

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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2 nd Sunday of Advent (Page 85)	07/12	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw & Family (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Private Intention (Children's Liturgy)
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Mother Joanna Jameson & Dame Hilda Ward
Monday	08/12	St Joseph's	10:15am	In Thanksgiving
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY				
Tuesday	09/12	St Michael's	7:15pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	10/12	St Joseph's	11:15am	In Thanksgiving
		St Michael's	1:15pm	Funeral Service for Jackie Hardy
Thursday	11/12	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Yorkshire Brethren (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Ann Theresa James
		St Michael's	12:30pm	Funeral service for Thomas Joseph McGoran
Friday	12/12	St Wilfrid's	8:15am	Special Intention
		St Joseph's	9:30am	Mary Stocks (School Mass)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Sr Christina Kenworthy Brown
Saturday	13/12	St Michael's	10:00am	Margaret Clamp
3 rd Sunday of Advent	14/12	St Michael's	9:00am	Malcolm Crawshaw (Children's Liturgy)
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Louise Arrowsmith
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	D Booth (Anniversary)

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	
Wednesday	St Joseph's	
Friday	St Joseph's	
Saturday	St Michael's	

<p align="center">LATELY DEAD</p> <p>Please pray for: Thomas Joseph McGoran, Jackie Hardy, Father John B. Murphy, Father David Bulmer, Ruth Ketteringham, Patricia Ann Flatters 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), Nora McCann, Dougie Wigglesworth</p>
<p>MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Holy Souls, Special Intention, Carney Family, Hall Family, Deceased Slee Relatives, Moya Moran, Pat & Bob Greene, Jackie Hardy (RIP), George Hawksworth, Game Family, James Robinson</p>	

PARISH NEWS

SECOND COLLECTION – There will be a second collection for Church flowers for Christmas on the 7th December after all Masses. Donations can also be made via the DONA Machines in each church.

Canon Tim: Bishop Marcus has asked Canon Tim in his role as Dean of Pontefract and Wakefield to take on temporary, the Pastoral and spiritual responsibilities of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Wakefield (in addition to his responsibilities as Parish Priest at St Joseph's).

Thank you to everyone who supported the Advent Fair. We are pleased to say we raised £1,038 towards sponsoring a family.

The winning raffle tickets:

1st prize, green beginning 625 - claimed

2nd prize, green beginning 291

3rd prize, green beginning 699 -claimed

4th prize, green beginning 451

Guess the Sweets – The bowl held 115 sweets, and the nearest guess was 110.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 6th December at St Michael's Church, is postponed due to illness and will be rescheduled for the spring. Please keep your tickets for the spring concert. If you would like your money back please see Ann Barraclough at St Michael's. Thank you.

Knottingley Food Bank – Please can we request the following items:

Squash bottles (small)

Rice pudding

Biscuits

Jam

Tinned tomatoes

Rice instant or dry

Any Christmas items e.g. selection boxes, biscuits etc

Thank you for your support this year.

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.*

CAFOD Christmas Raffle



The parish CAFOD group will be raffling a Christmas hamper at both our churches. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday 14th December and the winning tickets will be announced in the following week's bulletin. All proceeds will go towards CAFOD's work to support the most vulnerable people around the world. Thank you.

CAFOD Advent Stall

Thank you to all who supported our stall at the WRAP Advent Fair at St Joseph's and the tea and coffee morning at St Michael's last weekend. We raised a total of £175! This will make a real difference to families facing poverty, conflict and injustice around the world. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Diocese of Leeds Yearbook - These are now available in the entrance at each Church at a cost of £5.00 each. Please place your payment in the money bag provided, thank you.

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 30/11/2025 are 30 and 65. Congratulations.

Collections- Envelopes £367.00, Loose Plate £567.00 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 15th December at 7: 00pm at St Joseph's.

'Lunch with Us' - Everyone is welcome to come and share our lunch on Thursday 18th December 2025 after 11.00am Mass in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

Diocesan News

LEEDS CATHEDRAL DAY OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday 16 December, 7am to 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions, and Exposition all day.