



# 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 4, 21/22 April 2018

*Getting in touch*

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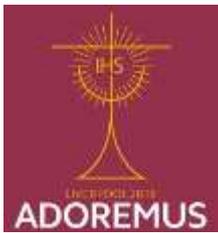
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<b>Saturday</b> 21 April	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Michael Liffey
<b>Sunday</b> 22 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	May Fallon James Cunningham
Monday 23 April	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Tuesday 24 April	10.00am <i>Funeral Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Mary Bell
Wednesday 25 April	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Thursday 26 April	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Friday 27 April	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
<b>Saturday</b> 28 April	<i>No Exposition today</i> 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Edith Martin
<b>Sunday</b> 29 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Sarah & Will Kelly



**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.

In the Liturgy we are called to respond both individually and corporately, as the Body of Christ. When we say 'Amen', when we receive Communion, it is both a statement of personal faith and (literally) an act of communion, in union with the whole Church. In a similar way prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is personal prayer and prayer with the Church. More than that the gift of this prayer is to help us participate in Mass more deeply, to be more deeply in communion.

*Pope Benedict XVI: in Sacramentum Caritatis*

The personal relationship which the individual believer establishes with Jesus present in the Eucharist constantly points beyond itself to the whole communion of the Church and nourishes a fuller sense of membership in the Body of Christ.

*Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium*

The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. A concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door. There are other doors that should not be closed either. Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community, so nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason. This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself 'the door': baptism. The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. These convictions have pastoral consequences we are called to consider with prudence and boldness. Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems.

*Part of a Prayer from The Didache*



We thank you, Father,  
for the life and the knowledge  
that you have revealed through  
Jesus, your Son.

As this bread that we break  
was once distributed on a  
hillside and its fragments  
gathered so as not to lose any,  
so let your Church be gathered  
from the farthest parts of the  
earth into your Kingdom.

Praise to you now and  
evermore!

## Things happening in our Parish

**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 re-habilitation to the victims.

This weekend, Liz Andrew is with us to speak at our Masses, about the Trust, and a Door Collection will be taken to assist with its work.

**This Weekend** we also wish Caroline Copeland winged feet, to ease her way in the London Marathon. Sponsor monies may be given direct to Caroline, in the next week or so, or to Jackie Ventom, to be passed on. The total money sponsored towards our Parish Hall Kitchen will be announced in the near future.



**Prayer Group** Meets weekly on **Mondays**, 7-8.00pm, at, 40 Wood Street, South Hiendley. All very welcome.

**Seniors Group** Meets weekly on **Wednesdays**, in our Sacred heart Parish Hall, 2-3.30pm. All aged 55+, both males and females, most welcome. Chat, refreshments, entertainments, all the order of the day.

**A Reminder** that the Bishops of England and Wales have restored the Feast of the Ascension (a holyday of obligation) to a Thursday. This year it falls on **10 May**.

**Please Note** If Fr Anthony is away, be it a day or several days, it is important that requests for funerals, at either of our Churches, go via our Sacred Heart Presbytery. Daily checks are made for messages and arrangements are in place to assist Funeral Directors, and importantly, to avoid a double booking of either priests or Churches.

An amount of inconvenience has occasionally been caused, in the past, when this procedure has not been followed.

**Car Parking** Any parking their cars in our Sacred Heart Grounds, on weekday mornings, please ensure that your car is at least a few inches away from any grassed area, and not overhanging it, to allow for grass cutting.

**Volunteers** with or without trades' qualifications, are always welcomed, to help with general maintenance and/or the grounds of our Churches. To offer your help, please have a word with Mike Moran for our Sacred Heart Church, with Barry Palmer for our St Joseph's Church, or Fr Anthony.



Through coming months, help with grass cutting and more besides is especially needed at our Sacred Heart Grounds.

*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 12 May**, 9.30am-12.15pm

*Parents and Sponsors* are asked to join the *Candidates* 11.30am-12.15pm

**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 Gospel of the fourth, or 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter is always from chapter 10 of St John's Gospel.

In this year B, we hear Jesus specifically say 'I am the Good Shepherd.'

*In John's Gospel (15), Jesus describes his followers as branches of the vine, that with his help will bear much fruit. But who does he say is the vinedresser?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A cat and a mouse died on the same day and went up to Heaven. At the top they met God and he asked them 'How do you like it so far?'

The mouse replied 'It's great but can I get a pair of roller skates?' God said 'Sure' and he gave him a pair of roller skates.



The next day God saw the cat and asked him 'How do you like it up here so far?' and the cat replied 'Great, I didn't know you had meals on wheels'.

## Parish Monies

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

Loose	£313.28
Envelopes	£444.70
Catholic Care	£328.01

## Collections, etc

**This Weekend** Retiring Collection for the Medaille Trust (see pg 2), after each of our Masses.

## THE GOD WHO COMES

In marital love it is not enough to study the beloved, write poems, or receive cards from far away. Couples must marry, say 'yes' to one another, go behind the veil of intimacy, delight in one another—exultantly, become close, cultivate friendship, stay together as much as possible, coalesce their wills, make two things one, as scripture says.

