



# 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 3, 3/4 March 2018

*Getting in touch*

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<b>Saturday</b> 3 March	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Stephen Tighe & Jasper Cotterill
<b>Sunday</b> 4 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Eddie Czajko Colin Croxall
Monday 5 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Chui, McDougall, Monaghan Families
Tuesday 6 March	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Intentions of Doris Pyta
Wednesday 7 March	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	Anna Maria Cregan <i>Individual Reconciliation also available</i>
Thursday 8 March	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sch Sacred Heart	<i>Nb Venue: All welcome : Decd Allsop . . . Needham Families</i>
Friday 9 March	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Stations of Cross	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Helen's CofE	Decd Moran & Comer Families <i>Nb Venue</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 10 March	9.30-12.00nn Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
<b>Sunday</b> 11 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 3.15pm Mass in Polish	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Stan Hodgson Anthony Clinton



At our Masses, this Weekend, 3/4 March, we celebrate the Rite of Election of our Confirmation Applicants  
Next Saturday, 10 March, our First Sacraments Children will have the Celebration of First Reconciliation  
and at both Masses next Sunday, 11 March, they will Receive the Scriptures



**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

God willed that many things should be said by the prophets, his servants, and listened to by his people. How much greater are the things spoken by the Son. These are now witnessed to by the Word of God who spoke through the prophets. The Word of God does not now command us to prepare the way for his coming: he comes in person and opens up the way for us and directs us toward it. Before, we wandered in the darkness of death, aimlessly and blindly. Now we are enlightened by the light of grace, and are to keep to the highway of life, with the Lord to direct us.

The Lord has given us many counsels and commandments to help us toward salvation. He has even given us a pattern of prayer, instructing us on how we are to pray. He has given us life, and with his accustomed generosity, he has also taught us how to pray. He has made it easy for us to be heard as we pray to the Father in the words taught us by the Son.

He had foretold that the hour was coming when true worshippers would worship the Father in spirit and truth. He fulfilled what he had promised before, so that we who have received the spirit and the truth, through the holiness he has given us, may worship in truth and in the spirit through the prayer he has taught.

What could be more a prayer in the spirit than the one given us by Christ, by whom the Holy Spirit was sent upon us? What could be more a prayer in the truth than the one told by the lips of the Son, who is truth himself? To pray in any other way than the Son has taught us is not only the result of ignorance but of sin. He himself has said: You reject the command of God, to set up your own tradition.



So, let us pray as God our master has taught us. To ask the Father in words his Son has given us, to let him hear the prayer of Christ ringing in his ears, is to make our prayer one of friendship, a family prayer. Let the Father recognise the words of his Son. Let the Son who lives in our hearts be also on our lips. We have him as an advocate for sinners before the Father: when we ask forgiveness for our sins, let us use the words given by our advocate. He tells us: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. What more effective prayer could we then make in the name of Christ than in the words of his own prayer?

*Written by St Cyprian, bishop and martyr*

Extras especially for Lent

Stations of the Cross	St Joseph's, 12.00nn Wednesday: 7 to 21 Mar <i>Soup &amp; Roll available after</i>
& alternating Sacred Heart & St Helen's CofE	Sacred Heart, 6.30pm Friday: 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: 22 Mar

## Things happening in our Parish

**Holy Week Art** Designs for our Holy Week Poster and Service Cards, if not already handed in, should be given to Fr Anthony by this **Sun 4 Mar**, at latest. Remember to put your name, age, and contact details on the back.

**Sponsored Marathon** Caroline Copeland expects to run the London Marathon, in May, and has kindly offered to help raise money towards our Parish Hall Kitchen Fund. Please see forms on our Parish notice boards to sign up.

**Open Heart Memory Café** This **Fri 9 Mar**, in our Parish Hall. Any with Dementia, with their family, friends, carers most welcome, 10.00am-12.00nn.

