



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St 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 5, 3/4 February 2018

*Getting in
touch*

Father Anthony G Fenton
The Sacred Heart Presbytery
Hemsworth,
Pontefract WF9 4LB

Tel 01977-610733

Parish Website www.hemsthorpe.org.uk
Email hemsthorpe@aol.com

Saturday 3 February	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Colin Croxall
Sunday 4 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	S McNally Pawel & Annie Zywicki
Monday 5 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Davy, Ann & Family
Tuesday 6 February	7.30am Mass 10.15am Funeral Service 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Foundation Mass Grace Annie Evans
Wednesday 7 February	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Thursday 8 February	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Eddie Czajko
Friday 9 February	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Alban Ramskill
Saturday 10 February	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Sunday 11 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptism 3.15 pm Mass in Polish	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Dave Feenan Private Intention (JH) Lucy Julia Donovan Eaton



At Mass, this Saturday, prior to his up-coming Baptism
we have the Presentation of and pray for
Mikolaj Wojciech, with his mother, Izabella Konopka



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

'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you' (*John 21:17*). So Peter said to the Lord, after the resurrection.



Can this be our prayer, our word from the heart to our Lord and friend? We might at times feel discouragement in our apparent lack of progress in the spiritual life. But when we look at it now in terms of a personal friendship with Jesus, hopefully we too can make Peter's prayer our own: 'Lord, you

know everything.' - you know all my lukewarmness, my failure to understand your way, my fears, how I have so often let you down out of fear and selfishness, how I try to avoid sacrifice at all cost. Yet lord, deep, deep down you know that I love you. Jesus, our friend understands, It was he who used the image of the seed to tell us that growth takes time. There is no instant growth, no instant holiness. The seed needs time to grow. Friendship takes time. Love needs time. This is a deep truth which in our world has become obscure.

Jack Dominionian writes with such understanding of love and marriage today. He says, 'Love cannot be found in the transient, superficial, shallow.' Jesus notes that the seed that falls in shallow soil springs up quickly, but dies equally quickly. Dominionian says that the ill of our day is not so much the trivialisation of sex but the trivialisation of persons and personal relationships. People want quick, easy encounters - with equally quick disengagement when troubles come. But true love should endure all and is tested by time. The growth of our personal friendship with the Lord may be slow because of our weakness, but surely it must be the source of our deepest joy in life. Again we remember Peter's words to the first Christians. 'You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described' (*1 Peter 1:8-9*). This friendship will continue to grow until we die and beyond, as we explore the infinite mystery of love. Let us see our faith life as a love story and not a chasing after perfection in the Christian life. We are baptised into Christ, not into Christianity. 'Before the world was formed, we were chosen in Jesus Christ to live through love in his presence,' says Saint Paul (*Ephesians 1:4*). Let us be in love, not with the spiritual life, but with the Lord.

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

Things happening in our Parish

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 **Wed 7 Feb**, 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.

Parish Pastoral Council We have recently lost four of our Parish Council Members: John Gill (RIP), who stood on behalf of our St Joseph's congregation, one on behalf of our Sacred Heart congregation, and two who stood for our Young Parishioners, but are no longer able to serve.

We therefore much need two adults to stand and two who have been Confirmed but are under 25 years. The same would each serve for the rest of the present term of office, to June 2019. If eligible and able, please have a word with Fr Anthony. Council meetings occur 4 or 5 times per year, usually on Thursday evenings, the next being in March.

Sacred Heart Hall Kitchen This has been in need of refurbishing for a long time. Plans are progressing to do the work, but if it is to be done to both last and properly serve the needs of our users, it will not come cheap. Donations of any amount will be welcome. Cash may be given to Fr Anthony or returned in an envelope marked 'Hall Fund'. Any who can gift aid or any who might give other than cash may wish to speak with Fr Anthony first.

Pictures of the proposed design are displayed on our Church notice boards. Full estimates should be known soon.

Remember Extra winter heating costs mean that some have the option of missing out on heating or food - so please remember to **help our local Food Bank**.

Annual Review of our Diocese: a few free copies are available at both of our Churches, or it can be found on the Diocesan website.


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.

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 Mar, 10.00am-1.00pm

Their *Parents* are due to re-join them
11.30am-1.00pm

Parents may bring their other children at 11.30am - they should also bring enough food for their family, to join together in a shared lunch

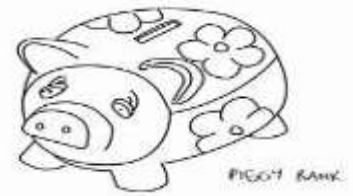
Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact, Fr Anthony.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£268.17
Envelopes	£428.84

Collections, etc



THE GOD WHO COMES

Now I am no longer amazed when I see darkness between Him and me, when between His thoughts and mine there is shadow, incapacity to understand, when He replies to my thirst for His embrace by absenting Himself and leaving me in the bitterness of a prolonged wait.

