



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 5, 17/18 March 2018

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| Saturday 17 March | 6.00pm Mass | Sacred Heart | Faithful Departed (Nov List) |
| Sunday 18 March | 9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass | St Joseph's Sacred Heart | Parish Family Horace Ramskill |
| Monday Feast St Joseph 19 March | <i>No Morning Prayer today</i> 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition | St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart | <i>With SJ School : Decd Muldowney . . . Murtagh Fams</i> |
| Tuesday 20 March | 7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition | Sacred Heart Sacred Heart | Vincent Wood |
| Wednesday 21 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 | Deceased Dixon & Dillon Families <i>Individual Reconciliation also available</i> |
| Thursday 22 March | 9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-10.30am Exposition 12.00-1.00pm Exposition | St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart | Deceased Kennedy & Clark Families <i>Individual Reconciliation also available</i> |
| Friday 23 March | 8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Stations of Cross | Sacred Heart Sacred Heart <i>St Helen's CofE</i> | Decd Ventom . . ., Barker, Ramskill Fams <i>Nb Venue</i> |
| Saturday 24 March | 9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass | Sacred Heart Sacred Heart | Norman & Biddy Young |
| Palm Sunday 25 March | 9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass | St Joseph's Sacred Heart | Ann & Sheila Parish Family |

At Masses, next Passion Weekend: please collect a hymn book and palm, and gather at Sacred Heart, in the Hall - **at St Joseph's (weather allowing), outside Main Door**

Maundy Thursday, 29 Mar, 7.00pm, at St Joseph's, Mass of Our Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 30 Mar, 3.00pm, at The Sacred Heart, Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, 31 Mar, 7.00pm, at The Sacred Heart, Vigil and Mass of Resurrection

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

See Lent extras above, but note, there will be no set times for Reconciliation during Holy Week

From Fr Anthony

The **Liturgy of Good Friday** begins in silence. A Gathering Rite is not needed, as this is part two of the three day Liturgy we began at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the night before. As the first act of the celebration, the Priest lays face down before the altar, while all others who can, kneel. We are here being invited to lay our lives before the Lord: our qualities and gifts, our weaknesses and limitations; our hopes and expectations, our fears and anxieties; our sinfulness and our trust in his forgiveness and healing. We might reflect on such things and prepare for this moment the night before, as we watch at the Altar of Repose, after the Mass, as we keep watch with Jesus, during his Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Readings are a major part of this Liturgy, climaxing with, always, the reading of the Lord's Passion as told by St John. In these, there are more than enough reflections to keep us thinking through all the evening and the next day. The Intercessions, which conclude the Liturgy of the Word, are among the most ancient of prayers. They connect us with the prayers of Christians through many centuries, and yet are also just as topical today as ever they were.



We then adore the Cross on which our Saviour gained for us the salvation of the world. To venerate is becoming a lost experience in many cultures. On

one side we expect people to be equal (in itself a good thing), on the other, it is nowadays those who entertain who are made celebrities, more so than inventors or heroes. But it is still important to revere a wise person, an extraordinary role model, or someone who has struggled heroically. This can be marked through symbols and symbolic acts. How many have little concern for how much money a loved one might leave them, but they do want a keep-sake, which as they look at or hold it, rouses fond thoughts of the one who has died. As we venerate the Cross, it is Jesus, of course, that we thank and praise, and seek to more fully appreciate, as we enjoy all that he is doing and will do for us.

This day, and until the evening of the next, we fast from celebrating Mass. We do, however, as we celebrate Jesus' Passion, become still more party to his suffering, and welcome the effects of his death, as we come to the Holy Communion with the Lord, consecrated at his Last Supper Mass the evening before.



Things happening in our Parish

Do please take with you a *Holy Week Service Times Card* or two, to pass on to others whom you might be able to encourage to come to some of those services.

Also, if you have a window or sheltered spot close enough to a footpath, please take a *Holy Week Poster* to display for any passers-by to see - and maybe some can ask local business keepers to display a poster in their pub, shop, club, office . . . ??

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.

Offertory Envelopes for the coming Financial Year are now available at our Churches.

All who **now use envelopes**, please ensure that you have your new box. If you are unable to find your box, please inform Jackie Ventom, Margaret Whitehouse or Fr Anthony - or have a word with the same if you -

wish to **transfer to Banker's Order** giving, or to **start using envelopes**.

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

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.

Many Thanks to our residents artists - Kuba Pluta and Oliwia Simeonowa, for their designs for our Holy Week Service Times Cards - and for the Holy Week Poster that is *after* a design by Jennifer Smith. Each will receive a small Easter gift.

Red Missio Boxes Box holders please bring these to Church, for emptying, as soon as possible.

Our Parish Hall Our refurbished Parish Hall can now be viewed and used. It should be well suited to present use and allow for some extended uses. It might have been done cheaper, but the extra spend should also help it last us many years. The £10,000 has made a dent in our Parish current account, so any donations are welcome. *Please also remember Caroline's sponsored marathon!*

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 A Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, will run in our Sacred Heart Hall **Weds 13 & 27 Jun**. To join a Programme Parents should talk with Fr Anthony, at a weekend Mass, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

Confirmation Our *Candidates* are to next meet in our Sacred Heart Hall:

Sat 21 Apr, 9.30-11.30am

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?

