



# 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 3, 16/17 December 2017

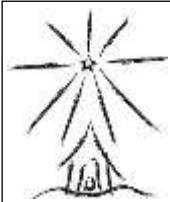
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<b>Saturday</b> 16 December	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Eunice Toyne
<b>Sunday</b> 17 December	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	John Gill Peggy Senior
Monday 18 December	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Kevin Hurst
Tuesday 19 December	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Wednesday 20 December	9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>With SH School</i> : Decd Mair Family Teresa Foster
Thursday 21 December	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	<i>With SJ School</i> : Edward Czajko
Friday 22 December	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Eunice Toyne
<b>Saturday</b> 23 December	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Elsie Jones
<b>Sunday</b> 24 December	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Michael & Bridget McGuire Terence O'Brien



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

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



**Additional opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
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

Patience is a precept for salvation given us by our Lord, our teacher: *Whoever endures to the end will be saved. And again: If you persevere in my word, you will truly be my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

We must endure and persevere if we are to gain the truth and freedom we have been allowed to hope for; faith and hope are the very meaning of our being Christians, but if faith and hope are to bear their fruit, patience is necessary.



We do not seek glory now, in the present, but we look for future glory, as Saint Paul instructs us when he says: *By hope we were saved. Now hope which is seen is not hope; how can a man hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it in patience.* Patient waiting is necessary if we are to be perfected in what we have begun to be, and if we are to receive from God what we hope for and believe.

In another place the same Apostle instructs and teaches the just, and those active in good works, and those who store up for themselves treasures in heaven through the rewards God gives. They are to be patient too, as he says: *Therefore while we have time, let us do good to all, but especially to those who are of the household of the faith. But let us not grow weary in doing good, for we shall reap our reward in due season.*

Paul warns us not to grow weary in good works through impatience, not to be distracted or overcome by temptations and so give up in the midst of our pilgrimage of praise and glory, or allow our past good deeds to count for nothing because what was begun falls short of completion.

Finally the Apostle, speaking of charity, unites it with endurance and patience. *Charity, he says, is always patient and kind; it is not jealous, is not boastful, is not given to anger, does not think evil, loves all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.* He shows that charity can be steadfast and persevering because it has learned how to endure all things. And in another place he says: *Bear with one another lovingly, striving to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* He shows that neither unity nor peace can be maintained unless the brethren cherish each other with mutual forbearance and preserve the bond of harmony by means of patience.

St Cyprian 'On Patience'

## Things happening in our Parish

**Mass Times Cards** Printed on **cream/pink** card, these give times of our Christmas Masses. Do take and pass these on - to invite family and friends - or 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 have received a copy of the Programme, via the post. If any have not received a copy please contact Fr Anthony, as soon as possible.

**The Offerings** at the Masses of Christmas Eve (ie next Sunday evening) and Christmas Day are traditionally your gift to your priest.

**Board Books** Several books, for small children, are now available at both of our Churches, for them to use *during Mass*. Parents are invited to use them for their children, but *please do not take them away* from Church.

**Think Homeless** Hats, scarves and gloves help keep those most desperate warmer. If any have such items of clothing that are still fit for purpose and clean, they can please be left in the marked boxes in the entrance of either of our Churches, from now to 14 Jan. Distribution will be via St Anne's Shelter, Leeds.

### Please, please

remember to help tidy-up after Mass:  
take Mass Readings sheets home or neatly place them on a pile, in the Church Entrance Hall;  
*ensure that at our Sacred Heart Church,*  
the Parish (Pink) Booklets are left neatly with, but not in, the Hymn Books, on the bench book shelves;  
*that at our St Joseph's Church,*  
the Parish (Pink) Booklets and Hymn Books are returned to the Entrance Hall.

*Any with Children, please encourage them to help tidy and all please ensure no other items are left behind.*

Ten seconds of your time  
saves up to 30 minutes of another's time.



### 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** Next Preparation Programme for Parents of Children to be baptised, will be **Weds 28 Feb & 14 Mar**, 7.30-9.00pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall To join a Programme, Parents should first 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?

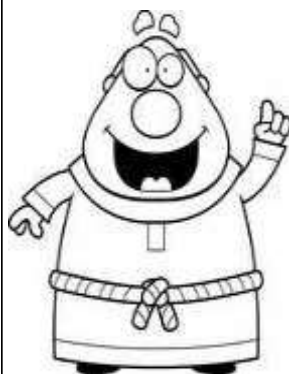
The man born blind, whom Jesus cured and who was then abused by the Pharisees, was cured by Jesus at the Pool of Siloam, which was in the City of David, that is the oldest part of Jerusalem.

*Jews would recognise the oldest part of Jerusalem as the City of David, it being the probable site of his royal palace. So why do we sing of Bethlehem as Royal David's City?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO

A vicar was talking to one of his parishioners.

He said, "When you get to my age you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter."



"Why do you say that?" enquired the parishioner. The vicar replied, "Well I often find myself going into a room and thinking what did I come in here after."

## Parish Monies

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

Loose	£388.60
Envelopes	£432.00
Nov Bank Orders	£1346.00

## Collections, etc

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

Collection 9/10 Dec £120.75  
Total so far £519.98

## THE GOD WHO COMES

That is exactly how it is.

