

# WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

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

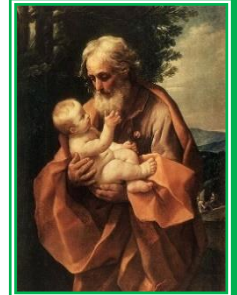
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<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	19/01	St Michael's	9:00am	People of the Parish
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Edith Gallivan
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	Doreen Kelly (Anniversary)
Monday <i>St Sebastian, Martyr</i>	20/01	St Joseph's	10:15am	J.A. Jackson
Tuesday <i>St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i>	21/01	St Michael's	7:15pm	Dead List
Wednesday <i>St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</i>	22/01	St Joseph's	11:15am	George Mc Kenna
Thursday	23/01	H.F.S.M	9:15am	Father Bernard Funnell (School Mass)
		St Michael's	11:00am	Special Intention
Friday <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	24/01	St Joseph's	9:30am	Deacon Patrick Kelly (RIP)
		St Joseph's	6:15pm	Bernard & Edna Craven
Saturday <i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE</i>	25/01	St Michael's	10:00am	Bozena I Wiesizw Urbansy (RIP)
<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	26/01	St Michael's	9:00am	Dead List
		St Joseph's	11:00am	Louise Arrowsmith
		St Michael's	3:00pm	Special Intention (Syro Malabar)
		St Joseph's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

## 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

**Confessions:** St Michael's, Saturday: After Mass until 11am. St Joseph's, Friday 5:30pm to 6pm and on request

**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.

<b>LATELY DEAD</b>	<b>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</b>
Please pray for: Majella Gilbertson, Patricia Louise Jackson and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace and may all who mourn them be comforted.	Please pray for: Sir Bill O'Brien, Francis Keane, Nick Yarsley, Christine Fenton, Eileen Darlison, Monica Green, Richard Spyrka, Barbara Winwood.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Ken Hegarty (Anniversary), Eveline Jackson (Anniversary), Kath & George Arrowsmith (60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary), Special Intention, Bernie Trueman (Lately Dead), Gill Falkingbridge (Birthday), Radoslaw Jarzad, Maria & Family, Keith Jefferis (RIP)

<b>FOR MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand to Canon Tim or Father Joshy after Mass (envelopes available in the entrance to both Churches)</li> <li>• Post in the letterbox on the door into the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's.</li> <li>• Send via post to the Presbytery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please state the name and Intention (e.g. Sick, Anniversary, RIP, Birthday etc). Including the stipend.</li> <li>• If you wish a particular day, please mention.</li> <li>• (at least 2 weeks' notice is needed).</li> <li>• Note - one of the Masses on Sunday is said for The People of the Parish.</li> </ul>

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

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>**

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Envelopes - £554.00 Loose Plate - £464.00	Standing Orders for December £2853
<b>Thank you for your continued support and generosity.</b>		
<b>OFFERINGS</b> – If you have any questions about any of the methods of making your offering to the Parish then call or email the Parish Office or go to <a href="https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory">https://parishofstjoseph.co.uk/offertory</a>		



Scan QR code for Parish Website

	<p><b>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (Please note the following)</b></p> <p>St Joseph's Church <b>Will Be Open</b> from 8am to 4pm <b>Monday to Friday</b> for Private Prayer.</p>
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<p><b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S</b> during 9am Mass each week &amp; <b>ST JOSEPH'S</b> during 11 am Mass on alternate weeks.</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS</b> – served after the 9am Mass in St Michael's Hall &amp; after the 11am Mass in St Joseph's School Hall.</p>
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**Parish Finance and Property Committee:** There are increasing new regulations for Charities and Listed buildings regarding Health and Safety, Safeguarding and procedures for work on listed buildings, and Canon (Church) Law. I have set up a Property and Finance Committee to help advise me on these issues. I am very grateful to Michael Harrison, Vince McGuire, Jose Raj, Tina Velayudhan and David Yates for agreeing to be on the Committee.

**First Holy Communion and First Confession** meetings for children **not attending** our Parish Schools.

First Confession (Year 3) – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon

First Holy Communion (Year 4)– Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 12.30pm

The above meetings will take place at the Parish rooms at St Joseph's

## PARISH NEWS

**Thank You Party** - As a special thank you there will be a Parish Volunteer Party for all those who help in any way on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2-4pm in St Michael's Hall. Please add your name to the list in the entrance at each Church.

**Ayana's** – University Research. I am investigating how issues related to dampness, mould, and condensation in housing are being addressed. I am identifying which interventions have proven effective or ineffective and how they can enhance residents' health and well-being. As part of the research, I am interviewing individuals who have experienced damp, mouldy, or cold housing and those involved in addressing or remediating such issues. I am particularly enthused to speak with homeowners/residents (both from private and social housing). Nevertheless, I also wish to interview housing officers, home visitors, construction industry/built environment experts and maintenance professionals. If you are interested in helping with this research then please contact Ayana at [ayana.ifeorah@hud.ac.uk](mailto:ayana.ifeorah@hud.ac.uk).

**PARISH POOL** - Winning Numbers for 12/01/25 are 6, 78, 111 and 128. 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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 11.30am in St Michael's Hall. Delicious soups, sandwiches, and cakes to share with friends.

**Next SVP** meeting will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025, in the Parish Rooms at St Joseph's Church.

**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.

**Faith & Friendship**  
Happy New Year all!

**Bingo!** Everyone's favorite

Venue: **St Michaels Church Hall**

Date: **5th February 2025**

Time: **7.30pm**

Meeting

Tea Coffee and chat and some cake of course!

**Art Club** – St Michael's Hall every Monday at 12.15pm. We are hoping to increase the number of people attending our group. We do painting, sewing, crochet and a variety of creative activities. No previous experience required. We have a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. Please come along and join our friendly group.

**Knottingley Food Bank** – After working hard to support this worthy cause Barbara has now stepped down. We would like to Thank Barbara for her work regarding the food bank. We are now looking for another volunteer who can liaise with the Food Bank and ensure the donations are taken there.

## DIOCESE NEWS

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS WINTER PROGRAMME:** Free Guided Tours take place on the following Saturdays at 1.30pm: 25th January; 15th February and 22nd March. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**ONLINE RESOURCE FOR READERS AT MASS:** Three short videos on *'Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary: a Refresher for Readers'* have been produced by the Diocese to form a simple and concise guide and provide some useful "DOs and DON'Ts" women and men who exercise the important ministry of reading at Mass. Access videos via our YouTube channel, [www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk](http://www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk).

**YOUTH 2000 LEEDS RETREAT:** offers young adults (aged 16-35) from across Leeds and beyond the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in relationship with God. Offering the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. Saturday 15 February, Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, LS18 5HD. Tickets from <https://www.youth2000.org/events>.

**LITTLE SISTERS FUNDRAISING EVENT:** On Friday 28 February 2025 at Irish Centre Tara Suite, 7.30pm. Tickets £25.00. Meal of soda bread, Irish stew and dessert, also Irish band dancing, sing-a-long, auction and raffle. Please come along and support the Little sisters and have a great night of entertainment. All proceeds to go towards rebuilding of Mount St Joseph's. Contact details Sr.Christina Email [funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk](mailto:funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon - Ps 65: 4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 - Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. R3

*R: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. O sing to the Lord; bless his name. *R:* Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples. *R:*

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and power; ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name. *R:*

Worship the Lord in holy splendour. O tremble before him, all the earth. Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. *R:*

### Second reading - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

'Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge

according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

### Gospel Acclamation - Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia. God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

### Gospel - John 2:1-11

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

### Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.