



# 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, Eastertide, Sunday 3, 14/15 April 2018

*Getting in touch*

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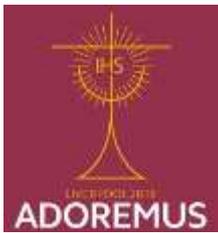
<b>Saturday</b> 14 April	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Eileen Pickering
<b>Sunday</b> 15 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Phyllis Chadwick Parish Family
Monday 16 April	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 4.00pm Reception of Body	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's	Parish Family Ann Patricia Holmes
Tuesday 17 April	10.45am Funeral Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ann Patricia Holmes
Wednesday 18 April	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Ward, Baugh, Potts, Walker Fams
Thursday 19 April	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Frank Lee
Friday 20 April	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Mark, Christopher & Derek Jones
<b>Saturday</b> 21 April	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Michael Liffey
<b>Sunday</b> 22 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	May Fallon James Cunningham

This Sunday, we congratulate and pray for, on their being Baptised at our 10.45am Mass  
**Harry Alexander Kirwan**, son of **Daniel and Karen**  
**Frederick Gabriel Richard Vickers**, son of **Sophie and Oliver**



**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



**Adoremus,**  
a National Catholic Pilgrimage  
and Congress, will take place in  
Liverpool, 7-9 September 2018.

To highlight the essential place  
of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the  
Eucharist.

The family or 'domestic church' is at the heart of our Catholic parishes. So, the daily life of every family can embody, within itself, the on-going life and worship of our Church. Single persons, too, are connected through their daily life in common with others, including their family, friends, and wider community. Eucharistic Adoration is a simple action, that focuses on the gift of Christ, our brother, in the Eucharist. We are all called to live eucharistic lives that look not only to our own needs, but that model Christ's unconditional love and self-sacrifice.

### *Pope Francis: in Amoris Laetitia*

Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God, to tell him our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings. With a few simple words, this time of prayer can do immense good for our families. The family's communal journey of prayer culminates in sharing together in the Eucharist, especially in the context of the Sunday rest. Jesus knocks on the door of families, to share with them the Eucharistic Supper. Here, spouses can seal anew the covenant which united them and which ought to reflect the covenant which God sealed with mankind in the cross. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the new covenant, where Christ's redemptive work is carried out. The close bond between married life and the Eucharist thus becomes all the more clear. The food of the Eucharist offers the spouses the strength and incentive to daily live their marriage as a "domestic church".

Father, God,  
we are one family, in the Spirit of your love.  
Bless us with the joy of love.  
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,  
and welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families  
with your loving  
care. Increase our  
faith, strengthen  
our hope, keep us  
safe in your love,  
make us always  
grateful for the gift  
of life that we  
share.



## Things happening in our Parish

**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 won't cost you a penny more than what you 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.

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



**Our Parish SVP** is to meet **Wed 18 Apr**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or to join them, please have a word with any present Member.

**Open Heart Memory Café** especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their family, friends and carers. The next gathering in our Sacred Heart Hall will be this **Fri 13 Apr**, at 10.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome

**The Madaille Trust** is a charity founded by groups of Religious Congregations, in 2006, to work against the evils of human trafficking, in response to the plight of thousands of people who are being trafficked into the UK each year. Its primary mission is to gain a new start for women, men and children, who have been freed from human-trafficking and the modern day slavery industry in the UK. This involves providing protection, safe housing, offering means for psychological and physical healing, and rehabilitation to the victims.

**Next weekend, 21/22 Apr**, Liz Andrew will speak at each of our Masses, about the Trust, and a Door Collection will be taken to assist with its work.

**Conscientious Objection** (Medical Activities) Bill, This Bill is proceeding through Parliament. It aims to protect medical staff from having to be involved in abortion related activities and activities involving the withdrawal of medication, nutrition, and fluids, from patients at the end of life. It is an important Bill and further information about it, including how to contact your MP, can be found at the website [www.freeconscience.org.uk](http://www.freeconscience.org.uk). Please lobby your MP asking him/her to sign the Early Day Motion in support of the Bill. Help protect your doctors, nurses, midwives and other medical workers.

*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 be held in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 13 & 27 Jun**, 7.30-9.00pm. 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?

He does not give their names, but in his Gospel, St Luke tells that soon after the Resurrection, two of Jesus' disciples walked with him from Jerusalem to Emmaus, without recognising him. However, they later told the apostles that after inviting him to stay to eat with them, they recognised the Risen Lord 'in the Breaking of Bread.'

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. In which of the four Gospels does Jesus specifically say of himself, 'I am the Good Shepherd'?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

At the Pearly Gates a sign read:

'For Men who were dominated by their wives'. The queue extended as far as the eye could see.

Nearby another sign read:

'For men who were not dominated by their wives'. Only one man stood beside it.

St. Peter asked him "What are you standing here for?" The man replied "I don't know, my wife told me to".