But pretending to know the other just by studying him in books or photographs means remaining outside real knowledge, real mystery.

Today, many persons who seek or study God do just that. They study Him in books, make Him an object of speculation, approach Him from intellectual curiosity.

With what result? The more we study, the more our ideas become confused; the more we get caught up in discussions, the farther we go from Him.

I think that this is the nature of the crisis in the Church today: it is a crisis of prayer, it is a crisis of contemplation.

Study is no longer the light of spirituality, and curiosity has taken the place of humility.

Self-assurance and derision of the past are the false light which guides man's pride in the labyrinth of God's 'unknowing', pretending to seize the truth with the strength of intelligence only.

But God's truth is the same, truth is the secret of things 'up there', and no one can know it without revelation from God.

Has Christ not already said so?

In the upper room, replying to the worried question put

to Him by Judas (not Judas Iscariot) about why He was not manifesting Himself to the world, but only to His intimate friends, He replied with extreme clarity: "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word, and my Father will love him; we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him" (John 14:23)

Only love brings God's coming to us, His living presence within us, and His consequent revelation.

*"He who obeys the commandment he has from me is the man who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and reveal myself to him."*

(John 14:21)

' "I will reveal myself to him" ', Here is all the secret of contemplative prayer, all the hope man is searching for, all the faith for anyone who wants a living contact with God.

From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep  
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**  
especially Pauline Yvonne Chapman, and her 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, Eastertide, Sunday 4

### Gospel: John 10:11-18

Each year on this 4th Sunday of Easter there is a reading from John about the Good Shepherd. To think of ourselves as woolly and cuddly sheep, obedient to the shepherd, would be a mistake. Sheep are renowned as being

silly, contradictory creatures, always starting off in the wrong direction, getting themselves into tangles and difficulties. In the Holy Land they are scraggy beasts, pastured on rocky and often dangerous ground, amid boulders and cliffs, threatened by wild animals and marauders. It was not simply a matter of the shepherd sitting on a rock and idly playing his pipe. He



needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves. So Jesus as the good shepherd is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears. Again, as in this Sunday's other two readings, there is the reassurance of a close relationship with the Father. Jesus knows us intimately, just as he knows the Father. It is questionable whether in real life a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep. What would happen to the remainder of the flock? But it is an expression of Jesus' whole-hearted devotion to the flock that he shepherds.

### First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

The Acts of the Apostles shows that the Church carries on the life of Jesus. Under the leadership and power of the Spirit the Church represents the Risen Christ in the world

of the first century and of today. So Peter and Paul work the same sort of miracles as Jesus did. as signs and works of power. They heal people, raise the dead, forgive sins and spread the Good News of the sovereignty of God, just as Jesus did. In less spectacular ways the life of the Church community still continues the work of Jesus. Peter explains that all this is done 'in the name of Jesus'. The name signifies the power of a person. So we are baptised in, or even to, the name of Jesus, and in this way take on his personality and his power in the Spirit. We become the company of Jesus. It is his name or power that we hope. In the early years of the Church, Christians were known as those over whom the name of Jesus had been pronounced, that is, those who have entered under Jesus' patronage and who trust in his name.

### Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

From beginning to end this first letter of John is a meditation on Christian love and its implications. The innermost motivation of all Christian activity is the awareness that we have been raised to the sonship of God and to be co-heirs of God with Jesus. This is a new sort of 'sonship', for both women and men have been raised to it, whereas in the world of the apostles only sons (not daughters) could inherit. This 'sonship' enables us to call God 'Father'. When Paul speaks of this, he uses the Aramaic word 'Abba' as a sort of talisman and guarantee that we can pray 'Father', using the same address as Jesus himself used. 'Abba' is not a children's word like 'Daddy', as has sometimes been supposed, but is the expression of a warm and responsible adult relationship. Just as Jesus' sonship to the Father consisted in doing perfectly the Father's will and being about the Father's business in his whole life, so the Christian, spurred on by his relationship is drawn to a heartfelt obedience to God. This must be a challenge for us.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

The Word: Year B, Eastertide, Sunday 5

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

2nd Reading : 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

## Prayer of the Church

### Psalter Week 4

**Sun** + Seasonal Proper

**Mon** Prop of Saints + Cmn of Mts + Frmr Nat Prop

**Tue** + Seasonal Proper (+ Proper of Saints)

**Wed** Proper of Saints

**Thu** + Seasonal Proper

**Fri** + Seasonal Proper

**Sat** + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper of Saints)

## This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** ST. GEORGE, Martyr & Patron of England

**Tue** St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr / St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

**Wed** ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat** St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr / St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, Priest