



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

with the churches of  
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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## Year B, Easter Sunday, 31 March / 1 April 2018

*Getting in touch*

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| <b>Holy Saturday</b><br>31 March | <b>7.00pm Solemn Vigil &amp; Mass of Resurrection</b>                    | Sacred Heart                                | Mark, Christopher & Derek Jones         |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b><br>1 April  | 9.00am Mass<br>10.45am Mass  | St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart                 | Constance Cockroft<br>Donor's Intention |
| Monday<br>2 April                | 9.10am Morning Prayer<br>9.30am Mass<br><i>No Exposition today</i>       | St Joseph's<br>St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart  | Parish Family                           |
| Tuesday<br>3 April               | 7.30am Mass<br><i>10.00am Funeral Service</i><br>12.00-1.00pm Exposition | Sacred Heart<br>St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart | Anthony Attree<br>Ellen Hickin          |
| Wednesday<br>4 April             | 12.00-1.00pm Exposition<br>7.00pm Mass                                   | Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart                | Decd Byrom, Farrell & Hopes Families    |
| Thursday<br>5 April              | 9.10am Morning Prayer<br>9.30am Mass<br>12.00-1.00pm Exposition          | St Joseph's<br>St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart  | Roy Onions                              |
| Friday<br>6 April                | 8.30am Mass<br>12.00-1.00pm Exposition                                   | Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart                | Yorkshire Brethren                      |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>7 April       | 9.30-10.30am Exposition<br>6.00pm Mass                                   | St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart                 | John Evans                              |
| <b>Low Sunday</b><br>8 April     | 9.00am Mass<br>10.45am Mass<br><i>3.15pm Mass in Polish</i>              | St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart | Fr J.P McGurke<br>Joe Sankey            |



Fr Anthony wishes each of our Parish Family and their Families a truly happy and Christ-filled Easter

**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

Easter is a wonderful time to reflect upon the new life we receive through our relationship with Jesus. However, Easter is not just thinking about new life, but it is about experiencing new life.

When Jesus talked with Nicodemus about being born again, Nicodemus misunderstood. Jesus clarified his words, explaining what he meant. We must be born "from above."

What is this distinction Jesus is making between being born "again" and being born "from above"? Jesus is talking about where life comes from. It's from him. The "new life" is a gift and is from God.

When we are feeling tired, discouraged, or full of deadly, or self-defeating desires and actions, we know we aren't happy, even if it is difficult to admit it. But, the desire for refreshment, healing, relief - new life - is the first step to being open to receive the gift. And, this is not a "once and for all" realisation. Various upsetting things go on in our lives, all the time. We need to stay attentive to what's happening in us, all the time. It's like when a blood clot blocks blood flow to our heart or brain, something dies. If something blocks the flow of life to any part of our spiritual reality, something dies in us. Jesus is telling us that there is relief and new life - from above. We just need to be attentive to what is happening in us.



When we let *his* life course through us, we come to life again. It is all about the connection, the communion, the way we make our home in him and let him make his home in us. By our being branches connected to the Vine of life, when we desire him in our prayer and actions, we can live again and can bear much fruit.

When he restores life to parts of our lives which seemed not so vital, the new life often means change. We feel different, and as we begin to act differently, we might feel not only *new*, but *strange* or *awkward*. It means that old habits and patterns need to be let go of and new ones need to be adopted. This is how we are opened up to grace - open to his giving his life to us. Then we can be opened to a new way of acting and loving. This new way is characterised by greater freedom, greater mercy and greater generosity.

As his new life grows in us, it is a beautiful thing to behold. We really like what it feels like. We like who we are becoming. It starts to feel like we are reborn, renewed, coming to life in a new way.

Creighton University Online Ministries, Celebrating Easter, 'Letting myself be reborn' (abbreviated).

## Easter Candles

All are invited to take home the processional candles they used today. It is suggested that those who can safely do so, should light them for a few minutes each day, during this Easter week, and offer a prayer for their families, living and deceased, or for any other causes they wish to pray for. Those who live with their families might do this together, such as, for instance, if they gather together for a meal.



## Things happening in our Parish

**Your Easter Offerings**, this weekend, are traditionally your gift to your Parish Priest.

**Offertory Envelopes** Have you not yet got your pack for the coming Financial Year?

All who **already use envelopes**, please ensure that you have your new box. If you have not been able to locate 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**.

**Gift Aid** Please remember that if you pay anything more than a minimum amount of income tax, we can reclaim the tax you have already paid on the money you give to our Parish. If you do not already Gift Aid, all you need do is sign a Gift Aid Form and allow us to record what you give (eg by numbered envelopes or a bank standing order): and it wont cost you a penny more than what your are already giving. For more information, please have a word with Jackie Ventom, Margaret Whitehouse or Fr Anthony.

Please note: one off donations, favouring our Parish, can also be gift aided by income tax payers.

**Our Refurbished Hall Kitchen** - donations, small, big, in the middle - towards the cost, are still welcome. Nor will it be long now before the London Marathon, so sponsors are invited by Caroline Copeland, who will run to add to the Hall Kitchen Fund (see our Church notice boards).

**Forewarning** Last summer brought so many remarks of appreciation, when we celebrated our first *International* Mass. Plans are now afoot to celebrate an **International Mass** on **Sat 30 Jun**, at **5.00pm**, in our Sacred Heart Church, with some music and prayers from different traditions, and a Shared (Faith) World Foods Feast after. Do book this as a date in your diary.

**Lent Project** Many thanks to all who have contributed, with usual generosity. The £805 raised will now be divided equally between - Prison Outreach (to help provide spiritual/religious books for those in prison) - and our Open Heart Memory Café (for any with Dementia and their families/friends/carers).



*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?

