



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, Lent, Sunday 1, 17/18 February 2018

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Saturday 17 February	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Linda Tiernan
Sunday 18 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family Decd Conway Family
Monday 19 February	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> <i>No Mass today</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	<i>Owing to our Confirmation Applicants' Osmotherley Pilgrimage</i>
Tuesday 20 February	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Pyta & Hill Families
Wednesday 21 February	12.00nn Stations of Cross 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass 7.30-8.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Rosaleen Adgo <i>Individual Reconciliation also available</i>
Thursday 22 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10-10.30am Exposition 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Duffy, Rowe & Straughan Families <i>Individual Reconciliation also available</i>
Friday 23 February	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Stations of Cross	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart <i>St Helen's CofE</i>	Molly & Cecil Rhodes <i>Note venue</i>
Saturday 24 February	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Kathleen Kelleher
Sunday 25 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family Mr & Mrs V Wileman



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

The Bishops of England and Wales are planning a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress (Adoremus), in Liverpool, 7-9 September of this year, entitled: *I am the Bread of Life*. They have given the following summary:-

The last Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908. However, on that occasion, it was not possible to carry the Blessed Sacrament in public procession, through the streets. So the procession was held but without the Blessed Sacrament. This Eucharistic Pilgrimage would bring to fruition the completion of the Congress of 1908 - Evangelisation and Adoration (with the procession being on the Sunday).

Adoration, as a living and personal encounter with Christ, is an essential and primary form of evangelisation that reawakens in us the impulse for God, instilled when God created us. Out of that inner desire, we are drawn to be missionary disciples

In the Praise and Witness to the Eucharistic Lord, the aims of Adoremus are:

- To rejuvenate Eucharistic Adoration in Parishes,
- To encourage greater love for the mystery of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar,
- To engender a deeper understanding of the place of the Eucharist in the life of the church,
- To provide practical resources for Eucharistic Adoration for Parishes and Schools,
- To better form Extraordinary Ministers,
- To better equip Parish catechists and Schools,
- To confirm Parish ministry around the centrality of the Eucharist.

Because Adoration of the Eucharist deepens our relationship with Christ, it enables us to be more effective disciples, who will be better able to lead others to the life of the Church that has the Eucharist at its heart.



See <http://adoremus.uilcc.org> for more details. If any without Internet access would like copy of its principal contents, Fr Anthony can help.

The main day of this event is the Saturday. For this tickets will be required (allocated number per diocese). Tickets (more limited) are required for the Friday. If any would like tickets, please see Fr Anthony. Information to date indicates that any attending need to make their own transport arrangements and any who wish to stay overnight must arrange their own accommodation.

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: 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

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 21 Feb**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall.

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.

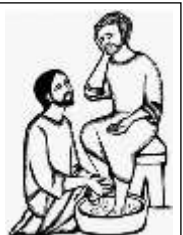
Parish Pastoral Council Jim Kirwan, Teresa Williams and Oskar Godlejewski have been nominated and are duly returned as Parish Council Members. We would welcome an additional member who is Confirmed but aged less than 25. Any willing please see Fr Anthony.

Sacred Heart Hall Kitchen Donations of any amount will be welcome for a much needed refurbishment. Cash may be given to Fr Anthony or returned in an envelope marked 'Hall Fund'. Any who can Gift Aid or who might give other than cash please speak with Fr Anthony.

& In our Diocese

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

Lent Project Door Collection after all our Weekend Masses: 50% for our Open Heart Memory Café (for those with Dementia and their families/friends/carers) - also 50% for Prison Outreach (spiritual/religious books for those in prison). Any other offers of help to raise money most welcome.



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?

The Israelite Patriarch, Joseph, was freed from slavery and the Pharaoh made him his highest official (Vizier). This was because it was made known to the Pharaoh that Joseph had an ability to interpret dreams and he successfully interpreted a dream of Pharaoh, that resulted in Egypt avoiding a great famine.

For some years following this, the Israelites who came to live in Egypt were welcomed by the Egyptians. However, the Egyptians began to turn against the Israelites and forced them to be slaves. Why?

OR MAYBE NOT SO

When the teacher in Sunday School asked her class to think of something they could do without in Lent, one boy replied "Soap".



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £258.94
Envelopes £464.82
Hall Fund £30.00

Collections, etc

Many Thanks to all who support our *Paulinus Lottery* which has just given a return of £400 to our Parish Funds.

THE GOD WHO COMES

Everything turns to hope in a God who comes, but for this to become alive, my 'yes' is necessary, my free and loving acceptance.

