



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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 2, 13/14 January 2018

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Saturday 13 January	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	James & Elsie Davis
Sunday 14 January	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <i>3.15pm Mass in Polish</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	John Gill Dulcie Morrison
Monday 15 January	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>10.45am Funeral Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Patricia Slatter Rosaleen Adgo
Tuesday 16 January	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Wednesday 17 January	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Teresa Foster
Thursday 18 January	<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> Jimmy & Theresa Hardy
Friday 19 January	<i>9.30am Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>With SH School</i> Thanksgiving (CMD)
Saturday 20 January	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Davis, Parsons & Mongon Families
Sunday 21 January	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Rita & Bill Holmes Debbie Lane



At both of our Masses, this Sunday, we celebrate the
Enrolment of our Children to Prepare for Reconciliation
at our Masses next weekend, we will celebrate the
Enrolment of our Applicants to Prepare for Confirmation



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

What of progress in the spiritual life, of growth in the Christian life? Let us move beyond these expressions and consider the same reality under a different light. In some sense there is no such thing as Christianity or the Christian life. There is



Christ and people who meet him, know him and relate to him. Christians are people who have come to know Christ. They have been inspired by his love and try to respond with love. At the heart of our faith is a person, not a creed, not a moral code, but a person. Creed, dogma, moral code – all have

their place in religion, but not the first place, not the centre. They are neither the source of nor the inspiration for the life we call Christian.

It all began when people met and were attracted by a man called Jesus. They became disciples and followed him. They were sure he was to usher in a new and golden age. Then they were traumatised by his sudden collapse, his arrest, crucifixion and death, which destroyed all their dreams. But then they were totally transformed by meeting him again, risen from the dead, alive and among them in forgiveness, compassion, love and power. They were driven by their experience to share this good news with others. They were sharing a living person, a loving friend with power to heal their hurts and give deep meaning to life. They were not preaching an ideology or looking for members for a new religion. This was the experience of those first followers who had known Jesus in the flesh.

The first generation of believers, who listened to those friends of the Lord and who themselves had not met Jesus in the flesh, were equally certain, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, that this Jesus truly was alive and with them and for them and was worthy of their love, a love which filled them with joy and was so real that they were ready to give up their lives for him. Saint Peter rejoices in the faith of these believers. *'You did not see Jesus, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe'* (1 Peter 1:8-9). We live in the time of the Lord. He is risen and present to us as he was to that first generation. The same gift of faith is offered to us. The same gift of God's Holy Spirit is poured out upon us so that we can know him, not just know about him, but know him and, knowing him, come to love him and be filled with joy because of that love.

*From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.17), (abbreviated),
by Robert Kelly, SJ*

Things happening in our Parish

Diocesan Directory A couples of copies (£3 each) are available to buy at both of our Churches

Prayer Group Meets weekly on **Mondays**, 7-8.00pm, at 40 Wood Street, South Hiendley. All very welcome.

Seniors Group Meets weekly on **Wednesdays**, in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 2-3.30pm. All aged 55+, both males and females, most welcome. Chat, refreshments, entertainments, all the order of the day.

Our Parish SVP is to meet this **Wed 17 Jan**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or to join them, please have a word with any present Member.

Faithful Departed The list of Names, given during last November, is displayed by the Prayer Trees at both of our Churches. During coming months an individual Mass will be celebrated for each offering returned and all those listed will be remembered in a monthly Mass.

All Names listed were carefully checked against the information given, but if any errors are spotted, please inform Fr Anthony by 28 Jan.

Unfortunately, three envelopes were returned with a donation but no note of the donors or any to be prayed for. If you gave a donation but cannot find your intended names listed, please inform Fr Anthony.

Many Thanks To all who donated hats, scarves, gloves to help keep those most desperate warmer. St Anne's Day Shelter now has a good sufficiency, so please do not bring any more to our Churches, for the time being.