## Parish Monies

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

Loose	£205.24
Envelopes	£438.00
Mar Bank Orders	£11.28.00

## Collections, etc

**This Weekend** Retiring Collection after each Mass, for our **Diocese of Leeds Catholic Care**.

**Next Weekend** Retiring Collection for the Medaille Trust (see pg 2).

## THE GOD WHO COMES

The Eucharist acts, gives life, fertilises, only if we are alive, and being alive means believing, loving, praying.

Let us return to the example of conjugal love.

The fruitfulness and life of the marriage cannot be left to just one of the partners for too long. Either they must love together and really seek one another, or sooner or later there will be a crisis and then divorce.



Prayer is faith in action, the well-spring of hope, the conversation of love. There is no substitute when we truly want to possess eternal life, when we really become conscious of God.

Anyone who does not pray cannot know God's intimate life (which in theology is called charity). He can only know Him from the outside, as a symbol, as an idea, as a philosophy, as a science, as a number, as a space, as eternity.

It is not enough to study theology or advanced exegesis to know God.

God's intimate life is unknowable to man.

He is 'veiled' to man.

He only makes Himself knowable, He only unveils Himself, when we come before Him in an attitude of love, not in an attitude of curiosity.

Prayer, true prayer, is precisely the attitude in which man must present himself before God in order to enter His intimate life, which is the life of the Trinity.

*"that all may be one  
as you, Father are in me, and I in you;  
I pray that they may be one is us,  
that the world may believe that you sent me.  
I have given them the glory you gave me  
that they may be one, as we are one—  
I living in them, you living in me—  
that their unity may be complete.  
So shall the world know that you sent me  
and that you loved them as you loved me."*

*(John 17:21-22)*

I must repeat once again—I cannot say it too often—the relationship of man-God, God-man is symbolised in marriage.

Marital love is an image, however pale, of the reality which develops little by little between the Absolute and the creature, between God and man, between Yahweh and Israel.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep  
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**  
especially Pat Holmes, Mary Bell, 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, Eastertide, Sunday 3

#### Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples had met Jesus on their way to Emmaus. There Jesus had used the Eucharistic meal to reveal himself to them, for the Eucharist is always an occasion for us to get to know the Risen Christ better. Now he meets the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room.

It is perhaps an account of the same incident we heard last Sunday but with a different emphasis. Now the stress is on the meeting with a real person, not with a ghost. So it is that Jesus eats a piece of fish. The important lesson of this is that, in our resurrection



to true life, it is the whole person that is raised, not just the soul. Christian teaching is that a person is an animated body. We work out our salvation with fingers and toes and other bodily members, and all will be raised to life. It is not just a matter of thoughts and intentions! The whole body is baptised into Christ and is the instrument of our salvation. The body will be changed, and St. Paul reminds us that we ought not to get bogged down worrying about the sort of body we will have at the resurrection but rejoice that we will each of us be raised as a whole person.

#### First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

This section is the final section of Peter's speech to the people of Jerusalem after Pentecost, when he is explaining to the crowds the significance of the first miracle worked by the apostles in the power of the Spirit. Like all the speeches in Acts, it is not a word-for-word, tape-recorded report, but is a sample of peter's preaching to

the people. He lays the blame for Jesus' rejection squarely on them, but shows that it was just as scripture had foretold. All of the speeches end with an invitation to repent. This does not mean simply to get all weepy about past sins, thinking 'how dreadful and wicked I have been'. It means that the listeners (and this includes us) must change our ways and adopt God's system of values (as fully revealed by the Risen Christ). To convert means that, whereas before I was going in one direction, now I turn round and go in another. then the way I look at the world becomes different: I see things from a different angle—from God's from Christ's angle. This sort of conversion does not so much look at the past with regret as look at the future with confidence. It is the new determination that allows God to wipe out our sins.

#### Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

This second reading advances a step further beyond the first. The first is about conversion, the second about blotting out former failures. Jesus Christ is our Advocate with the Father, 'standing at the right hand of the Father', because he takes our sins away. How does he do this? By his act of obedience on the Cross, Jesus wipes out the disobedience of Adam, that is, of all humanity. Adam (Which is the Hebrew word meaning 'man') is the figure of all humanity, and Adam's sin is the symbol of all human sin, a sort of 'prequel' of all sin, an act of turning away from God, of independence and disobedience. On the Cross, Jesus was perfectly united to the Father, in an act of utter obedience in love, to which the Father in love responds, with a renewal of love for all humanity. For us, too, it is true that if we know God, if we have any appreciation of God and any personal bond to God, we cannot but obey him. God's commands are not arbitrary, but are the way of keeping close to him. By the command of love God reveals himself and invites us to be like him.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

#### The Word: Year B, Eastertide, Sunday 4

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

2nd Reading : 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

### 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 (or + Common of Pastors)



### This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat St. Anselm, Bishop &  
Doctor of the Church

