

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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pg 130)	01/02	St Michael's	9:00am	Peter Barratt (Birthday) (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	David Bulmer
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	02/02	St Joseph's	10:15am	Dead List
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD				
Tuesday	03/02	St Michael's	7:15pm	In Thanksgiving for Favours Received
St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Blessing of Throats after Mass				
Wednesday	04/02	St Joseph's	11.15am	Special Intention
Thursday	05/02	St Michael's	11:00am	Pat & Bob Greene
St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr				
Friday	06/02	St Joseph's	6:15pm	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday	07/02	St Michael's	10:00am	Johnie & Eric Duker
Mass of Our Lady				
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pg 133)	08/02	St Michael's	9:00am	Special Intention (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Lorraine Trias (Children's Liturgy)
		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)			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 align="center">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for: Nora McCann and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.</p>	<p align="center">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), Duggie Wigglesworth</p>
<p align="center">MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Lorraine Trias, Laurie Williams, Special Intention, Joan Dalton (90th Birthday), Diane Mountain, Don Dalton (Birthday)</p>	

PARISH NEWS

Confirmations: Congratulations to our Youths who were Confirmed by Bishop Marcus on Wednesday evening. Thank you to their parents and Sponsors and to St Joseph's Primary and Holy Family and St Michael's Primary Schools for their help in preparing the Candidates.

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 25/01/2026 are: 28 and 77. Congratulations to the winners.

Collections- Envelopes £379.00, Loose Plate £478.00 Standing Orders for December- £2788.00. 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 16th February 2026 at 7:00pm, at St Joseph's, Pontefract.

'Lunch with Us' - **Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 5th February 2026** after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

DIOCESE NEWS

GIFT AID - Many taxpaying parishioners already have a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD). This is a valuable source of income for the parish, enabling us to claim back 25p for every £1 donated. If you are a taxpayer, but don't have a GAD with the parish, or are unsure if you have

a GAD, please complete a form here www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/gift-aid-declaration/ (paper copies are also available at the back of church and can be returned in the collection bag/basket). If you have any queries or are unsure whether you can Gift Aid your donation, please consider contacting Louise Ward (Diocesan Gift Aid Administrator) on 0113 2618023 / louise.ward@dioceseofleeds.org.uk - this may be especially relevant to couples where only one person is a taxpayer. We can back claim up to 4 years' worth of donations, so a quick conversation could be worth a lot of money to the parish!

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS: Free Guided Tours will take place on Saturday 14th February and Saturday 7th March, starting at 1.30pm. The tours last 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 26th February, 6.30-8.30pm. Contact:

benjamin.hilton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. The booking process is now open. Bookings can be made online on <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or by phone direct with Tangney (01732 886666).

VACANCIES

SENIOR GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING OFFICER VACANCY: The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds, is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/. Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and first interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Normanton. Start: **September 2026**. Closing date: **Monday, 2 February 2026**. Further info: https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WVID=797592QEnN&VACANCY_ID=992803rP0v

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