



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 6, 10/11 February 2018

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Saturday 10 February	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Sunday 11 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <i>1.00pm Baptism</i> <i>3.15 pm Mass in Polish</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Dave Feenan Private Intention (JH)
Monday 12 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Gough & Padgett Families
Tuesday 13 February	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention
Ash Wednesday 14 February	<i>9.30am Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Edward & John Tickle Ronnie, Mary & Andrew Clarkson
Thursday 15 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Quinn & Duffy Families
Friday 16 February	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition <i>6.30pm Stations of Cross</i>	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Debbie Lane & Decd Sullivan Family
Saturday 17 February	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Linda Tiernan
Sunday 18 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family Decd Conway Family



On her being Baptised into our Parish and Church Family, this Sunday we congratulate and pray for
Lucy Julia Donovan Eaton, with her parents, Andrew and Amy



Lent begins *this Wednesday, 14 February*, on which day Ashes will be distributed at both of our Parish Masses
Also, it is a day of fasting (those aged 18-60) and abstinence from meat (those aged 14+)

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

This year, our Lent Project is due to help raise money for an 'at home' charity, which will, in fact, be two charities, with monies being split equally.

' . . . when I was in prison, you visited me . . . '

In describing the last judgement, Jesus said that such words will be said to the righteous, by the Father. Whatever today's prisoners have or have not done, they are each still a Child of God, both worthy of our respect, as such, and whom God wishes to be saved.. Further, whether we have sinned more or less than they, we are their fellow sinners, also in need of forgiveness and the way to reconciliation. Again we recall Jesus's words, *' . . . forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive . . . '*

Some of our Parish subscribe to the periodical *Bible Alive*. It's publishers run *Prison Outreach*, an initiative supported by the generosity of it's readers. Through this, they provide Bible Alive, and also other Christian resources and books, to prisoners. Within our own diocesan boundaries there are several prisons.

The publishers say: *We have always been so encouraged and moved by the feedback we get from prisoners . . . We encounter in their letters humility, honesty, gratitude and thankfulness to God, but also to our readers who witness to the truth that prisoners are our brothers and sisters and we must not forget them.* Among the quotes:

"Bible Alive embraces me into God's family, irrespective of the bars that surround me."

"It is a real treat to immerse one's self in a daily reading and prayer and something I really look forward to. Bible Alive is a great asset to any prisoner."

It is not possible for any or all to visit those in prison. But, this Lent, we can show our concern in a small way, by supporting *Prison Outreach*.

&&& Open Heart Memory Café

Very close to home! Whether we are aware of it or not, we all know someone, or likely several, who have a form of dementia. A cup of coffee or tea) and a little t.l.c, among those who *know and understand*, can go a long way to help those with this progressive illness, their family, friends and carers, to feel supported and encouraged. The newly founded *Open Heart Memory Café*, which will gather monthly, in our Sacred Heart Hall, will be quite informal and self-run (but also properly run), and open to all comers. It is not aiming to do things that will cost much, but obviously a little money in the piggy bank will let them have some extra resources, to benefit all.

Mental illnesses often receive less attention than physical ones, yet they can be just as painful, debilitating, and some life-threatening. This Lent, albeit in a small way, we can make a difference.

Extras especially for Lent

Stations of the Cross	St Joseph's, 12.00nn Wednesday: 21 Feb to 21 Mar <i>Soup & Roll available after</i>
& alternating Sacred Heart & St Helen's CofE	Sacred Heart, 6.30pm Friday: 16 Feb / 2, 16 Mar St Helen's CofE, 6.30pm Friday: 23 Feb / 9, 23 Mar
Exposition & Reconciliation	Sacred Heart, 7.30-8.00pm Wednesday: 21 Feb / 7, 21 Mar St Joseph's, 10-10.30am Thursday: 22 Feb / 8, 22 Mar



Things happening in our Parish

Parish Pastoral Council We presently have three who are offering to join our Parish Council. Another, under 25 years but Confirmed, is still especially wanted. If there are any further nominations, please inform Fr Anthony by this **Wed 14 Feb**, at latest.

Our Young Artists are asked to set to and design!

Any of *Primary School Age* are invited to design a Holy Week or Easter scene. It should be a free drawn coloured or line drawing, set landscape on A4 paper. The winning design will be used for our Parish Holy Week Service Times card.

Those of *Secondary School Age* are invited to design a poster advertising Holy Week. It should clearly display the Words **Holy Week, 25-31 March** within the design, but not have a large area of a dark colour, and should be on A4 paper. We will ask Parishioners to display this.

All designs should be returned to Fr Anthony by **Sun 4 Mar**, at latest. Small prizes will be awarded to those whose designs are used. Remember, also, to put your age and contact details on the back.

Sacred Heart Hall Kitchen In need of refurbishing for a long time, plans are progressing to do the work, but if it is to be done to 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 on our Church notice boards. Full estimates should be known soon.

& In our Diocese

Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage 6-12 Jul, from £739pp. See our Church notice boards for some further details.

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 on their Pilgrim Day:

Mon 19 Feb, depart 9.30am prompt from our Sacred Heart Car Park.

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

Sat 3 Mar, 10.00am-1.00pm
11.30am-1.00pm

Their *Parents* are due to re-join them
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.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Rather than kill the Israelite Patriarch, Joseph, his eldest brother, Reuben, suggested that he should be thrown down a well, and down the well he went. However, some Ishmaelite traders then came along and Joseph's brothers sold him to them and they took him to Egypt, to sell him as a slave. (Genesis 38)

What was Joseph's gift that brought him to the attention of the Pharaoh and resulted in him being made both a freed man and Pharaoh's Vizier (highest official)?