It is a regrettable reality that from time to time, thefts occur in one or other of our Churches. Thefts are usually opportunist: they mostly occur during Services or events in the Hall/Rooms, and especially where items or monies are left unattended. If any become aware of thefts being likely, at any time, they should please inform Fr Anthony, so that the situation can be monitored and appropriate action might be taken. Please do not encourage thieves by leaving money, food/drink, or any other items lying around. Also, do not assume thieves will only strike if they are unlikely to be observed: some show themselves bold (or foolish) enough to be seen!



& In Our Diocese

The Diocesan Refugee Support Group invites you to an event on Wed 31 Jan, 7.00-9.00pm, at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, LS6 2BX. Any interested in volunteering to assist refugees and asylum seekers, as well as any already involved, most welcome. Introduction to the Community Sponsorship scheme, news from organisations as to the work they do, stalls to learn about the range of volunteer opportunities, photographic exhibition, refreshments.

*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.

Please note that our Confirmation and First Reconciliation Programmes are now well progressed and we are not able to take new starters, at this time.

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 next meet at our Sacred Heart Hall:

Sat 3 Feb, 10.00am-12.00nn

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

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£223.62
Envelopes	£514.56
Dec Bank Orders	£1140.00

Collections, etc

This Weekend Retiring collection after each of our Masses, for the *Poor Mission Fund*, to assist the most needy Diocesan Parishes.

THE GOD WHO COMES

God always runs a risk.

'I want to protect myself.

'You must love me because I am Love, not because I am pleasing to you.' Yes, love, not power. Love not tranquillity. Love, not pleasure.

That was when I understood what was meant by naked faith, hope without memory, charity without pleasure.

I understood that God does not reply to our wild raving because He is purifying us with sorrow and with death.

He wants to accustom me to His jealousy.

He want to make me to accept profoundly the concept that for Him sin is synonymous with betrayal, and not with omissions of the law, weakness, possible mistakes, bad taste or immaturity.

I say to you as emphatically as possible: do not try to corrupt God. You will not succeed—not even as well as does a woman who tries to bribe her lover by seducing him.

God is as inexorable as death in His love for us. He is ready to wait until the Last Judgement, but He will not change His ideas about our selfishness. So, let me tell you, you need patience.

Do not expect to have the Beatific Vision after ten minutes of recollection.

Do not seek for pleasure or enjoyment in prayer and do not wrap yourself round with clouds of sentiment.

Do not go out hunting for God as the latest curiosity in your life or as the last lover in your old age.

Accept faith as it is—naked. Wait all your life for the God who is always coming, and who does not show Himself to satisfy our curiosity, but unveils Himself before your faithfulness and your humility.

Accept the hope that is the indelible trace which He has left in the depth of your soul, an infinite nostalgia for heaven. Accept charity as God's way of loving, which meant abandoning His beloved Son to the torments of Calvary for the salvation of all the world. Perhaps the abandoned Jesus is the model for the greatest test of love, our strongest support in those moments when we fee really alone?

A story which could be true comes to mind.

A young engaged couple. Wonderful, Beauty, health, identical points of view, and, more important, identical conception of the gift of oneself. They wait for the day when they will become one and proclaim with the risen Christ their union as a sacramental sign of victory and dominion over oneself. A road accident: the car overturns on a curve. The flaming petrol attacks the young girl's body. When her fiancé succeeds in dragging her out from the twisted wreckage, her physical beauty is ruined forever and she will be burdened by permanent infirmities. "Will you still marry me?" "Yes I shall marry you, because in you I have loved something that goes beyond your body."

Well this man and woman will be able to understand why God wraps Himself in naked faith to make Himself loved by us.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto



But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

As it seemed that Abraham would not have any children to his wife, Sarah, in order to preserve his lineage, Abraham went with their servant girl Hagar, who bore him a son, Ishmael. When Sarah eventually had a son, Isaac, she became jealous of Hagar and Ishmael and persuaded Abraham to banish them.

Abraham is considered by Jews as the first Father of Israel and by Christians as a Father in Faith. Which other world religion holds him in high regard?