At Mass we, of course, do not eat lamb of the woolly variety. However, the prophet Isaiah foretold that the Messiah would be led like a lamb to slaughter and would die for the sake of God's beloved. So, as we eat the Body of Christ, at Mass, as a memorial of him in his dying and rising, we do eat the Lamb of God,

*But the Apostles had never heard of 'The Mass' (a later term, common by the 6th century). By what two terms did they normally refer to what we call 'The Mass'?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Noah has nearly finished building the ark when God asks him if he could build a second ark. After some thought Noah agrees to build another one and asks if it is to be identical with the first. "No" says God, "I want this one to have ten levels"

"Am I to load it with pairs of animals?"

"No," says God, "I want you to fill it with fish but be sure they're all carp"

"Sorry to question your word, God, but why do you want me to do this?"

God replied  
"Because I have always wanted a multi storey carp-ark"



## Parish Monies

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

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| Loose     | £321.39 |
| Envelopes | £659.50 |
| Hall Fund | £209.00 |

## Collections, etc

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

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| Last Weekend's Door | £180.78 |
| Total to date       | £805.01 |

## THE GOD WHO COMES

*"Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ." ' (John 17:3)*

God became bread in Christ to nourish us with eternal life. "He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." (John 6:54).

But what is this eternal life Jesus is speaking of? He has defined it Himself: "Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ." (John 17:3)

We cannot blame Jesus for any lack of clarity: 'Eternal life is knowledge of God'.

It is true authentic knowledge.

That is why I call the God of my faith the 'God who is', not the 'God who seems to me to be'.

Anyone who feeds with truth on the Eucharist, anyone who believes, can say with strength, 'I know my God, and I am basing myself on the very words of Jesus: "He who believes has eternal life" ' (John 6:47)

I believe, therefore I have eternal life, therefore I know Him.

Indeed, how could God give me the commandment of love— ("You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength") (Deut. 6; 5; Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27)—without at the same time giving me knowledge of Him?

How can I love anything which I do not know?

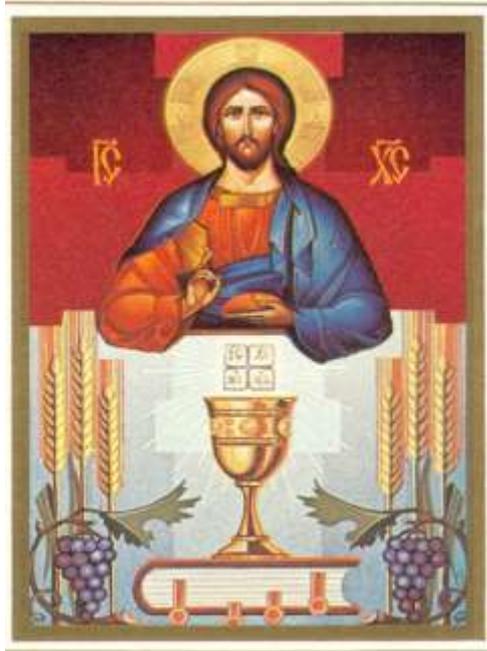
Don't tell me that you don't know God, you who believe in Him and communicate with Him in the Eucharist!

If that were true it would mean that you were communicating with the corps of an idol; with a mummified commandment of the law, not with the living God.

But don't you know that God is alive? And that only the living can communicate with each other?

God communicates with me, and by His communicating He gives me knowledge of Himself, just as by communicating with Him I can tell Him about myself.

I tell Him about myself, and He tells me about Himself. And the Eucharist, taken in faith, is the vehicle



From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep  
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**  
especially Ellen Hickin, Pat Holmes, and their families



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, Easter Sunday

### Gospel: John 20: 1-9

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the risen Christ were simply ghost appearances. Apart from the truth that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings emphasise two factors, the power of the risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the beloved disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which brings him to faith.



### First Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43

Peter was speaking to Cornelius. Cornelius was the roman centurion who already revered God and had had a vision that he should invite Peter to come and instruct him. Peter shows that Jesus was a real human being. He went about bringing God's peace to everyone he could

meet. Nevertheless, he was executed as a criminal. But then he was raised from death to life that was totally new. This was the fulfilment of all the promises made to Israel, bringing to completion God's plan in creation. Life moved into a new gear. Peter expresses this when he says that God has appointed the risen Jesus to judge the living and the dead. The Jews expected that at the end of time, at the completion of all things, God would come to set everything to rights, to judge things according to their true worth. Now Peter says that Jesus is the one who will be the judge. Jesus is the Lord who will bring all things to completion and to judgement. By his rising from the dead Jesus has supreme authority over the whole world. Paul put it in this way: he said that Jesus was 'constituted Son of God in power' by the resurrection.

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

This reading is the visible tip of an iceberg, of which much more lies below the surface! Paul here tells us that all our interest must be in heavenly things, the things of Christ, because we share Christ's life. What is more, that life is no ordinary life. What does all this mean? We share Christ's life because faith in Christ means that we put all our trust and hope in him. We have been baptised into Christ; that is, by baptism we have been dipped into Christ as into a river, and come up soaked with or dripping with Christ. I am growing into Christ; I share in his inheritance, his status as Son of God. The wellspring of my life is no longer the ordinary, natural life which enables me to live, breathe, digest, feel, see, sing and play, love and hate. It is the Spirit of Christ which spurs me to generosity, service, kindness, self-control, peace and openness. This life, says Paul, is still hidden, and will be fully manifested only at the coming of Christ. But if I am to be true to my profession of faith in baptism, the principles on which I operate must be those of this risen life of Christ.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

### The Word: Year B, Low Sunday

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

2nd Reading: St. John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

## Prayer of the Church

### Psalter Week

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

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## This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** Easter Octave  
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**Thu** "  
**Fri** "  
**Sat** Easter Octave

