



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 4, 10/11 March 2018

Getting in
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Saturday 10 March	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Sunday 11 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <i>3.15pm Mass in Polish</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Stan Hodgson Anthony Clinton
Monday 12 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Deceased Gill, Stevenson, Rigby Families
Tuesday 13 March	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday 14 March	<i>9.30am Mass</i> <i>12.00nn Stations of Cross</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	<i>SH School</i> St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>Nb Venue - All welcome</i> Deceased of Margaret & Tony Johnson
Thursday 15 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Czajko, Tickle . . . Woodall Families
Friday 16 March	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition <i>6.30pm Stations of Cross</i>	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Deceased Smith & Denton Families
Saturday 17 March	9.30-10.30am Exposition <i>11.00am Wedding Service</i> 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's	Maria C.O Phillips & Jeffrey M Fagan Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Sunday 18 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	S t Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family Horace Ramskill



Our First Sacraments Children
this Saturday, 10 March ~ at each Mass, this Sunday
made their First Confession ~ will Receive the Scriptures
Please keep them in Prayer.
In June, they will begin preparing for their First Communion.



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 **Holy Thursday Liturgy** is wonderful for all. In it we act out the meaning of the Eucharist, the meaning of our salvation, and of discipleship. It is so good, on this night, to show to our youngest who we are and who we wish to be. Bring them along and sit them up front, where they can see.

The Exodus account of the Passover reminds us of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery, in Egypt, and the meal that commemorates it. In Lent, we have desired a greater freedom from ways that keep us from being altogether like Christ. We come to the Holy Thursday Memorial Supper with a hunger for Christ to feed us, to enter within us and give us his strength for good. We can do this because, as St Paul tells us, Jesus said: 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' Jesus himself tells us to come and receive him into our very being.

In his Last Supper account, John does not add the narrative other Gospel writers give, of Jesus taking the bread and wine, and giving it to his apostles. Instead, he tells of how Jesus washes his disciples' feet. With this ritual Jesus shows us the effect, the practical results of his giving his body and pouring out his blood for us. By his action Jesus says, *here I am as your servant, and you, also, do service in memory of me.*



It is not enough to just listen to this Gospel: it needs translating into loving actions in our daily lives. To emphasise this, long standing tradition gives us the enactment of the washing of feet by our priest. Representing all of us, twelve of our Parish Family have their feet washed. We might each feel we should be doing the washing. But we need to let Jesus wash us, give himself to us, let him be our servant.

During this time, we might ask how we can be the better person we might be, more like Christ. We might then ask the Lord to wash us, heal us, and, as a parent might say affectionately to their child, *love us better.* And he does. As we come to receive the Eucharist, we receive Christ as he dies *for us* on the cross and rises *for us* from the dead. And as he said, 'No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.'

**Holy Thursday, St Joseph's, 7.00pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday, Sacred Heart, 3.00pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

**Holy Saturday, Sacred Heart, 7.00pm
Vigil & First Mass of Resurrection**

Extras especially for Lent

Stations of the Cross **St Joseph's, 12.00nn**
Wednesday: 14 to 21 Mar
Soup & Roll available after
& *alternating* at 6.30pm
Sacred Heart Friday: 16 Mar
St Helen's CofE Friday: 23 Mar

Exposition & Reconciliation Sacred Heart, 7.30-8.00pm
Wednesday: 21 Mar
St Joseph's, 10-10.30am
Thursday: 22 Mar

Things happening in our Parish

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.

Parish Pastoral Council will next meet in St Joseph's Rooms, at 7.00pm, this **Thu 15 Mar**. Any and all of our Parish Family are welcome to attend Council meetings.

Very much needed Readers and Eucharist Ministers for our Holy Week ceremonies. We aim to have a mixture from *each* of our usual congregations to read/minister at *each* of our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Services. Therefore, please add names under the listed Services against the name of the Church you usually read/minister at.

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.

Please see lists on our Church notice boards.

Altar Servers should please attend rehearsals: if they can serve Maundy Thursday Evening, then at **St Joseph's, Tue 27 Mar, 4.30pm**; if they can serve Good Friday Afternoon and/or Holy Saturday Evening, then at **The Sacred Heart, Wed 28 Mar, 4.30pm**.

Holy Week Art Many thanks to the children who gave in designs for the cards and poster that we will distribute for Holy Week. More details next week.

Our Parish Hall Refurbishment occurs this Mon 12 Mar to Friday. We can expect a bill of £10,000 to the Parish (but floor covering to be arranged separately). We ought then to have a well suited kitchen, to last us many years. Donations for this welcome: have a word Fr Anthony.

Red Missio Boxes Box holders please bring these to Church, for emptying, next weekend.

Lent Project Door Collection after Weekend Masses: for our Open Heart Memory Café (for those with Dementia and their families/friends/carers) - and Prison Outreach (spiritual/religious books for those in prison) - 50% each.

*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** (dates to be confirmed) in our Sacred Heart Hall. To join a Programme, Parents should first talk with Fr Anthony, at 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 Sacraments Our *Children*, who have this year already celebrated First Reconciliation, will meet in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall:

Sat 23 Jun, 10.00am-1.00pm

Details of the next Programme of Preparation for First Reconciliation will be given in the Autumn.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The Book of Exodus tells that there were ten plagues that came upon the Egyptians while Pharaoh refused to release the Israelites from slavery. The last was the death of every first born son of every Egyptian, of every (non-Israelite) female slave and of all the cattle.

