



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, The Body & Blood of Our Lord, 2/3 June 2018

Getting in touch

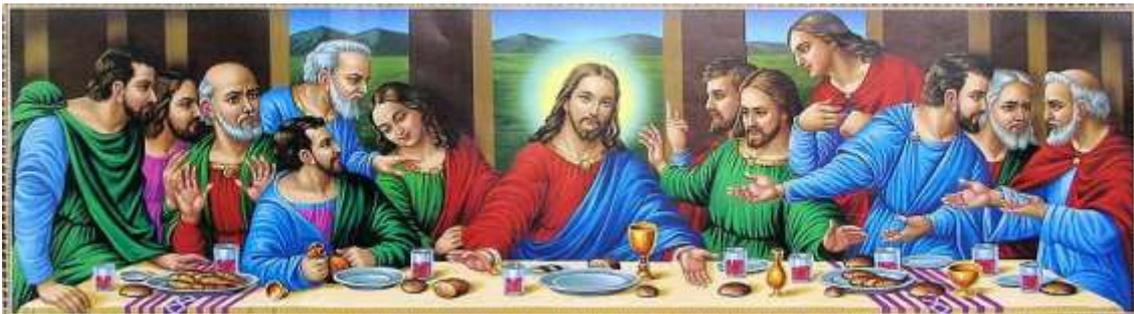
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Saturday 2 June	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Josephine & Lawrence Everitt
Sunday 3 June	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Patrick Connolly Wileman & Carter Families
Monday 4 June	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Pauline Chapman
Tuesday 5 June	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Wednesday 6 June	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Thursday 7 June	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Bill Halsall
Friday 8 June	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Horace Ramskill
Saturday 9 June	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Edith Martin
Sunday 10 June	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 3.15pm Mass in Polish	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Pat Holmes Johnny & Peggy Senior

Next Sunday, the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Choir will be with us, at 10.45am Mass



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

When I see my spiritual life as a relationship with a loving friend there are important differences. When I fail, I feel I have disappointed a friend, but who is this friend? He is special. He is known to me as totally understanding, compassionate, steadfast. There is nothing mean about him. He knows my human heart from the inside, but he is greater than my heart and is infinitely patient. He accepts me as I am and his constant love will heal my weakness and lead me into love.

Another big difference is that in a friendship two people are involved. Deep down, I feel the call of Jesus, my friend, and try to respond, despite repeated failure. But he is very much involved and wants the friendship to succeed. While I, in my limited way, am seeking him, he is also



seeking me. God wants not only to reveal himself to me, but to give himself to me. Inspired scripture guarantees this. It tells the story of God seeking us. The message

spoken for centuries through the prophets and spoken now in our day through the Son is so simple, and yet such a mystery. The message is, 'I love you.' In the prophet Isaiah (62:11) we are called 'the sought-after'. Here is the source of our confidence as we enter into that journey which takes the whole of our lifetime, the journey into God. Our confidence is not due to our determination or will-power, but the mystery that God wants this friendship. A writer on prayer, Carlo Carretto, said, 'My seeking him would have been in vain if, before all time, he had not sought me.'

An Old Testament blessing goes: 'May Yahweh bless you and keep you. May Yahweh let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May Yahweh uncover his face to you and bring you peace.' (Num 6:24-26)

Yahweh spoke to Moses and said, "Say this to Aaron and his sons: 'This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel . . .'" (Num 6 22-23). This is a blessing composed not by Moses. but by God himself. These are the very blessings God wants us to have. God lets us see inside his own heart and tells us in this way that he wants to uncover his face to us. Jesus continues this blessing, at the Last Supper: 'Father, I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known.' (Jn 17:26). For the Jew, the name was not just a label but stood for the inner being of the person.

From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.18) (abbreviated) - by Robert Kelly, SJ

Things happening in our Parish

Confirmations All our 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 received First Reconciliation or Eucharist, for which they can prepare later.

If any Parents/Carers of Children who are eligible have not had a letter from Fr Anthony about this, they should please obtain a copy direct from him, this weekend, after any of our Masses.