**Parish Pastoral Council** will next meet in St Joseph's Rooms, at 7.00pm, on **Thu 15 Mar**. Please give Agenda items to Janet Ward, Elizabeth Smith or Fr Anthony, by mid-day **Sun 11 Mar**, at the latest.

**Very much needed** Readers and Eucharist Ministers for our Holy Week ceremonies. We aim to have a mixture from *each* of our usual weekend Masses to read/minister at *each* of our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Services. To cater for this, the lists differ at our Churches. To volunteer, please add names in the empty slots on the lists, against the listed Services.

**Also required** for our Maundy Thursday Mass, for the washing of feet, **six males** and **six females**, hopefully with some from all our usual weekend congregations.

**Lists to sign up** for any of these will be on notice boards at both of our Churches, next weekend.

**Our Parish Hall** The refurbishing will hopefully happen in 1/2 weeks time and should take 4/5 days. Donations of any amount welcome - see Fr Anthony for details.

**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** The now running Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, will resume **Wed 14 Mar**, 7.30-9.15pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall To join a Programme, Parents should 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 for their *Retreat Afternoon*:

**Sat 17 Mar**, 2.00-7.45pm

**First Reconciliation** Our *Children* are to receive the Scriptures at our Parish Masses, in both our Churches:

**Sun 18 Mar**

*This completes our 2017/18 Reconciliation Programme.*

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

## But seriously

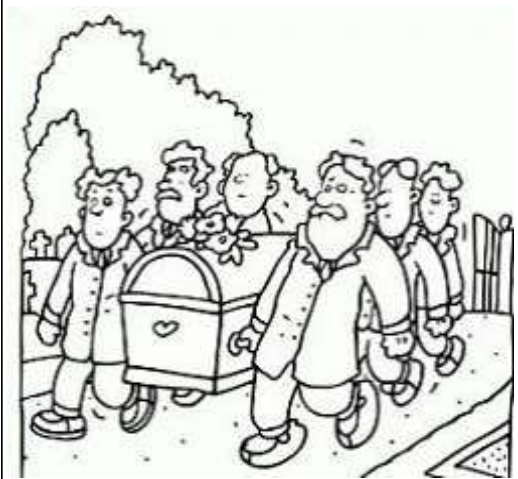
### DO YOU KNOW?

The Book of Exodus tells that when God appointed Moses to plead with the Pharaoh, to release the Israelites, Moses retorted that he could not speak well. So, God appointed Aaron to accompany him and be his spokesman. There is a theory that Moses had a stammer.

*The Book of Exodus tells that Pharaoh was resistant to letting the Israelites free, so God sent upon the Egyptians a series of plagues? How many, and what was the last?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Each time I see a church  
I call in for a visit  
So when at last I'm carried in  
The Lord won't say "Who is it?"



## Parish Monies

**Thank You** very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £231.85  
Envelopes £490.22  
Hall Fund £1000.00

## Collections, etc

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

Last Weekend's Door £189.65  
Total to date £322.55

## THE GOD WHO COMES

It is difficult to believe Christ's words, which are so tremendous and amazing.

But it is equally difficult to get away from them.

I cannot avoid them any longer, and if I did, I should be sinning against the Spirit.

That is why I say, 'I believe in what Jesus said; I believe that this bread of life is Christ near me, Christ become bread for me, and Christ become presence in me.'

I know that this act of faith is dark as the night, but nothing is clearer than this night.

I have gazed for days and days at this bread, I have lived for weeks in caves in the desert with this presence alone, and always, always He has said to me in faith, 'it is I, do not be afraid. It is I, and I love you.'

'Do not be afraid of the darkness, be a child before my words.'

'I wanted to become bread to be eaten by men, because by eating Me, they are feeding upon eternal life.'

'Why do you find it strange that I should have wanted to become bread through love?'

'Have you had no experience of love?'

'When you have loved, really loved, have you not wanted to become bread for your beloved?'

'Oh, to be able to enter the body of the person you love!'

'Would not a mother do this for her child?'

'Does not the bridegroom do this for the bride?'

