



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph

with the churches of  
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe  
(Diocese of Leeds: Registered Charity No 249404)



## Year B, Advent, Sunday 2, 9/10 December 2017

*Getting in  
touch*

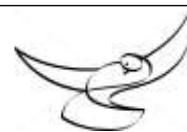
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<b>Saturday</b> 9 December	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Min Walker
<b>Sunday</b> 10 December	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <i>3.15pm Mass in Polish</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Mrs Robinson Theresa Molloy
Monday 11 December	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>11.15am Funeral Mass</i> 12.15-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	John Heneghan Dulcie Morrison
Tuesday 12 December	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition <i>4.00pm Reception of Body</i>	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Joseph's	Parish Family Eddie Czajko
Wednesday 13 December	<i>10.45am Funeral Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Eddie Czajko Sheila Black
Thursday 14 December	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Bridget Kennedy
Friday 15 December	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Elsie Jones
<b>Saturday</b> 16 December	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Eunice Toyne
<b>Sunday</b> 17 December	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	John Gill Peggy Senior

This Sunday, prior to their coming Baptisms, we have the presentations of:  
at our 9.00am Mass, Lisa Mai Brough, daughter of Anthony and Laura  
Callum Matthew Michael Uttley, son of Kerry and Paul, at our 10.45am Mass



Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Thursday 14 Dec, 10.00am at St Joseph's -&- Wednesday 20 Dec, 7.30pm, at The Sacred Heart

**Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 9.30-10.30am**  
*1st & 3rd of the month at St Joseph's 2nd & 4th of the month at The Sacred Heart*  
**with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10.00am**  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation otherwise by appointment with Fr Anthony*

## From Fr Anthony

Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.



Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, with holy

faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament.

*From a Pastoral Letter of  
Saint Charles Borromeo*

## Mass Times for Christmas

### Advent, Sunday 4

*Usual Saturday/Sunday Mass Times*

**Mass of Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December  
Sacred Heart, 5.00pm -&- St Joseph's, 7.30pm**  
(The Eve Masses will include special thought  
for our Children attending)

**Mass of Christmas Day, Monday 25 December  
Sacred Heart, 10.00am only**

## Things happening in our Parish

**Mass Times Cards** Printed on **cream/pink** card, these give times of our Christmas Masses. It is hoped they will be passed on to some who have not much been coming to Mass and also any who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic. Please take as many as you might pass on.

**Parish Christmas Cards** Printed on larger **green** card, all are invited to take one home. Within these many are named as wishing to exchange Christmas greetings with all of our Parish Family. Many thanks to all those named, for donating towards our Advent Project.

**First Reconciliation** All Parents who have applied for their child/ren to prepare for First Reconciliation should receive a copy of the Programme, via the post. If any have not received a copy by next weekend, 16/17 Dec, please contact Fr Anthony, as soon as possible.

If parents of eligible children (school year 3 or above) have not yet applied but wish to do so, they need to see Fr Anthony next weekend, at latest. It will not be possible to take late starters, once the Programme begins.

**Parish Pastoral Council** Is due to meet **Thu 14 Dec**, in our Sacred Heart Hall, 7.00pm. Any Parishioners who wish to attend will be most welcome.

**Competition Pictures** Many thanks to all the Children who drew nativity scenes for our Parish Christmas Card competition. It was difficult to choose winners among so many lovely pictures. All may browse through the spring file in our Church Entrances, to enjoy the artistry.

Congratulations to our winners, who will receive their prize during the week: 1st, Millie Moore, aged 10 - 2nd, Frankie Kent, aged 9 - 3rd, Archie Thompson, aged 7.

**Paulinus Lottery** Following recent draws, our latest winner is P Senior, with a return of £440.



### Our Advent Appeal

Storms and floods, in the Asian Sub-Continent, earlier this year, caused far spread devastation. Our Appeal is to help Cafod to help victims in the Sub-Continent. There is a collection being taken

for this after all our Advent weekend Masses.

*Notices for the Bulletin need to be received  
by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.*

## Sacraments

**Baptism** The Preparation Programme now running, for Parents of Children to be baptised, continues in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Wed 13 Dec**, 7.30-9.00pm. To join a Programme, Parents should talk with Fr Anthony, after a weekend Mass, to fix an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for expectant, as well as Parents with baby born.

**Confirmation** Our *Candidates* are to next meet at our Sacred Heart Hall:

**Sat 20 Jan**, 9.30-11.30am

**First Reconciliation** Our *Children* are to meet at our Sacred Heart Hall:

**Sat 13 Jan**, 10.00am-12.00nn

Their *Parents* are due to meet in our Sacred Heart Hall:

**Thu 11 Jan**, 7.15-8.45pm

**Marriage** Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact, Fr Anthony.

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

In John's Gospel (6:1), the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, by Jesus, occurred in Galilee, by the Sea of Galilee, otherwise known as the Sea of Tiberias.

*Fairly soon after this, John (9) tells that Jesus cured a man born blind. The Pharisees then question the man and after attacking him verbally, accusing him of being a sinner from birth, they throw him out. Where was it that Jesus cured him?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO

A little girl dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could trying not to be late for Bible class. As



she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord please don't let me be late!" As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her

dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late... but please don't shove me either!"

## Parish Monies

**Thank You** very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £281.17

Envelopes £370.40

## Collections, etc

**This Weekend** Retiring Collection after each of our Masses, towards our Advent Project,

Christmas Card £249.00

Collection 2/3 Dec £150.23

Total so far £399.23

## THE GOD WHO COMES

Security and plenitude!