When they were about to begin their exodus from slavery in Egypt, Moses instructed the Israelites to kill a lamb to eat. He also told them to put some of the blood of the lamb on the sides and top of the door frame of their homes. This would be the sign for God to pass by, without any Israelites being killed along with the first born of the Egyptians.

What Feast is celebrated by Jews, to commemorate the escape from Egypt, and why do they no longer eat lamb at this Meal?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year-olds. After explaining the commandment 'honour thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

From the back, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

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| Loose | £224.79 |
| Envelopes | £490.39 |
| Hall Fund | £50.00 |
| Feb Bank Orders | £1338.00 |

Collections, etc

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

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| Last Weekend's Door | £115.94 |
| Total to date | £564.61 |

THE GOD WHO COMES

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

But there is nothing of all this with God. He leaves us in the office all our lives without showing Himself. He leaves us in the field behind the plough, telling us He has left and will return at the end of time.

And yet, He is there, right there, and faith and love reveal Him to you as you go about your work, near you in the field, hidden in a piece of bread you carry in your sack.

He is watching you.

And He says nothing, nothing at all.

That way He is able to tell the true degree of your love. Rather, just because He is not the boss or the inspector, He leaves you at His disposition all the time so that you may mature in true love for Him and learn from Him.

And love Him with gratuitous love.

And love Him because He is light, not because He is pleasing to you.

And love Him because He is life, not because He is a safe haven of comfort.



But without meaning to I have gone a step ahead of myself. In the first place He is there as food.

Bread is food.

The Eucharist is food.

Before being friendship, God is bread. Before being your judge He is your food. In fact He has said: ' "I did not come to condemn the world but to save it" ' (John 12:47).

He is not the boss watching me, He is the brother who feeds me.

And He is the food which transforms me.

He would have set out on a useless journey if He had come to prove my misery, my weakness, my ease in debasing myself.

Much better to come to change me.

He changes me by giving Himself in nourishment.

He changes me by letting Himself be consumed by me.

Read the entire discourse of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum, as John reports it.

This scandalous discourse, incomprehensible to an outsider, this crisis-sounding enigma for most people, from then onwards shines with His linear simplicity, obscure only for our powers of reasoning. (John 6:53-58)

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 5

Gospel: John 12:20-30

This moving gospel reading is the immediate prelude to the account of the Last supper and the Passion. In it we witness how Jesus' dread (his soul is 'troubled') is mixed with confidence at what he knows is approaching. In the gospel of John there is no agony in the garden before Jesus' arrest, for in John the story of the Passion is so shaped that it is clearly understood as the triumph of the Son of Man. There is no mention of humiliation or mockery. Jesus remains in control from the beginning (when he permits the guards to take him into custody until the end (when he calls out that he is ready to die: 'It is complete'). This is all about the hour of the exaltation of the Son of Man, when Jesus is raised up in every sense. All the more important then, for John to show that (before the Passion) the cost for Jesus was real. He does this with this little dialogue in prayer between Jesus and his Father. This is John's equivalent to the prayer in the garden. The second reading from Hebrews is another variant on Jesus' prayer before his Passion. All these prayers express Jesus' very human fear, his unshakable commitment to his task and his loving confidence in his Father's care.



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

For Christians this reading from Jeremiah can be called the climax of the Old Testament. It is certainly the climax of the history of Israel which we have been following in the first readings of the Sundays of Lent. The exile to Babylon seemed to be the end of the road. Israel had lost king, country, Temple and cult. They had been unfaithful to their Lord once too often, and now the covenant with God was left in tatters. Paradoxically, however, this was the moment of advance, the moment which brought Israel to be a world religion, by which all humanity could benefit from the salvation promised to Abraham. The covenant was to be renewed, not, as previously, dependent on the institutions, the Law and the cult of Israel, but open to every individual,

a personal commitment to the Lord, written on human hearts. Did this then mean that there was no need for anyone to teach brother or sister? Yes, we must still learn from one another and accept the guidance of the Church, but the bond is between God and all peoples, not just one specific race as such. This covenant is 'the covenant in my blood for the forgiveness of sin' to which Jesus refers at the Last Supper. He sees it ratified in his blood, as the first covenant was ratified in the blood of animal-sacrifice. The forgiveness it brings is the final forgiveness, pre-echoed in God's forgiveness of the sin of Israel down the ages.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

This wonderful second reading lies at the heart of the Letter to the Hebrews which dwells on the priesthood of Christ. Here the author prepares us for the coming celebration of the Passion by reflecting on the double aspect of the human fear and pain of Jesus, and his complete, loving obedience to the Father. It says his prayer was heard. What prayer? Not the prayer to be spared death, for that prayer was not heard. Rather the deeper prayer, the prayer which was at the centre of his burning desire to establish the kingship of God in human hearts, bringing peace between heaven and earth by his perfect obedience. How then did he 'learn obedience through suffering'? The secret of the Cross of Jesus is that here he reached the perfect obedience to his Father, giving everything to his Father's will. His whole life and ministry had been devoted to the Father's will, to establishing the Father's kingship on earth. Now it reaches its highest point. His perfect obedience overrode and expunged the disobedience of Adam, that is, the archetypal disobedience of the whole human race. So by accepting defeat, pain and humiliation he obtained for himself, and for all people, victory, joy and exaltation to glory.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Lent, Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Proper of Saints

Tue + Seasonal Proper

Wed + Seasonal Proper

Thu + Seasonal Proper

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri St. Turibius of Mongrojevo, Bishop

Sat