You can argue about the Eucharist as much as you like, but on the day love really takes hold of you, perhaps you will understand that Jesus is not a fool or a madman.

To be able to become bread!

To be able to nourish the whole world with His flesh and blood!

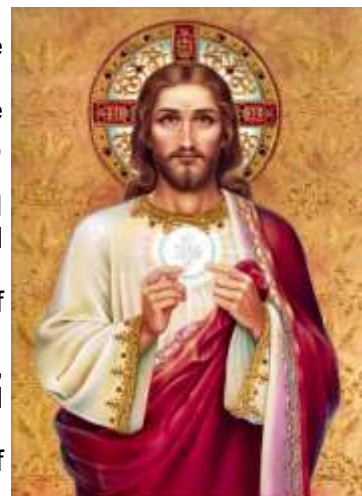
I am terribly selfish and fearful when faced with suffering, but if I could become bread to save all humanity, I would do it.

If I could become bread to feed all the poor, I should throw myself into the fire at once.

No, the Eucharist is not something strange: It is the most logical thing in the world, it is the story of the greatest love ever lived in this world, by a man called Jesus,

When I gaze on this bread, when I take up this bread into my hands, I gaze on and take up the passion and death of Christ for humanity. This bread is the memorial of His death for us. This bread is the trumpet call of the Resurrection, through which we, too, shall one day be able to rise,

This bread is the living summary of all God's love for man.



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,  
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

### The Word: Year B, Lent, Sunday 3

#### Gospel: John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their table over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty six years to build this sanctuary: are you



going to raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

#### First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments are not harsh rules, but an invitation to Israel, showing them how to be God's people: if you wish to keep close to God, you must behave in a way compatible with God's own nature. They come in an order which may surprise us perhaps, opposite to the priorities of the modern materialistic world: for God comes first, then they deal with the value of persons; the value of things and possessions comes only at the end. We need to think of the Commandments not as prohibitions but as expressing positive values. So 'keep holy the Sabbath day' implies

freedom of worship and freedom for leisure. 'Honour your parents' includes not only obedience of children, but real parental care for children and of adult children for aged parents, as well as other family values. 'No adultery' means fostering the marriage bond and continually deepening it. 'No false witness' includes the right to free speech, and giving others a good reputation, free of slander—no brainwashing or distortion by the media. Many of these laws occur in other ancient law-codes, but in Israel they have a special meaning, for here they are the guidelines for living under divine protection and in the company of the Lord.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

This reading is all about power and wisdom: 'the Jews demand miracles (works of power) and the Greeks look for wisdom'. These are two measures of success in the normal terms of our modern, materialistic society. Power comes in the form of wealth, authority, command, being the boss. Wisdom results in the respect and reputation we accord to particular people: he or she is someone who makes the right decisions. But where do we find 'power' and 'wisdom' in the crucified Christ? He was a prisoner, powerless, horribly tortured, mocked and derided. He commanded nobody. Surely there is nothing we can respect about a tortured prisoner? God's standards are different, and we heard them in the form of the commandments in the first reading. It was these standards that brought Jesus to the situation of the Passion, for these were the standards he had sought to live out and show to people by his way of living and acting. This was the Kingship of God which he came to proclaim and to spread. In the first reading we heard the demanding, positive standards for membership of God's people. Now in this second reading we receive strength and comfort from the reassurance of the model Christ.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

The Word: Year B, Lent, Sunday 4  
1st Reading: Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23  
2nd Reading : Ephesians 2:4-10  
Gospel: John 3:14-21

### Prayer of the Church

#### Psalter Week 3

**Sun** + Seasonal Proper  
**Mon** + Seasonal Proper  
**Tue** + Seasonal Proper  
**Wed** + Seasonal Proper  
**Thu** + Seasonal Proper  
**Fri** + Seasonal Proper  
**Sat** + Seasonal Proper

### This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon**  
**Tue**  
**Wed** Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs  
**Thu** St. John of God, Religious  
**Fri** St. Frances of Rome, Religious  
**Sat**