

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

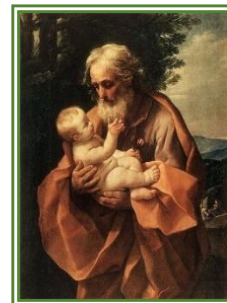
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16 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	20/07	St Michael's	9:00am	Clare Heyhoe & Cranshaw Family
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Doris and William M <sup>c</sup> Lean (Anniversary)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday	21/07	St Joseph's	10:15am	Martin Hyde
Tuesday	22/07	St Michael's	7:15pm	Dead List
ST MARY MAGDALENE				
Wednesday	23/07	St Joseph's	11:15am	Private Intention
St Bridget of Sweden, Religious and Patron of Europe				
Thursday	24/07	St Michael's	11:00am	Avirachan Varkey (RIP)
Friday	25/07	St Joseph's	12:15pm	Requiem for Veronica Ellam
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Canon Lawrie Hulme (Golden Jubilee)
St James, Apostle				
Saturday	26/07	St Michael's	10:00am	Special Intention
Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
17 <sup>th</sup> 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)

**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: Veronica Ellam 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), Arabella Louise Green

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Special Intention, Monica Green, In Thanksgiving, Henry Stones (Birthday)

**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 13<sup>th</sup> July

Envelopes - £342.00  
Loose Plate – £484.00

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 4<sup>th</sup> August and will take 4-5 weeks.**

**Thank you – We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Faith and Friendship group for donating the funds to buy the new notice boards in the Parish. It is very much appreciated.**

## PARISH NEWS



**WE WELCOME TO THE CHURCH – Ralphie Thomas Tyler who was baptised at St Joseph's Church, last weekend.**

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

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

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

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

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

**You don't have to have choir experience. It's an opportunity to share your gifts with our congregation.**

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

**Come along and sing with us give it a try**

**If you would like to come along but don't have transport, let Janet (M0/Cb) or one of the choir know and we can arrange lifts for you**

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

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

**PARISH POOL – Winning Numbers for 13/07/25 are 30 and 69. 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

**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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on**

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7:00pm at St Joseph's.

**Faith & Friendship Group**

**No F&F meeting August 2025**

**Next meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> September....**

**Which will be a Flower craft evening**

### DIOCESE NEWS

#### LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER

**PROGRAMME:** Free Guided Tours will take place on the following dates, starting at 1.30pm: Sat. 23 August. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

#### PONTEFRACT 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 Mass is: **9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm.**

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon - Ps 53: 6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your  
name, O Lord, for it is good.

### Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully  
increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in  
hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in  
keeping your commands. 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 18:1-10a

In those days: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the  
oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the  
heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and  
behold, three men were standing in front of him. When  
he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them  
and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I  
have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your  
servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your  
feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a  
morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and  
after that you may pass on — since you have come to  
your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And  
Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said,  
'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and  
make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a  
calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who  
prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and  
the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them.  
And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.  
They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he  
said, 'She is in the tent.' The Lord said, 'I will surely  
return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your  
wife shall have a son.'

### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 15(14):2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. R1b

**R:** *O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?*

Whoever walks without fault; who does what is  
righteous, and speaks the truth from his heart;  
whoever does not slander with *his* tongue. **R:**

Who does no wrong to a neighbour, who casts no slur  
on a friend, who looks with scorn on the wicked, but  
honours those who fear the Lord. **R:**

Who lends no money at interest, and accepts no bribes  
against the innocent. Such a one shall never be shaken.  
**R:**

### Second reading - Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for  
your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking  
in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is,

the Church — of which I became a minister according  
to the stewardship from God that was given to me for  
you, to make the word of God fully known — the  
mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now  
revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among  
the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery,  
which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we  
proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone  
with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature  
in Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation - Cf. Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are those who hold fast to the  
word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit  
with patience. Alleluia.

### Gospel - Luke 10:38-42

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman  
named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she  
had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and  
listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted  
with much serving. And she went up to him and said,  
'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to  
serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord  
answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and  
troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary.  
Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be  
taken away from her.'

### Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to  
completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray,  
this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it  
holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each  
has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit  
the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon - Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a  
memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who  
fear him.

### Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly  
mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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