I know that it is all a question of my faith, which is the first serious trial of my love for Him.

Faith is like the placenta surrounding the foetus; that foetus is myself, still incapable of looking at the light.

Faith is like the period of betrothal, in which I am still able to say 'no' to Him, if I don't see clearly the path I am to follow.

Faith is like the protection He offers my freedom in love.

But faith is also the power I have in my life of showing Him the love which has been freely given to me.

Faith is the possibility of walking towards Him, not urged on by self-interest or the usual thirst for the enjoyment of possession, but only by the desire to please Him.

Faith is the true proof of love.

Faith is my true wealth, my only strength.



If God is great and comes to me with the immensity of creation, I go to Him with the grandeur of being accepted as a creature.

If God is love and comes to me with the folly of His cross, I go to Him with the folly of my faith.

If God is freedom and comes to me accepting the risk of my freedom, I go to Him accepting the risk of my faith.

My faith is never greater than when I live it out in the darkness which often acts as a shadow for my sick eyes.

I am not saying that it is easy to grasp God's thought all at once—anything but! I am only saying faith gives me power to believe in what I do not understand.

And that is why faith is not always apparently rational.

I do not blame Jesus' contemporaries for not understanding Him, but I am amazed that they did not believe.

The greatness of Abraham did not lie in his having understood, but in his having believed. He had sufficient signs for belief; he was logical in his faith, rather than his reasoning.

From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Jacob's wife Leah bore six sons and his wife Rachel had two. Leah's servant, Zilpah, then bore two of Jacob's sons, as did Rachel's servant, Bilhah. Thus, Jacob had twelve sons.

Joseph was seen by his brothers as Jacob's favourite son and they became jealous of him. They plotted to kill him, but which brother pleaded not to kill him, and what was his solution?

OR MAYBE NOT SO

After telling the story of the Prodigal Son, the Sunday school teacher asked

'Can anyone tell me who was upset when the son returned home and didn't want to join in the party?'

'Please miss' responded one boy 'the fattened calf'



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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 5

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

The snippets gathered in the gospel reading give us a sample of Jesus' activity at Capernaum—healing and prayer. The first incident, the healing of the relative of his friend and follower Simon Peter, reminds us that Jesus does respond if we pray for the needs of our nearest and dearest. Then the summary of his evening activity shows his concern to bring healing and wholeness. Any Christian will desire to follow his example: we can harm or heal those around us in so many ways. It does not need to be a miracle! A greeting, a look, a smile, a touch can bring the peace of Christ to someone in desperate need of reassurance—and no less can these actions harm and wound. But the third little story, of Jesus going off to pray in the early morning, shows that the well-spring of all his activity was his union with God whom he called his Father. We cannot say what Jesus' prayer was, any more than I can say what your prayer is, but the confident communication between Father and Son must have been the source of his strength and compassion.



First Reading: Job 7:1-4.6-7

In the whole three-year cycle there are only two Sunday readings from the moving and tragic Book of Job. The Book describes the problem of sickness and suffering at its most acute: why should I suffer? Job has lost every-

thing—wealth, family, health. He sits on a rubbish-heap, scratching his sores with a broken pot. In this passage from chapter 7 he gives a painful picture of the sick person's frustration—the slow and pointless passage of time, the crazy, distorted imaginings. He feels that God is oppressing him, but yet clings to God as his only hope of release. Undeserved sickness and death is worrying for anyone who believes in a loving God. On the natural plane, sickness is a reminder that things are out of order and could get worse. To the believer it is a reminder that this brilliant, complicated, sophisticated creation cannot continue developing for ever, but must return to God in God's own good time. As Jeremiah explains, the pot cannot complain to the potter, "Why did you make me like this?" But couldn't a loving God have made something so that it never went wrong?

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

As we work through this letter to the Christians of Corinth we find Paul reflecting on his own task. His teaching is firm enough. Under the compulsion of his divine call he has no choice but to teach the truth. Yet in his desire to win the Corinthians for Christ, he is sensitive to the needs of all people. Here he has just been giving a ruling on whether it is allowed to eat food which has been dedicated to pagan Gods. His first point is that, as these gods don't exist, dedication to them does not affect the food. But his most important point is that you must not upset other people's consciences. In other words, the overriding principle is to be sensitive and caring towards the needs of each person. If we are anxious to do the right thing, we can often be quite hard about acting 'on principle', trampling on the feelings of others without regard for their own sincerely-held beliefs. For Paul the highest principle in his treatment of people is always love.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 6

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Proper of Saints

Tue + Proper of Saints

Wed Week 1

Thu (or + Proper of Saints or Comm. of Virgins)

Fri Week 1

Sat + Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Tue Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Wed

Thu St. Jerome Emiliani / St. Josephine Bakhita,
Virgin

Fri

Sat St. Scholastica, Virgin