



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 2, 24/25 February 2018

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Saturday 24 February	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Kathleen Kelleher
Sunday 25 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family Mr & Mrs V Wileman
Monday 26 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Crossland, Whitehouse Families
Tuesday 27 February	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Wednesday 28 February	12.00nn Stations of Cross 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention (J.C)
Thursday 1 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Abraham, Chacko Families
Friday 2 March	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Stations of Cross	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Charlie & Ada Covell
Saturday 3 March	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Stephen Tighe & Jasper Cotterill
Sunday 4 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Eddie Czajko Colin Croxall



At our Masses, next Weekend, 3/4 March
we will celebrate the
Rite of Election of our Confirmation Applicants



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 following is from the writings of St Irenaeus, a 1st century bishop and Church Father.

Our Lord, the Word of God, first drew men to God as servants, but later he freed those made subject to him. He himself testified to this: *I do not call you servants any longer, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. Instead I call you friends, as I have made known to you everything that I have learned from my Father.* Friendship with God brings the gift of immortality to those who accept it

In the beginning God created Adam, not because he needed man, but because he wanted to have someone on whom to bestow his blessings. Not only before Adam but also before all creation, the Word glorified the Father in whom he dwelt, and was himself being glorified by the Father. The Word himself said: *Father, glorify me with that glory I had with you before the world was.*



Nor did the Lord need our service. He commanded us to follow him, but to gift us with salvation. To follow the Saviour is to share in salvation; to follow the light is to enjoy the light. Those who are in the light do not illuminate the light but are themselves illuminated and enlightened by the light. They add nothing to the light; rather, they are beneficiaries enlightened by the light.

The same is true of service to God: it adds nothing to God, nor does God need the service of man. Rather, he gives life and immortality and eternal glory to those who follow and serve him. He confers a benefit on his servants in return for their service and on his followers in return for their loyalty, but he gains no benefit from them. He is rich, perfect and in need of nothing.

The reason why God requires service from man is this: because he is good and merciful he desires to confer benefits on those who persevere in his service. In proportion to God's need of nothing is man's need for communion with God.

This is the glory of man: to persevere and remain in the service of God. For this reason the Lord told his disciples: *You did not choose me but I chose you.* He meant that his disciples did not glorify him by following him, but in following the Son of God they were glorified by him. As he said: *I wish that where I am they also may be, that they may see my glory.*

Extras especially for Lent

Stations of the Cross	St Joseph's, 12.00nn Wednesday: 28 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: 9, 23 Mar
Exposition & Reconciliation	Sacred Heart, 7.30-8.00pm Wednesday: 7, 21 Mar St Joseph's, 10-10.30am Thursday: 8, 22 Mar

Things happening in our Parish

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.

Sponsored Marathon Caroline Copeland expects to run in the London Marathon this coming May and has kindly offered to help raise money, towards refurbishing our Parish Hall. See the forms on our Parish notice boards to add your name and sponsor her.

Parish Pastoral Council Next meeting in St Joseph's Rooms, 7.00pm, **Thu 15 Mar**. Please give Agenda items to Janet Ward, Elizabeth Smith or Fr Anthony by **11 Mar**.

Jim Kirwan, Teresa Williams, Oskar Godlejewski have been nominated and are duly returned as Members.

Our Parish Hall The refurbishing will hopefully happen in 2/3 weeks time and should take 4/5 days. Donations of any amount welcome - see Fr Anthony for details.

Please note Any cheques in favour of our Parish should please be made out to 'Sacred Heart, Hemsworth'.

Lent Project Door Collection after all our Weekend Masses: for our Open Heart Memory Café (for those with Dementia and their families/friends/carers) - and for Prison Outreach (spiritual/religious books for those in prison) - 50% each. Other offers of help to raise money 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 be *Elected* at our Parish Masses on:

Sat/Sun 3/4 Mar

and will then meet for their *Retreat Afternoon*, in our Sacred Heart Hall:

Sat 17 Mar, 2.00-7.45pm

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.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

For some years after the time of the Patriarch Joseph, the Israelites were welcome in Egypt. The Egyptians then turned against them and made them slaves. The Book of Genesis (1:8-10) says: There arose a new king over Egypt . . . He said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war befall us, they join our enemies and fight against us . . ."

Moses was, of course, the one who negotiated with the Pharaoh for the release of the Israelites. But who assisted him in the negotiations?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!



The rector of a church in Nottinghamshire was visiting an aged parishioner.