For the first time man experiences what it means to need nothing more. God alone is sufficient—just as Jesus said: "On that day you will have no questions to ask me" (John 16:23.)

Yes, you do not have to ask when God is at the centre of your being, when you contemplate His way of loving, when, on His infinite goodness, He makes you enter into this way of 'loving'.

What can you ask for when you possess everything?

And there is more.

At the same moment in which you discover—or rather, live—the experience of the Unity and Trinity of God within you, you discover and live the unity of your human existence.

You need no longer ask yourself, 'Who am I?'

You know it, see it, you live it.

By finding God in you, you have found yourself.

Now you know who you are! You have no more questions to ask.

For there are not many mysteries, there is only one. Having discovered that one, a God who is Trinity and Unity, you have discovered the rest. Rather, you have seen Them.

Now you can agree with what Jesus says, "You will have no questions to ask...."

This is fullness lived on this earth, contemplating the Unity and the Trinity of God, the way in which God loves Himself and loves us in Himself.

What comes from this is peace. A peace which is complete and divine, a peace which makes even this exile on earth sweet. A peace which was promised us by Jesus: "I give you my peace", a peace that brings the comfort that is necessary to us who still live so far and yet so close to Him, even within Him.

The enigma is right there: God has already come, and yet He is coming and He will come, as the kingdom which is already within us while we march towards Him.

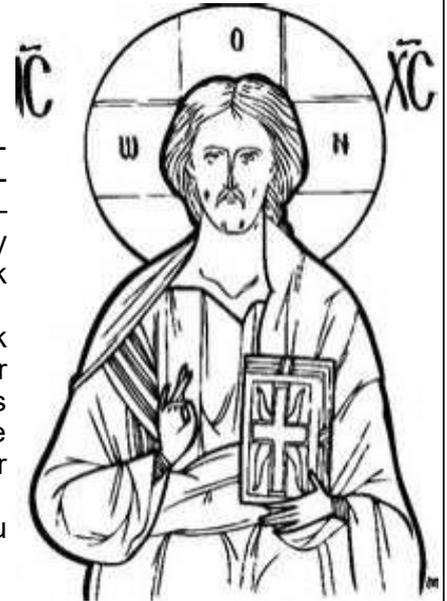
It is the movement of the Trinity, which is a movement of love, which is inexhaustible.

You love, and you will love yet more.

You are within, and you must enter yet further within.

And this movement will never end, not even in Heaven, because the love of God will grow within you infinitely.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto





Please Keep  
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**

especially Dulcie Elizabeth Morrison, Cyril Edward Czajko,  
and their families

*Also:* All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Bridget Johnson, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown  
Karen Dearing, George Potts, Sheila Jordan, Peggy Heneghan, Phyllis Brown, Mary Ogle, Kazia Andruszko  
David Olbison, Liz Allen, Hilda Bailey, John Evans  
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year B, Advent, Sunday 2

**Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

Each Advent has two 'John the Baptist' Sundays: the first when we see John preparing the community for the Messiah, the second when he points out Jesus as the Lamb of God. Today is the first of these. John chose a point where the busy road from Jerusalem to the East crossed the Jordan River. There he button-holed all the busy financiers, merchants and other travellers and tourists, warning them to change their ways—and to change them now, before it was too late. 'I am too busy,' no doubt they said. 'I have other things to worry about; I have a wife and family to feed.' John was forming a community of repentance; but not so much a community which wept 'Boo-hoo!' about their sins, as a community of people determined to set their scale of values right. He meant them to stop going in one direction, to turn round and go in a different direction - towards God. Do we give ourselves a moment to pause and ask whether we have our priorities right? Where on that list of priorities does the entry of Christ into our lives come?



ward to the return to Jerusalem, aware that they are soon to be released from their captivity. They have 'served their sentence' in Babylon and their sin has been forgiven. The Lord will lead them in joy across the great desert as he led them across the desert at the Exodus, and will manifest his glory again. For Christians the excitement is that John the Baptist picks up this message as he prepares the people for the coming of Christ. The coming of the Lord to Jerusalem was never wholly fulfilled, and we can see that the great fulfilment of this passage is in the coming of Christ to his own. He brought the beginning of the kingship of God, and it is for us Christians to show Him, the glory and the love and the generosity of God, to a world which has not yet seen the splendour of his coming. This is the daunting responsibility of those who bear the name of 'Christian', who see in Jesus the manifestation of God's reign.

**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

The Second Letter of Peter, probably the last of all the writings of the new Testament to be written, here sets out to comfort Christians who were disappointed that the 'Big Bang' at the end of the world had not yet happened. The first generations of Christians had expected the world to come rapidly to an end—and yet it still goes on. Our task, says the author, is to live holy lives in peace, and to wait in patience. From this point of view, the annual cycle of Church feasts and festivals, even of Christmas, is a reminder that God is in control of his universe.

**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11**

The reading from the Old Testament for today is the joyful song which opens the second part of Isaiah. After the 70 years of the Exile Israel is looking for-

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

The Word: Year B, Advent, Sunday 3  
1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11  
2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Gospel: John 1:6-8. 19-28

Prayer of the Church

**Psalter Week 2**

**Sun** + Proper of Seasons

**Mon** + Proper of Seasons (or + Proper of Saints)

**Tue** + Proper of Seasons (or + Common of BVM)

**Wed** + Proper of Saints

**Thu** + Proper of Saints

**Fri** Week 2

**Sat** + Proper of Seasons

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon** St. Damasus I, Pope

**Tue** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Wed** St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

**Thu** St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of Church

**Fri**

**Sat**