



# 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, Feast of Pentecost, 19/20 May 2018

*Getting in touch*

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<b>Saturday</b> 19 May	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
<b>Sunday</b> 20 May	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Jack Knepshield Parish Family
Monday 21 May	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>11.00am Marian Service</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition <i>2.00pm Marian Service</i>	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Joseph's	Parish Family <i>Inc Benediction   With SH School Children</i>  <i>Inc Benediction   With SJ School Children</i>
Tuesday 22 May	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Bernard Ratlidge
Wednesday 23 May	<i>10.00am Funeral Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Bill Halsall Decd Bodurka, Dumka ... Birkinshaw Fams
Thursday 24 May	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Pat Holmes
Friday 25 May	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Edith Martin
<b>Saturday</b> 26 May	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Private Intention (GM)
<b>Sunday</b> 27 May	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Thomas Walsh Roy Bridges



**This Weekend, we pray with, and for, and also congratulate the thirteen Members of our Parish Family, who are being Confirmed in the Holy Spirit - namely**  
**Oliwier Kuswik, Abbey Hayles, Ryan Jacobs**  
**Marta Baltowska, Tyrese Malume, Wiktoria Pietras**  
**Krystian Wasilewski, Wiktoria Chodnicka, Antoni Bednarz**  
**Wiktoria Fiedler, Igor Zaleswki, Olivia Milewska, Kacper Olejniczak**

**All are invited to the Marian Services, with our Primary School Children, this Monday**  
See details above. Weather permitting, both Services will start outside the respective Church Main Entrance

**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

*From the book addressed to Autolycus by Saint Theophilus of Antioch, bishop.*

If you say, "Show me your God," I will say to you, "Show me what kind of person you are, and I will show you my God." Show me then whether the eyes of your mind can see, and the ears of your heart hear.

It is like this. Those who can see with the eyes of their bodies are aware of what is happening in this life on earth. They can distinguish light and darkness, black and white, ugliness and beauty, elegance and inelegance, proportion and lack of proportion, excess and defect. The same is true of the sounds we hear: high or low or pleasant. So it is with the ears of our heart and the eyes of our mind in their capacity to hear or see God.

God is seen by those who have the capacity to see him, provided that they keep the eyes of their mind open. All have eyes, but some have eyes that are shrouded in darkness, unable to see the light of the sun. Because the blind cannot see it, it does not follow that the sun does not shine. The blind must trace the cause back to themselves and their eyes. In the same way, you have eyes in your mind shrouded in darkness, because of your sins and evil deeds.

A person's being should be clean, like a mirror reflecting light. If there is rust on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God.

But if you will you can be healed. Hand yourself over to the doctor, and he will open the eyes of your mind and heart. Who is the doctor? It is God, who heals and gives life through his Word and wisdom. Through his Word and wisdom he created the universe: *by his Word the heavens were established, and by his Spirit all their array.* His wisdom is supreme. *God by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding he arranged the heavens, by his knowledge the depths broke forth and the clouds poured out the dew.*

If you understand this, and live in purity, holiness and justice, you may see God. But, before all, faith and the fear of God must take first place in your heart, and then all this you will understand. When you have laid aside mortality and been clothed in immortality, then you will see God according to your merits. God raises up your flesh to immortality with your soul, and then, once made immortal, you will see the immortal One -



if you believe in him now.

## Things happening in our Parish

**Confirmations** All should, by now, be aware that Bishop Marcus is lowering the age at which the Sacrament of Confirmation is normally to be administered, through our Diocese. Baptised Catholics, *now in school years 5 or 6*, are eligible to soon begin to prepare for Confirmation, so as to be Confirmed early in 2019. This includes any who have not yet received First Reconciliation and Eucharist, for which they can prepare following Confirmation.



Parents/Carers of Children who are eligible and who are at one of our Parish Schools, should have received a letter, during the past week, via their child. If any have not received a copy, they should please obtain one from Fr Anthony during the next week or two, after any of our weekend Masses.

Any Parents/Carers of eligible Children who are not at one of our Parish Schools, should please ask

Fr Anthony for a copy of this letter, in the next week or two, after any of our weekend Masses..

An information meeting will be held **Sat 16 Jun**, in our Sacred Heart Church, 9.30-10.30am. Eligible Children are also asked to attend with their Parents/Carers.

**Treat Yourself** after next Sunday's (**27 May**) 10.45am Mass, to a few buns or other delights, for your tea. Some of our Young Parishioners will be running a Cake Stall, to help towards the cost of those of St Wilfrid's School students who will be going along to assist the sick and infirm, during this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

**A Reminder** that plans are afoot to celebrate a second Parish **International Mass** on **Sat 30 Jun**, at **5.00pm**, in our Sacred Heart Church, with some music and prayers of different traditions, to be followed by a Shared (Faith) World Foods Feast. Do book this as a date in your diary.

Any whose first language is/was not English or who are bi-lingual and who would be willing to read a prayer or reading at the Mass, in a non-English tongue, please have a word with Fr Anthony.

**Many Thanks** to Caroline, for offering to take sponsors for her London Marathon run, to help raise money for our Parish Hall Kitchen refurbishment - also to all those who sponsored her. A grand total of £720 was thereby raised.

**Also Many Thanks** to our Confirmation Catechists, who have given much time, during these past months, to help our Newly Confirmed prepare for their Confirmation.

