



# 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, Palm Sunday, 24/25 March 2018

*Getting in touch*

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<b>Saturday</b> 24 March	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Norman & Bidy Young
<b>Sunday</b> 25 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ann & Sheila Parish Family
Monday 26 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>11.00am Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Finn, Parkinson . . . Horsley Families <i>With SH School : Ervin Ince</i>
Tuesday 27 March	7.30am Mass <i>10.30am Funeral Service</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Vincent Wood John David Evans
Wednesday 28 March	<i>8.30am Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Molloy, Bartle . . . Milner Families
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 29 March	<b>7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> Watching to 10.00pm	<b>St Joseph's</b> St Joseph's	Parish Family
<b>Good Friday</b> 30 March	<b>3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b> <i>6.30pm Stations of Cross</i>	<b>Sacred Heart</b> St Joseph's	
<b>Holy Saturday</b> 31 March	<b>7.00pm Solemn Vigil and Mass of Resurrection</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Mark, Christopher & Derek Jones
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 1 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Constance Cockroft Donor's Intention

Good Friday is a day of fasting (any aged 18-60) and abstinence from meat (any aged 14+)



At our Holy Saturday Vigil, all will gather first in the Hall  
Please collect a candle as you enter  
*Do stay a little while after Mass*  
*for Light Refreshments and to exchange Easter greetings*



**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*  
**Note: there are no set times for Reconciliation during Holy Week**

## From Fr Anthony

On **Holy Saturday** the **Easter Vigil** begins with darkness. This represents all forms of darkness: an absence of light, evil thoughts and deeds, sin, immorality, deceit, abuse . . . it's the darkness of our world and the darkness in our lives. Then a light is struck, a fire lit, the darkness is broken.



The Easter Candle, lit from the new fire, is then solemnly carried into the Church, and with more candles being lit as all follow the Candle. So, the light of Christ begins to take over, the darkness is dispelled. Once the Candle is set in place, the Easter Proclamation is sung. We give thanks and praise over this symbol of the Light of Christ, who is given to us, among us and within us.

Old Testament readings follow, once the priest has said: "Dear friends in Christ, we have begun our solemn vigil. Let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how God saved his people throughout history and, in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer."

It is in the Mass, especially, where Christ is given to us. So, after the Old Testament Readings, the candles are lit and the bells ring, and we begin Mass with the singing of our *Glory to God*, which has not been sung or said at all, through Lent.

Then follow the New Testament readings, from which we can now gain a new and still deeper understanding, enlightened by Christ. Next we have a homily in action as well as words. The Priest and Ministers go to the Baptismal Font, drawing all our eyes there. If there are any to be baptised, they are called forward, But if none are to be baptised, still the Baptismal Liturgy reminds all both of their baptism and of how we are this night made new in goodness. Now we can truly live as God's Family and Jesus' Disciples. We ask the prayers of all Christians who have lived before us, with the litany of the Saints. The priest blesses the water of the font. Listen carefully to the words which offer an enormous amount to reflect upon. All renew their baptismal promises and are sprinkled with the water that has been blessed for any baptised. All believers receive the Spirit of God, and with and through the same Holy Spirit, all can live lives perfectly in imitation of Christ, Son of God and our brother.

This most colourful and important of our Catholic Liturgies then climaxes in the Eucharist. So we come to share in Christ himself, in his bringing death to sin and its power, and in our rising with him to ways of perfect goodness and love.



## Things happening in our Parish

**Do please take 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 . . . ??

**Readers and Eucharist Ministers** Please do check the Holy Week Ceremonies lists, to see whether there are any empty slots you can fill. We aim to have a mixture from *each* of our usual congregations to read/minister at *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*.

**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**.

**Easter Candles** All are invited, next Easter weekend, to take home the processional candles that we will use. It is suggested that those who can safely do so, should light them for a few minutes each day, during Easter week, and offer a prayer for their families, living and deceased.

**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. It is expected that the floor covering will be done after Easter. The £10,000 has made a dent in our Parish current account, so any donations, small or larger, 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?

Each year, Jews celebrate the Feast of Passover, when they commemorate the escape of their ancestors from slavery in Egypt. As on the night of the escape, they still eat bitter herbs and unleavened bread at the meal, but no longer eat lamb. According to their tradition, they will again eat lamb at this meal when the Messiah comes among them.

*In our Catholic tradition we do not eat lamb at the Last Supper Mass or any other Mass - or do we?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

How does a snowman lose weight?

He waits for the weather to get warmer!

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!