She fixed him with a stern gaze

"When I die Rector" she insisted, "I want you to

take my funeral, I can't hear that young curate at all.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£256.22
Envelopes	£493.96
Hall Fund	£100.00
Jan Bank Orders	£1267.00

Collections, etc

Lent Project Many thanks also for the monies raised so far:

Last Weekend's Door	£132.90
Total to date	£132.90

THE GOD WHO COMES

'The Messiah—that is Christ—is coming' (John 4:25)

It sounds like a fairy story, yet it is the truth. God became bread in Christ. God comes to me hidden in a piece of bread!

In the last chapter we finished by saying that the bridegroom would come disguised as a pure stranger to find the bride waiting for Him, and that all of us would desire to be approached in such obscurity by the object of our love.



Well, the Eucharist is such poverty of God, it is such a hiding place of God made near to us, it is such a coming of God into the intimacy of our dwelling in pure faith. If you think about it, it stuns the mind. Either Christ is a raving madman, or He is truly omnipotent and merciful Love, who has found the most direct road to our hearts, a road that will not frighten or scare us, a road that is as simple as could be.

Consider Christ's presence under the sign of bread. From the beginning of this book we have been talking of a presence, the presence of a personal God.

God made Himself present in Adam as creation, became voice in Moses, conscience in Abraham, experience in Elijah, intimacy in Jacob.

As though that were not enough, He became Jesus, visible and tangible presence; Father, in His most profound revelation; Holy Spirit, in the fullness of the gift of Himself.

It might have been enough. Men in search of God do not lack appointments and meeting places; they only have to want to find Him.

But, the inventiveness of God, the creativity of God, found another way of making His presence concrete, of realising His presence, among us, near us, before us, close to us, within us.

He became transformed into a piece of bread.



...the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Brian Anthony McClarnon and his 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 Ogle, Kazia Andruszko
David Olbison, Liz Allen, Hilda Bailey, John Evans
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year B, Lent, Sunday 2

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

As the time of the passion approaches, the foreboding of the disciples grows. Jesus sustains them with this vivid manifestation of himself in glory. On the holy mountain of revelation they see him transformed. It was a real visual experience, though described in symbols familiar from the Bible—brilliant white clothes, and so on. Moses and Elijah are seen there because they also had experienced the vision of God on the holy mountain: Moses when he had received the Law from God on Mount Sinai; Elijah when he encountered God in the cave on Mount Horeb. The disciples were frightened, confused and overcome at the awesome experience, and yet, at the same time, comforted in such a way that Peter wanted to prolong it. Their reaction to the presence of the Lord will later be reflected by that of Christian mystics—both a reassuring terror and a frightening homeliness, the awareness of a presence which is awesome yet comforting—an experience which cannot be fully put into words. The Voice from Heaven is an echo of the Voice heard at Jesus' Baptism. There, however, the Voice was addressed to Jesus, whereas here it is spoken to the disciples, proclaiming Jesus as authorized teacher, the one who speaks with the authority of the Beloved Son.



First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Every parent must be moved by this terrible and touching story. How could a parent do such a thing? And the boy was Abraham's last hope for the survival of his family,

granted to him to fulfil God's promise. The narrative pace slows down as they approach the point of sacrifice. In the full version of the story in Genesis we read how Isaac is allowed to carry the wood, but Abraham carefully carries anything on which the child might hurt himself, the fire and the knife. One can imagine the jaunty boy trotting along beside dad, bouncing questions at him, and dad's monosyllabic answers as he nears the moment he dreads. Yet Abraham trusted in God right up to the brink of disaster, somehow confident that God would rescue him from this terrible deed. As Paul stresses, it was not anything Abraham did that justified him, not his obedient action, but his total trust in God. The tradition of the church sees in this tragic story a 'prequel' of God's offering his only, beloved Son for the salvation of the human race; it is a mysterious preparation for that supreme offering which we celebrate at Easter. With this interpretation of the text we keep the goal before our eyes, as we advance along the way during the season of Lent.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Paul reflects on God's love: if God loved us sufficiently to deliver up his son for us, there is no limit to his love. Paul begins his letter to the Romans by exposing the human race as mired in sin. The disobedience of Adam (and 'Adam' means 'man' in Hebrew) is the symbol of this sin. But Paul shows that the perfect, loving obedience of Christ (the Second Adam) to his Father unravels our disobedience, and sets us right again in God's love. The Cross is the supreme act of love: Jesus loves his Father even to death. God accepts this death out of love for the human race. Nothing, continues Paul, can separate us from this love, neither life nor death nor human nor superhuman powers. As an example of this love, Paul then shows how even the Jews who rejected Jesus remain God's beloved people. In the end they too will be saved by that love.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Lent, Sunday 3

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper

Tue + Seasonal Proper

Wed + Seasonal Proper

Thu Cmn of Men Saints + Former National Proper

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu ST. DAVID, BISHOP & PATRON OF WALES

Fri

Sat