OR MAYBE NOT SO



A poster advertising a Ladies meeting on the subject "What makes a happy marriage?"

One line read: "What do you have in common?"

(Someone had written below)
We were both married on the same day.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£256.65
Envelopes	£555.47
St Joseph's Raffle	£75.00

Collections, etc

Paulinus Lottery Following recent draws, F Foster is our latest winner with a prize of £675.

New punters welcome - see Barry Palmer, Alf Holdcroft or Paul Stuart for details or to join.

THE GOD WHO COMES



How could the patriarchs understand the plan of salvation when it was still enclosed in the heart and mystery of God?

They simply believed, and in this they gave us a good example, as St. Paul says in his letter to the Hebrews:

'All of these died in faith. They did not obtain what had been promised but saw and saluted it from afar. By acknowledging themselves

to be strangers and foreigners on earth, they showed that they were seeking a homeland' (Heb. 11:13-14).

This all means something very important for us, something that can overturn our way of thinking about our relationship to God, that can give quite another meaning to the days of our earthly existence.

Man is something absolute, radically autonomous and free, and God does not unleash his autonomy and freedom.

In each of us the primitive chaos lives on; as Genesis says, '...darkness covered the abyss' (Gen.1:2).

But upon each one of us, as then, 'God's Spirit hovered over the water' (Gen. 1:2).

In each one of us Adam is speaking with God, fleeing from God, sinning, and, unfortunately unable to conceive Cain in a lustful embrace, which is to make him weep for his whole life.

But in each one of us the mercy of God carries faith as it did to Abraham, gives a vocation as it did to Moses, implants a thirst for prayer as it did to Elijah, gives hope as it did to Jacob.

All these giants of the past are in us—rather, we can live the same dramas as they did, the same divine realities—and we are marching with them towards the coming of Christ.

Then, with the mystery of the incarnation, Jesus comes to us, as He did to Mary, and we can live out divine intimacy in all its fullness.

The whole Bible is lived out in us, is spoken in us, and is mingled with our blood, with our experience, with our love.

Everything turns into hope in a God who comes, but who makes us experience the suffering and the waiting of advent, the lament of Jeremiah, the peace of Amos, the images of Hosea, and the visions of Zechariah....



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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 6

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

Mark shows the warmth of Jesus' humanity with his concern for a leper. The leper had no right to even approach Jesus, but must have felt that he would get a favourable response and no words of reproach. "Jesus felt sorry for him" is rather a weak translation—the Greek is far stronger: colloquially it literally means 'was gutted'; so Jesus felt compassion to the depths of his being.



Then Jesus touched him—in this touching he was both reaching out to someone ritually impure and risking infection. There have been famous repetitions of this brave and heartfelt gesture: Francis of Assisi kissing a leper's hand, Princess Diana shaking hands with an AIDS sufferer (when the sickness was thought to be contagious by touch). One can imagine the awestruck horror of the bystanders at this outrageous expression of love and sympathy. Why, then, does Jesus 'sternly' send him away? A more faithful rendering would be not 'sternly' but 'in anger'. It is possible that the anger is directed at the leprosy, considered as an exterior invasion, and so he sent it (the disease) away. At least Jesus' whole-hearted emotional involvement with the sufferer is palpable.

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

This reading from the Law sets the scene for Jesus' healing in the gospel reading. Leprosy in its modern medical sense (*Mycobacterium leprae*) is a devastating disease, leading to the loss of fingers, and then whole hands and feet. These biblical regulations were, with good reason, designed to prevent contagion. In biblical times lack of precise diagnosis meant that other skin diseases, such as psoriasis and even acne, were often lumped together with what today we call leprosy. So the worst thing about many

of the lesser forms of 'leprosy' would have been the isolation, for all 'lepers' were cut off from all human society. The priests were involved not so much as sacred ministers but as reliable persons to judge the symptoms, though the sacrifice of thanks for disappearance of the disease was a genuine religious thanksgiving.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 –11:1

This is the last reading this year from First Corinthians. It ends a section of the letter, and so should be read as a summing up. Paul has just quoted a slogan which that difficult community had thrown in his face, 'Everything is permissible' This was the conclusion they drew from the abolition of the restrictions of the Jewish Law. Paul's principle was that the Spirit was an inner guide, so that no external restrictions were necessary. With their slogan the Corinthians had come to believe that there were no limits on what they might do, so Paul now adds various pieces of guidance. Firstly: 'Whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God'. If the glory of God is always before our minds, we can hardly go wrong. 'Never do anything offensive'; that is, never lead anyone else into sin. It is easy sometimes to put people in a situation in which they are bound to fail, through fear or anger of frustration, or just because they are unequal to the task. 'Take me as for your model, as I take Christ'. To us moderns this may sound arrogant, but Paul regarded himself as the Servant of the Lord Jesus, just as Jesus regarded himself as the servant of the Lord. So Paul is encouraging the self-confident Corinthians to put themselves in the position of servants, serving the community for the glory of God. No matter what our position, we can always do something more for the community.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Lent, Sunday 1

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

2nd Reading : 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 2

Tue Week 2

Wed Week 4 + Seasonal Proper

Thu Week 4 + Seasonal Proper

Fri Week 4 + Seasonal Proper

Sat Week 4 + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue

Wed ASH WEDNESDAY

Thu

Fri

Sat