



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 3, 20/21 January 2018

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Saturday 20 January	6.00pm Mass	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
Monday 22 January	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Owen & Murtagh Families
Tuesday 23 January	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention
Wednesday 24 January	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Cochrane & Utting Families
Thursday 25 January	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Betty Byrne
Friday 26 January	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Frudd Family
Saturday 27 January	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Sunday 28 January	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Edward Czajko Bill & Gladys Tyrrell



At our Masses this Sunday
we 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



If we look at our Christian life as a relationship with Christ, our friend, it can be a warmer, life-giving reality. The Lord reveals himself to me in faith and asks for my friendship. As life goes on, do I feel I am getting to know him better through my experience of prayer, through reading and meditating on his living word in the scriptures, and meeting him in sacraments and people? Some Christians might not describe the spiritual life in that way, but it is the experience of many. There is a sense of friendship with the Lord. Maybe we should draw attention to it more often. I think it is revealed in many common expressions as when we say to each other: 'The Lord understands.' - 'He won't be outdone in generosity.' - 'He won't let you down.' Such phrases suggest a warm, personal friendship.

It is a pity our faith has not always been seen in a more personal fashion, that the person of the Lord Jesus has not been placed more clearly at the centre. One reason for this may be related to how we came to know Jesus. Many of us first met God as one to be adored and worshipped. We neglected the other side of the mystery, equally a matter of faith, that he is a true human person like us, who calls us friends and seeks our friendship. The words spoken to Peter after the resurrection are also addressed to you and me: 'Do you love me?' (John 21:15). It does not mean that if we say yes and choose Jesus we will immediately understand everything about him and follow him perfectly. No. This is the work of a lifetime. But it could mean a new joy and warmth in our faith.

We can learn much and be greatly encouraged by the story of Saint Peter's relationship with Jesus. It began when Peter realised that this wonderful person, Jesus, wanted his friendship and help even when he knew, on Peter's own admission, that Peter was a sinful man. This experience in Peter's life occurred one morning in his boat, after a miraculous catch of fish. This miracle told Peter that he was in the presence of someone very special. Peter, immediately aware of his own sinfulness, cried out: 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man' (Luke 5:8). Instead of leaving him, the Lord drew closer and told Peter he wanted to have him as his companion. Peter's life would never be the same again, after this. It was a moment of deep conversion, a moment of true healing, when Peter realised that he was accepted just as he was. He realised that his weak and sinful state was known and embraced by an utterly transcending love for him.

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

Things happening in our Parish

First Reconciliation Books The Books, needed by our Children who are preparing for First Reconciliation, have now arrived. They should be collected by the Children, from Fr Anthony, after any of our Masses this weekend, or next weekend at latest.

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

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.

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.

& In Our Diocese

Hinsley Hall our Diocesan Pastoral Centre, is recruiting a full time General Manager. An exciting opportunity to oversee this conference facility that welcomes guests from the Diocese of Leeds, other external organisations and many individual guests. For a job description contact rebecca.phillips@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Applications to be returned by 16 Feb 2018.

& Internationally

World Meeting of Families Every three years, ordinary families from all over the world gather to share faith and celebrate family life. This year's will be in Dublin, 21-26 Aug. On-line Registration essential to attend. See details at www.worldmeeting2018.ie.


Open Heart Memory Café
2nd Friday of every month, 10-12am
in our Sacred Heart Hall
This is for any in need of support or just company,
who are affected by dementia,
and also their families, friends and carers.
Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh, and to meet new friends.
Just come along, or for details
tel: 07921505706 or
email: openheartmemorycafe@gmail.com

*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 10 Feb, 9.30-11.30am

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

Sat 3 Feb, 10.00am-12.00nn

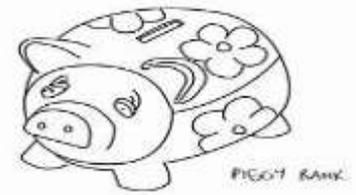
Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact, Fr Anthony.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£315.55
Envelopes	£500.20
Poor Mission	£200.32

Collections, etc



THE GOD WHO COMES

'God chose those whom the world considered absurd to shame the wise; he singled out the weak of this world to shame the strong.' (1 Cor.27)

In asserting that God presents Himself to us as absence, darkness, silence, I run the risk of being told, 'You're exaggerating!'

Yet I have experienced that that is the way it is.

And going from experience to the bible it has been easy to find texts to bear it out. What a help it has been, this profound discovery of how God reveals himself to us. It has really turned my way of thinking upside down.

Let us now look together at its main pattern. Each of us can go into the details for himself afterwards.

Well, Mankind is waiting for God. The Chosen People, which are like the vanguard on the march and consequently more aware of waiting, fix their eyes on the horizon. By now the Messiah must be near.

