter Wilson, Successful Surgery, Canon Tim, Father Joshy

**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 24<sup>th</sup> August

Envelopes - £403.00  
Loose Plate – £466.00

Standing Orders For July  
£2978

**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 work is going to cost in the region of £37,000 (in VAT). Your continued support is very much needed and appreciated. **The work has now begun and will continue for approximately 1-2 more weeks.**

**PARKING-** For several years we have been able to use the parking facilities at the club in Knottingley (opposite LIDL), whilst attending the 9am and 3pm Masses at St Michael's Church. We are sorry to inform you that the club now has a new committee, and they no longer want us to use this car park at all even though we have always paid for this facility. We therefore request that you don't park your cars in this car park as you could find that they have been locked in.

## PARISH NEWS

**PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 24/08/25 are 3 and 66. 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.

**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.



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 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7: 00pm at St Joseph's.

**Faith & Friendship Group**

Next Meeting will be

3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7:30pm. This will be a flower craft evening. Please come and enjoy this demonstration and display of flower arranging.



**The SVP** need your unwanted kitchen appliances such as microwaves, slow cookers, kettles, steamers and mixers. Also domestic appliances such as lamps, heaters, hairdryers and televisions. The donations will be used to support families in need. Items may be brought to both churches on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August, there will be boxes available at the back of both churches. Thank you for your continued support.

## DIOCESE NEWS

**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. This Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Next Jubilee Masses: *Tuesday 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.*

**ANNUAL BATLEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION:** St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 7:30pm. The Procession will start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and end at the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Catholic Church. Refreshments afterwards.

**ANNUAL LEEDS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. 12:00Noon Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

**PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS:** As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese. Clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend this celebration, especially men who may be discerning their possible vocation to the diaconate. Let us take this opportunity to pray for our permanent deacons and for vocations to the diaconate in our diocese.

**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS:** Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 19<sup>th</sup> September (Hinsley Hall), 17<sup>th</sup> October (Hinsley Hall), 14<sup>th</sup> November (Cathedral Hall), 19<sup>th</sup> December (Hinsley Hall).

Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge [simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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### Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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.

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### First reading - Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

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### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 68(67):4-5ac. 6-7b. 10-11. R cf. 11b

*R: In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.*

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing. O sing to God; make music to his name. The Lord is his name. **R:**

Father of orphans, defender of widows: such is God in his holy place. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity. **R:**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain; when your heritage languished, you restored it. It was there that your flock began to dwell. In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor. **R:**

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### Second reading - Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

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### Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 11:29ab

Alleluia, alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.

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### Gospel - Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'

He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

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### Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon - Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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**Prayer after Communion** Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

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