### & In Our Diocese

**Revelation** For any in school years 8-13. Praise, talk, games, groups, Adoration, at Wheeler Hall (St Anne's Cathedral), Leeds, Tue 22 May, 6:30-8:30pm. If planning to attend, please contact [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

*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** Information meeting for Parents/Carers of those Children who are Baptised Catholic and are now in school year 5 or 6, in our Sacred Heart Church:

**Sat 16 Jun**, 9.30-10.30am

Please note: Parents/Carers should bring with them their eligible child/ren.

**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?

St Luke tells that as the Holy Spirit came to them in the room where they were gathered, the apostles heard 'what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house . . .' So on this occasion, it was not the Spirit coming in a gentle breeze, as had happened with the prophet Elijah.

*Jesus called his followers to bring his Good News to all nations, and to baptise . . . But who, on behalf of the Lord, can administer the Sacrament of Baptism?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!



There was the vicar who rolled up his sleeves, dipped his hands in the font and smiled reassuringly at the baptismal party, 'He should be in here somewhere.'

## Parish Monies

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

Loose	£277.19
Envelopes	£423.02
Priests Training	£264.19
Apr Bank Orders	£1258.00

## Collections, etc



## THE GOD WHO COMES

The message of Jesus goes farther.

He takes man who is part of the earthly city and says to him; 'Remember the heavenly city which you must reach and from now on build up justice and love within yourself.'

He sees man trapped by the limits of being a creature and destined for death, and he says: ' " I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).



He finds man aware, little by little, of his congenital insufficiency, which worries him and makes him suffer, and He says to him, 'You are not only a son of man, you are a son of God: you are eternal. What is worrying you is your eternal sonship with the Father: what makes you unsatisfied and discontented is the divine life growing in you, which makes you see the limits of the frontiers of the visible, the human, the earthly.'

Some people today get angry at hearing these things; some even interrupt Jesus and say, 'If it's like that, keep your heaven; give us a more comfortable earth instead! You come on our side and help with the revolution; leave heaven to the sparrows, and we can dominate the earth.'

And they might even be right. But Jesus is silent and waits for us to understand; He doesn't change.

He knows things we don't know. He knows that even when we have worked out the problems of the earthly city and given every man a house, a school, a hospital, freedom and comfort, the last problem will still remain to be solved: death.

And it is not the easiest.

And it is not the smallest.

The gospel does not estrange men from the earth; it is not absent in the construction of human living; it doesn't get you out of doing things, living things, suffering things—but it goes beyond them.

It says what the Marxist would not know how to say, what the man of the earth would not be able to say.

On the evening of a social struggle in which believers and non-believers, Christians and non-Christians have found themselves fighting side by side for the triumph of justice, well-being, freedom, when others are silent because they no longer have anything to say, the Christian should begin speaking to proclaim in the name of Jesus a prophecy which always goes beyond the contingent, politics, time, and the relativity of human things. What Jesus prophesies about the men who have wanted to follow Him concerns eternal life, which, although it begins here and has roots planted in human life, has its development in a reality beyond the earth, which He called Kingdom, and to which we are destined.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep  
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**  
especially Mary Marston and Bill Hallsall,  
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 Ogle, Kazia Andruszko  
David Olbison, Liz Allen, Hilda Bailey  
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

## The Word: Year B, Eastertide, Feast of Pentecost

### Gospel: John 20:19-23

None of the gospels gives an account of the Day of Pentecost, but St. John tells us of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples. There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth; each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace; the Letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace—the reversal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness; Jesus came to show this by his constant meeting with and welcoming of sinners. Moreover, the Lord's prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.



### First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The ministry of Jesus starts with the coming of the Spirit at his Baptism, and in a similar way the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. There can be no witness to Jesus or to his message, no spreading of the Kingship of God, without the Spirit of Jesus. Another lesson from this parallelism between Jesus' Baptism and Pentecost is that the task of the Church and the life of the Church are the same as those of Jesus himself: to bring God's kingship to its fulfilment by bringing

healing, love and joy through the message of the Risen Christ. The rushing wind and the tongues of fire are an allusion to the account in the Old Testament of the coming of God's Spirit upon Moses and the Elders. So the message of the New Testament is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, breaking out beyond the borders of Judaism to include all peoples of the world. The union of all these peoples, all understanding one language in their own way, is a deliberate contrast to the Old Testament scene at the Tower of Babel, when all the peoples of the world defied God and so were split up and could no longer understand one another's languages. The list of unpronounceable peoples is itself a witness to the universality of the Church!

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

The slightest glance round a church full of people is enough to show the variety within the Christian community. But it needs the words of St. Paul to remind us that every member of that community has his or her own special gift to contribute. Mercifully these gifts are all different. It is good to reflect on the natural gifts that we find all around us. It is also valuable to reflect how dull, or even intolerable, life would be if I lived with a lot of clones of myself, all with the same gifts and the same faults as myself! Every one of us contributes something different and valuable, whether it is the baby squeaking as a sign of new, developing life or the older person contributing wisdom, experience and even the suffering of Christ. Another inspiring thought is that all we varied and diverse people go to make up the Body which is Christ. We all have experience of various corporate bodies, organisations and companies, but none of these 'bodies' manifest the presence of a person as do our own individual bodies. But as the Body of Christ, the Church, we show forth to the world the presence of Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, through the indwelling of the Spirit.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

### The Word: Year B, Feast of The Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

### Prayer of the Church

#### Psalter Week 3

**Sun** + Seasonal Proper

**Mon** (or + Proper of Saints)

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

**Wed** Week 3

**Thu** Week 3

**Fri** + Former National Proper

**Sat** + Proper of Saints

### This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** Ss Christopher Magallanes, Priest &  
Companion Martyrs

**Tue** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the  
Church

**Sat** St. Philip Neri, Priest