Often, such an acceptance is easy, obvious—reasonable, we should say.



But it is often dark, and sometimes painful.

Then my love becomes involved, and faith becomes proof of it.

In that moment chattering counts for nothing, as Jesus himself warned me: 'None of those who cry out 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of God' (Matt.7:21).

It is facts which count—plain facts.

Take a simple example.

When her husband is near and does not let her want for anything she expects, hopes for and enjoys, a wife says she loves her husband, says it easily and normally. But when the

husband is far away, when the waiting is prolonged for months and years, when doubt grows that he will ever return, oh, then the true test of love begins!

What light, what splendours in the possibilities this wife has to resist, while she fixes her eyes on the anonymous crowd and tries to pick out him, only him!

What power of real, living, strong testimony emanates from the faithful vigilance, the unquenchable hope, which this woman lives behind the bitter doorway of waiting!

Oh, how each one of us would like to be the bridegroom who returns disguised as a poor stranger, whom she does not recognise, but to whom she repeats, again and again, her certainty of his return and the sweetness of his love!

Well, every evening, when the darkness wraps itself around my prayer, He, God, is there, disguised as a poor man watching me.

When I endure, in the darkness of faith, the prolonged wait for the God who comes, He has already come to me, and is embracing me silently, with the same embrace with which I, in faith, embrace Him.



From: *The God Who Comes*— Carlo Carretto

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Betty Hamilton, 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, Lent, Sunday 1

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

Mark's emphasis is distinctly different from that of Matthew and Luke. No details of the testing are given. Rather Jesus' sojourn in the desert seems almost a return to the peace of the Garden of Eden. The desert of Judea, between Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, is a noble and dignified solitude of smooth, sandstone hills. Nothing grows, of course, but wild camels and the occasional leopard prowl around. There Jesus was 'with the wild animals' as, led by the Spirit, he made his preparation for his mission. In what way was he tested? We may presume that in solitude and prayer he was working out the implications of the Voice from Heaven at his Baptism. How was he to run his course as the beloved Servant of the Lord? Precisely how was he to bring the presence of the Kingship of God into people's lives? The 'forty' is often used in biblical accounts for a period of preparation, as Israel's forty years in the desert, or the forty days between Easter and Ascension which prepared the Apostles for Jesus' leaving them and then for the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. We may use our forty days of Lent to reflect on how we may bring God's presence to bear in and through our lives.



First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Lent is a time when the first reading at Mass really comes into its own. On the Sunday's of Lent the Church leads us step by step through the preparation of the People of God for the supreme event of Easter, the Resurrection of Christ. In each year of the three-year cycle of readings the first Sunday starts with the Bible-story before Abraham. This year the Old Testament reading is the promise to Noah that God will never again let a destructive flood devastate the earth. The first thing Noah does on emerging from the ark is to sacrifice to God in thanksgiving for his

deliverance. To this God replies with his promise, guaranteed by the reassuring sign of the rainbow (a sort of glorious pathway which binds earth closely to heaven). Each of the covenants God makes with his people emerges from the evil we humans do. There is no pretence in the scriptures; we are fallible, sinful human beings. Time after time it is the human partners of the covenant who fail, and break the relationship with God. Time after time God forgives and offers a covenant again, until he offers the new covenant in the blood of Christ. A good way to start Lent is acknowledging our sin and welcoming God's invitation to start again.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Lent reaches its climax with the renewal of our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. This reading begins to prepare for this moment. Noah's emergence to new life from the waters of the Flood (amid devastation and destruction) is compared to, and becomes a symbol of, emergence to new life from the waters of baptism. Water is the source of all life. Just look at the way people so often carry a little water-bottle around with them! However, you don't really appreciate water as the source of life until you have been lost in the desert without any water, getting more and more desperately thirsty and weaker. See a drooping flower revive when it is given a few drops of water! The waters of baptism are a symbol not only of washing away sin, but more importantly of new life in Christ. To 'baptise' means to 'dip' in water. By baptism we are 'dipped' into Christ's death. We emerge from the water soaked through with the risen life of Christ, so that henceforth Christ is our life. This reading encourages us to prepare for the renewal of life at Easter by getting our conscience in good order. This needs thought, commitment and prayer, so that we are ready with 'the pledge of good conscience'.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Lent, Sunday 2
1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
2nd Reading : Romans 8: 31-34
Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun + Seasonal Proper
Mon + Seasonal Proper
Tue + Seasonal Proper
Wed + Seasonal Proper
Thu Proper of Saints
Fri + Seasonal Proper
Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon
Tue
Wed
Thu CHAIR OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE
Fri
Sat