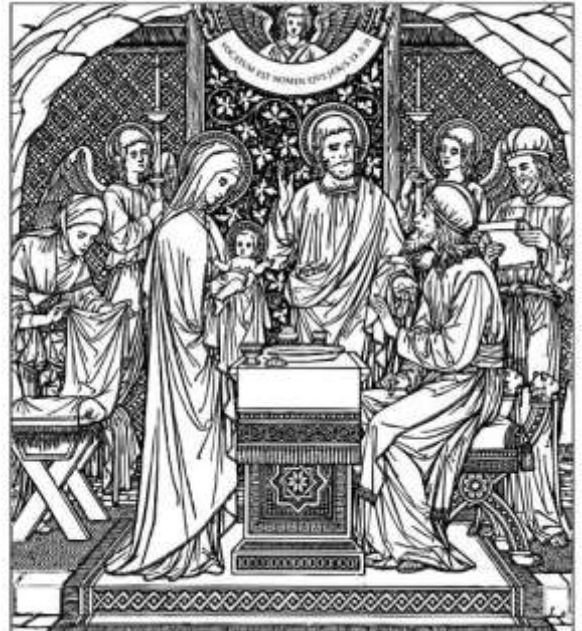
God has already come and is still to come. God is in me, and I, like the bride, am still waiting for Him in the darkness of faith, in the tension of hope, in the gift of charity.

Anyone who is unaccustomed to God's dynamic may find this strange, but nothing is truer than that this is the way God acts.

He came out of light into creation, He will come yet more in Adam.

He came in Jacob, but He will come yet more in Elijah.

He came in Abraham, but He will come yet more in Paul.



The God who comes proceeds with time, with history; He places Himself in the geography of the cosmos.

This is why everything is holy, and why you can feel His presence in all matter, but you can feel it infinitely more in the bread of the Eucharist.

Everything is advancing towards man's being taken up into God, towards his transformation into a son of God.

There is a presence in the seed, there is a presence in development, there is a presence in the fullness of being.

God is in the seed. God is in the development. God is in the fullness.

That is why He came, is always coming, and will come. The waiting is ours.

Praying means waiting for Him to come; living means accepting that He has come; dying means hoping that He will come.

Up to the end. And when He comes for the last time in history, it will be our Apocalypse, the moment of absolute maturity, of marriage, of banquet, of eternal possession.

The new heaven and the new earth ring like the Messianic proclamation of a time when the fullness and the exultation of possession by God will replace the old heaven and earth which God did not yet possess because of our resistance to Him, but which He was already searching for.

From: the God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto



Please Keep  
in Prayer

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

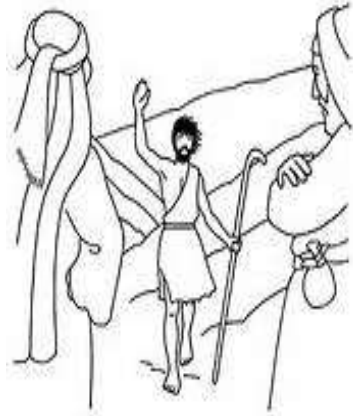
*Also:* All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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

The Word: Year B, Advent, Sunday 3

**Gospel: John 1:6-8. 19-28**

So, John the Baptist came as a witness to the light. In today's gospel reading he seems to rather refuse witness. He is quite negative, answering with a stalwart and repeated 'No!'. He witnesses only that 'There is one standing among you whom you do not know'. It is not always easy to find Jesus. All the way through the gospel of John there are misunderstandings about Jesus; people fail to recognise him for what he is: there's the Samaritan at the well, Nicodemus in the night, Mary Magdalene beside the empty tomb, even Peter and the disciples as they fish on the lake. We can easily become so wrapped up in our own troubles and worries that we fail to recognise the one figure who can find the solution to them, although he is standing among us, the one who 'has the words of eternal life'. He may come to us in a way we do not like, as a corrective—blocking or diverting the way we have chosen. He may come as suffering, disappointment, failure or bereavement. All of these may be acts of God's love, to show us the way, though we cannot see it at the time. It is just like John the Baptist, saying steadily 'No!', until eventually we turn around and see Christ as our true light.



Ionian Exile in the 6th century BC, and still more after the return from Exile. Through them all runs the promise that God will send his Spirit upon his chosen One. In the first part there is the wonderful promise of a sevenfold Spirit which we always associate with Confirmation. In the dark days of the Exile came the prophecy of 'my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have sent my Spirit upon him', which is echoed at Jesus' baptism. Now, after the return from Exile, we are presented with this prophecy in today's reading of the Anointed One to whom the spirit has been given so that he may heal. All these promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus also gives his Spirit to his followers, and it is our task, as we live by the Spirit, to heal, to bring good news to the poor and to bind up hearts that are broken.

**Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Writing to the Thessalonians, Paul gives his final blessing, asking that they may be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are now waiting for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Paul was waiting in a very different sense. He was waiting for the coming of Christ at the end of the world, a triumphal procession in which we would join Christ 'in the clouds' as he presented the whole universe to his Father as God's complete kingdom. We don't always see things in such dramatic, pictorial terms, but we do know that the whole universe is focused on God, and will reach its fulfilment only when his sovereignty is complete, when the world has been transformed by God's divine life in Christ.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11**

The Book of Isaiah reflects the thoughts and prayers of Israel over at least two hundred years. The original prophet Isaiah was speaking in Jerusalem in 740 BC. Further prophecies were added during the Baby-

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1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16  
2nd Reading : Romans 16:25-27  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Prayer of the Church

**Psalter Week 3**

**Sun** + Proper of Seasons  
**Mon** + Proper of Seasons  
**Tue** + Proper of Seasons  
**Wed** + Proper of Seasons  
**Thu** + Proper of Seasons  
**Fri** + Proper of Seasons  
**Sat** + Proper of Seasons

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon**  
**Tue**  
**Wed**  
**Thu** St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Chrch  
**Fri**  
**Sat** St. John of Kanty, Priest