What are these people, His people, looking for in Him?

What characteristics do they expect when they see Him for the first time?

Power, glory, blinding light, triumph,

What happens?

Weakness, smallness, obscurity, anonymity.

Who cared about God's coming, veiled in the flesh of a defenceless child?

No one! Mary, the poor mother of Jesus, clasps in her arms the 'Unknown One' of the people, the true 'Hidden God' of Isaiah.

Those who were waiting were blind.

Nobody moved from Jerusalem, the Holy City, the footstool of the throne of God!

No, worse! Someone did move, not only in order to murder this nuisance who had not come in the way He was expected.

The most religious people on earth, the Chosen People, were living only on that waiting, and it had become spasmodic, it could be felt in the air.

What were they searching the horizon for, at the advent of the Messiah, at the dawn of all the prophecies?

The son of David, the conqueror, the God of Hosts, He who was to restore the Kingdom, He who would finally oppress the hated Romans! Triumph, victory, safety...always the same!

What happened?

A poor workman, hidden in an unknown village—and the most despised one at that.

No good. After so many years, no one realised what had happened. And how does the story end.?

The clash between Him who says He is the Son of God, the Messiah, and those who cannot accept such goings-on reaches a climax; it closes with the crucifixion of an innocent man.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Islam sees Abraham (Ibrahim) as a prophet, in the chain of prophets from Adam to Muhammad. He receives more mentions in the Quran than any other Old Testament personage, excepting Moses. He would be considered by many as the first pioneer of Islam, with his life-long mission being to proclaim the *oneness of God*.

Abraham's son, Isaac, had twin sons.

Esau was born first and Isaac intended that he should be first in line for the family dynasty. How was Jacob able to deceive Isaac into giving him his blessing and the first inheritance?

OR MAYBE
NOT SO



The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip biscuits. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples...'

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Grace Annie Evans, and her family



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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 3

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

What is going on? We had last Sunday the story of the first two disciples joining Jesus. One of them was Andrew, the other unnamed. Now we get another story, in another place, of other first disciples being called. So the Church underlines, two weeks running, the importance of Jesus' new community. The first thing he does is call his disciples. He can't do everything on his own, and that is the point of the Church. He calls disciples to make a new people, a new Israel—old, young, middle-aged: we all have our part to fill in Jesus' play. Tired old people, busy parents, lively youngsters—each of us can make a unique contribution, especially since Jesus has chosen us himself. An odd choice, some of us! What did he want ME to do in the new family of Jesus? The two different versions of the calling of the disciples show that at least two different people told this story. When two people tell the same story, there are bound to be variations. The place didn't matter, or the order in which the disciples were called. The point of the story was the call, the response and the companionship, the working together with the Lord.



First Reading: Jonah 3L1-5.10

The story of Jonah (whale and all) does not even pretend to be historical. For one thing, it takes about ten minutes to walk across the ruins of Nineveh—not three days! The story is a joke by Jews against Jews who think they alone can be saved: Jonah the Jew tries to run away from God,

whereas the gentiles at Nineveh repent as soon as they hear God's message—even the animals wear sackcloth! This is like the story about St. Peter showing protestants round heaven: Peter points to a high wall: "Hush! The Catholics are behind there. they think they are the only people here!" This reading is chosen to pair with the call of the disciples because of the immediacy of their response: the Ninevites and the disciples take the message to heart without hesitation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The earliest Christians were very aware that the Resurrection of Christ ushered in the last period of the world. With the fulfilment of God's promises in Jesus' death and resurrection everything important had happened. They believed that the end was imminent, and it was urgent for everyone to get ready. What must we think of this attitude two thousand years later? Yes, it is urgent for every individual to respond to God's call, and there is no time to lose. Every decision counts, every step along the path leads in one direction or the other, closer to God or further away. However, this is an instance where we must consider the message of the Bible as a whole, where one teaching balances another. "The Kingdom of God is close at hand!" does not mean that the world will end tomorrow. Matthew's gospel is quite clear that there is time before the last judgement to practice good works of prayer and generosity. At the last supper Jesus teaches that his disciples have a task to do in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit. ~~~So Paul is not teaching here that Christians should 'down tools' and sit waiting for the end, but that we must not absorb the values of those around us who think that the supermarket, the sports centre and the holiday cottage are the only realities worth thinking about; for us the Kingdom and its values are paramount.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 4

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2nd Reading : 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon (or + Proper of Saints)

Tue Week 3

Wed + Proper of Saints

Thu + Proper of Saints

Fri + Proper of Saints

Sat (or + Proper of Saints)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

Tue

Wed St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of Chrch

Thu THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE

Fri Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Sat St. Angela Merici, Virgin