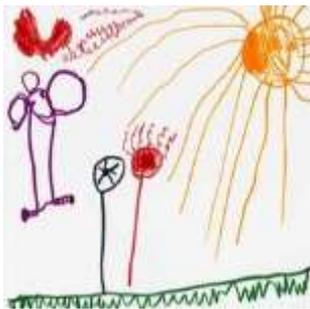
Moses told the Israelites they would be spared such slaughter, but how would the angels of death know which were Israelites households?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £258.08
Envelopes £433.00
Hall Fund £

Collections, etc

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

Last Weekend's Door £126.12
Total to date £448.67

THE GOD WHO COMES

From Genesis to the prophets, from Exodus to the Apocalypse, everything is yearning towards this terrible mystery of God's tragic love for man. God, who made himself present in the first covenant and yet more present in the Incarnation, becomes still more present on this mystery of the bread of life.

You can hold God in your hand as a piece of bread; it is a close, personal presence.

Only his glorious presence in the Messianic banquet will be greater than this actual presence of His in a piece of bread, which I shut up in my travellers pack as I walk the roads of the kingdom.

You can carry it with you.

Oh, how I hope that the time will soon come when after Mass every Christian will carry the Eucharist home with him!

When every Christian will construct a tiny oratory to honour the presence of God in the intimacy of his home, so he can gain from this mystery the strength to love and the joy to live.

In the mystery of the Eucharist, in the sacrament of the bread of life, God truly becomes everything to everybody.

Everyone can see Him, touch Him, take Him, eat Him, contemplate Him, locate Him, and finally, if he wishes, spend as much time with Him as love urges him to.

All this without agitation, without false fears, without the dangerous pressures of our senses, without the sloppiness caused by sentimentality.

If He were before us in another way—more striking, more pleasurable, more triumphal—we should be oppressed by it, or at least afraid.

So, under the sign of bread He leaves us completely free; He acts only on our faith, of which it is the great mystery; He stimulates our hope, of which He is the 'memorial'; He revives our charity, of which He is the nourishment and the model.

Truly, the Eucharistic presence is an extraordinary thing! Only God could find such so clever, so close a way of being present without bringing in dangerous complications for the sensitivity, the pride, the sensuality, the selfishness of man.

We know all too well what happens to immature servants and young clerks when the master or the boss is around.

They become insincere so easily; they become agitated trying to show their zeal; they flatter in order to get on in their career; often they prostitute themselves in order to please those who are stronger.

We must not forget that we ourselves are immature servants and young clerks.....

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto



Please Keep
in Prayer

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

The Word: Year B, Lent, Sunday 4

Gospel: John 3:14-21

After Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus comes this reflection on Nicodemus' visit. Is it Jesus' reflection or the evangelist's? The text does not make it clear. Throughout the gospel of John people are coming to Jesus and judging themselves by their reaction to Jesus. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgement to the Son. In his turn the Son does not judge, but we judge ourselves by our reaction to him. So at the wedding at Cana the disciples believe in him and see his glory. In the Temple the



Jews refuse belief and are condemned. Then comes Nicodemus in secret and in fear. At this point he is sitting on the fence, afraid of the Pharisees—but by the time of the burial he has decided for Jesus. After Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman approaches Jesus: cheeky and unbelieving at first, she is won over by Jesus' playful persistence. And so on: the Jews on one side, the man healed at the Pool of Bethzatha on the other; the Jews on one side, the man blind from birth on the other. The decision is ours too.

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

In the first reading for the Sundays in Lent we have worked through the promising but tragic history of Israel. It is a history of promises by God, of broken promises and fresh starts by Israel. We have seen this in the stories of the covenant with Noah, of Abraham's obedient trust, and of the commands given to Moses to keep Israel faithful to

the Lord. Now we come to the story of great disaster, inevitably brought on by Israel's repeated failure and infidelity. There is an underlying theme to this history of Israel: fidelity brings prosperity and healing punishment is the inevitable consequence of desertion of the Lord. In this final chapter of Chronicles the historian looks back at the ultimate catastrophe of Exile in Babylon, and the return of renewed Israel to the Holy City. Even then the promised blessing of God would seem long delayed. God's people were an oppressed little community, huddled round Jerusalem, harassed by their neighbours and dominated by one foreign power after another. After some years they did summon up energy and resources to rebuild the Temple, but they continued to yearn for the decisive intervention of God which would enable them to serve their Lord in freedom and total dedication.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

The Letter to the Ephesians is usually considered to be an early commentary on Paul rather than from the Apostle's own hand. The Letter reflects on the salvation won by Christ. After the record in the first reading of the repeated failures of Israel, the message (twice repeated) that salvation is by grace alone, is particularly apt. Grace here means not a substance poured into our souls to provide some sort of salvific energy, but is the unmerited favour and choice by God. It is a personal relationship rather than something material. God has smiled on each of us and invited us into his friendship. In the light of this gift of friendship we are strengthened and encouraged to serve him, so that this gift of his friendship becomes an even stronger and more important element in our lives. God shows us his love and we respond. He shows us even greater love: the greatest gift of all is his Son and his salvation, the new life won for us by Christ.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Lent, Sunday 5

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading : Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 4

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper

Tue + Seasonal Proper

Wed + Seasonal Proper

Thu + Seasonal Proper

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat Prp of Snts + Cm'n of Pstrs + Fmr Nat Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat Saint Patrick. Bishop & Patron of Ireland