OR MAYBE NOT SO

Q. What is impossible to overtake at Christmas?

A. The three wide men!

Notice in a farmers field:

THE FARMER
ALLOWS
WALKERS TO
CROSS THE
FIELD FOR
FREE, BUT
THE BULL
CHARGES.





Please Keep
in Prayer

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

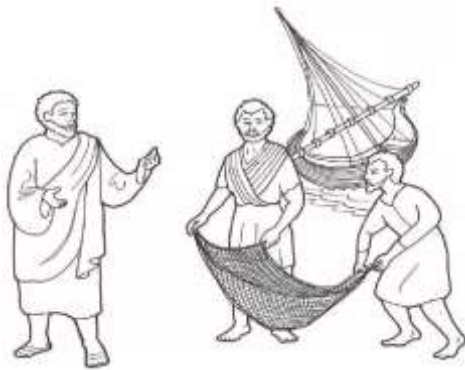
Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 2

Gospel: John 1:35-42

This year the ordinary Sunday readings are taken from Mark, and this provides us with a full picture of that gospel. But Mark is the shortest of the gospels, and is not quite long enough, so just occasionally a reading from John slips in to enrich our understanding of the meaning of Jesus' words and actions. Today's story is about the call of the first disciples and takes place in the Jordan valley, where John was baptising. The first two to be called are disciples of John, so they had already joined his group who were waiting for the messiah. They were ready when John pointed them out. It is striking that Jesus first called them to be with him, and that they remain with him for a time. On our call to follow Christ, first comes prayer and getting to know him, before we can actively work for Christ and bring others to share his joy. Only after this repose with the Lord do the disciples sprint off in their enthusiasm and bring others to join in the benefits they have received from the tranquillity and refreshment that comes from keeping company with Jesus.



First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

In the readings of Sundays 'in Ordinary Time' the first reading normally links with the gospel reading, and this is a superb example of such a link: the call of Samuel and his response prepare for the call of the first disciples of Jesus. The call of the young boy Samuel into the Lord's

service is always a favourite story. It is easy to imagine the boy lying, dozing on his mat in the half-darkness, hearing the voice murmur 'Samuel (the Hebrew form of his name). Was it really a call, was it the old prophet calling, or was it just the wind in the pillars of the Temple? Samuel has all the directness, willingness and simplicity of a child, the sort of qualities needed for the Kingdom of God. Similarly, we too may find it hard to know whether an 'inspiration' is really the call of God or our own imagination. Prayer and advice help in discerning the genuine call from a madcap scheme! Others may know us better than we know ourselves, and God's call is always fitted to our true nature.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15. 17-20

This is the first of six consecutive Sunday readings from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The Christian community at Corinth was a troublesome lot, and seems to have lacked any resident human guide. They relied on the Holy Spirit, backed up by several letters from Paul. Here we have Paul's most forceful argument for sexual self-control: as Christ lives in us by his Spirit, all our bodily members are Christ's, and Christ is involved in every movement of them. This should give us a wonderful reverence for our bodies, knowing that we involve Christ in all our bodily activities. The most powerful expression of this comes in verse 16 (omitted in the public reading, perhaps as being too pointed): "anyone who attaches himself to a prostitute is one body with her, since the two become one flesh". This drives the lesson home: Christ, too, becomes involved with the prostitute. Christ is involved in a wonderful way in the sexual act of procreation, giving a couple the inestimable privilege and joy of sharing in God's work of creation. But Christ is also abused by a Christian's abuse of sex.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 3
1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5. 10
2nd Reading : 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 2

Tue Week 2

Wed + Proper of Saints

Thu Week 2

Fri (or + Common of Pastors)

Sat (or + Prpr of Sts.+ Cmn of Past.or Cmn of Mts)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue

Wed St. Anthony, Abbot

Thu

Fri St. Wulstan, Bishop

Sat St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr /

St. Sebastian, Martyr