## Parish Monies

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

Loose	£180.16
Envelopes	£192.00
Hall Fund	£50.00

## Collections, etc

**Lent Project** Note: this is the last weekend of Collections for our Lent Project. Thanks for monies raised so far -

Last Weekend's Door	£ 59.62
Total to date	£624.23

## THE GOD WHO COMES



The discourse of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum:

*"Let me solemnly assure you,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you have no life in you,  
He who feeds on my flesh  
and drinks my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
The man who feeds on my flesh  
and drinks my blood  
remains in me, and I in him.  
Just as the Father who has life sent me  
and I have life because of the father,  
so the man who feeds on me  
will have life because of me.  
This is the bread that came down from heaven.  
Unlike your ancestors who ate and died nonetheless,  
the man who feeds on this bread shall live for ever."*

What can you understand of this discourse if you do not accept it with the soul of a child, believing deep down that the God who is love really wanted to give Himself as food for all of us?

And in Him, desire and being are the same thing.

So, He came to us.

And He comes every day.

And he feeds us with eternal life.

And eternal life is He Himself.

We feed upon God.

And that is why little by little, we become co-heirs with Christ.

Sons of the Father.

People of God.

As we raise up the chalice of the new covenant, we announce the Messianic era, when, at the table of love, we shall feed on love and breathe love, which will make us one with love: God Unity and Trinity.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep  
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**



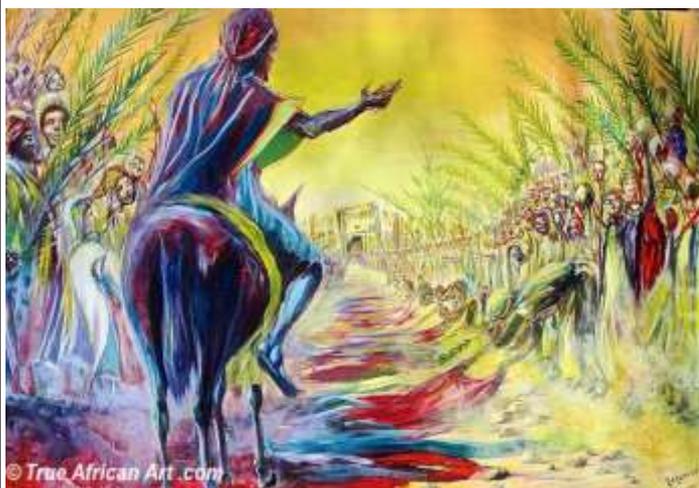
Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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, Palm Sunday

### Gospel: Mark 11: 1-10

The procession of Palms is joyful and sad at the same time. It is the triumphant entry of the Messiah as King into his holy city. The crowds were celebrating and singing the psalms for the festival as they entered the city, not knowing that they were in fact welcoming the Messiah who ushers in the Kingship of God. Often in Mark the actors in the story do not realise the full significance of their actions, as when the Roman soldiers later mock Jesus as King, not knowing that that is what he really is. As Christians we believe that the Kingship of God was brought to fulfilment by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The drama, which begins with this entry into Jerusalem, ends with the story of the empty tomb. John tells us that it was only afterwards, when Jesus had risen from the dead, that the disciples realised the significance of the event. The resurrection at last made sense of everything, showed everything in a new light. John also tells us that this was the humble king of the prophecy, riding not on a triumphant war-horse but on a humble donkey.



### First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In the Book of Isaiah there are four songs, of which this is the third, sung by a mysterious Servant of the Lord. It is not clear who this Servant is, but he is totally dedicated to the service of the Lord, a disciple who listens devotedly. Through suffering, this Servant brings to fulfilment the salvation which the Lord intends for Israel and for the world. Jesus saw himself in terms of this Servant, and the four songs feature throughout the liturgy of Holy Week.



### Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

This hymn was probably not written by Paul himself, but is likely to have been a very early Christian hymn taken up by Paul into his letter to the Church in Philippi. It celebrates the triumph of Jesus through his selflessness. The assertions at the end are staggering. The hymn claims for Jesus the titles and the worship which are due only to God. What is more, this acknowledgement of Jesus' authority does not detract from the glory of God, but is precisely 'to the glory of God the Father'.

This is perhaps the fullest statement on Paul of the divine glory of Jesus, a glory won by his humiliation in death.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

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1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43  
2nd Reading : Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9

### Prayer of the Church

#### Psalter Week 2

**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** HOLY WEEK  
**Tue**  
**Wed**  
**Thu** MAUNDY THURSDAY  
**Fri** GOOD FRIDAY  
**Sat** HOLY SATURDAY