An information meeting will be held **Sat 16 Jun**, in our Sacred Heart Church, 9.30-10.30am. Parents/Carers do, please, also bring your eligible Children to this meeting.

Open Heart Memory Café especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their family, friends and carers. Next gathering in our Sacred Heart Hall will be this **Fri 8 Jun**, at 10.00am. Come for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome



Treat Yourself after next Sunday's (**10 Jun**) 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.

Parish AGM in our Sacred Heart Hall, on **Thu 14 Jun**, 7.00pm, to include 2017/18 Council Report and Finance Report, and light refreshments. **Do come along.**

A Reminder that plans are afoot to celebrate another 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.

Pro-Life Today Copies will be available next weekend.

& In Our Diocese

All catechists are invited to the Catechist Forum, Sat 16 Jun, 10:00am, Wheeler Hall, Leeds. Mass to follow in the Cathedral, with Bishop Marcus, 12.00 noon. To book contact: evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or tel 0113 261 8040.

From pot throwers to aspidistra growers
Hopefully all have in mind our Summer Garden Fete
and are now making or saving items for the stalls
M&S items also wanted for the raffle, pleaseeee!



Be sure you have the date in your diary and to bring your friends

Saturday 7 July, 10.00am
in 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 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?

If Baptism has to be administered in an emergency, for it to be valid, it must be desired by the one being baptised (or the parent/carer for a small child), and as the one is immersed in water or water is poured over their head, the words said must be "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

If an emergency Baptism is given 'in danger of death', by a bishop or priest, what other sacrament is properly given, at the same time?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!



After an exam one girl prayed: 'Please God make Copenhagen the capital of Japan, - even if it's only for a week or so.'

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£220.44
Envelopes	£412.07

Collections, etc

Next Weekend Retiring Collection after each of our Masses - for the Holy Land Shrines (50%) - and for Peter's Pence (50%), for the needs of the Vatican.

THE GOD WHO COMES

And now?

And now we are running the risk of making the same mistakes as we did in the past, going back to the beginning, transforming our vanguard into angry groups of pseudo-Marxists with a worthless façade of Christianity and a priests cassock in the centre.

Truly we lack prophecy.

And our inventiveness, our creativity, has been so badly reduced that we 'sons of God' have to beg inspiration from the sons of men; we think the gospel is the only thing which is really new in the world!

Well, if you want to go in for politics, then get on with it! If you want to stir up a violent revolution, then stir it up! But don't do so under the name of Christ, because you will be using His name and His intention falsely.

It is true that Christ is a revolutionary, it is true that He is violent, but not against others, only against Himself.

It is too easy to kill others, it is so difficult to die to oneself.

The violence of Christ is the Cross; it is planted in His heart, not in the hearts of His adversaries.

The violence of Jesus is deep love, not the sword or the prison, which is how we always want to resolve the problems which seem insoluble to us.

'Come on, let's bash a few hundred heads in, and everything will work out....'

And then?...And then?

Afterwards perhaps the world will see rise up from the files of the same revolutionaries the dictators of the future, the egoists of the future, the bullies of the future?

It is discouraging to see how the greatest social revolutions have ended. It could be argued they have taught men nothing; he always wants to start back at the beginning. No it is not other people who need to be revolutionised, it is ourselves.

Jesus is the only revolutionary who sees things right, because He is not preoccupied with changing structures, but with changing men.

The structures renew themselves infinitely, but they are always oppressive as long as they are in the hands of man who is oppressive.

In vain does a poor man pass from one government to another, from one system to another, if there is no change in those who direct the government, or create the system.



From The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Eileen Hartley (nee Tighe)



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, Malcolm Stuart
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year B, Feast of The Body & Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16.22-26

The original Old Testament covenant was sealed by a death and by the sharing of the blood between God (signified by the altar) and his people as a sign of new life (see today's first reading). Israel broke that covenant by persistently refusing to keep true to the way of life which the covenant enshrined. Now Jesus' new covenant engages us in a new alliance and gives us new life. The story told in this reading is the warranty and guarantee that, each time we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are bound anew Into his covenant. The story is told in almost exactly similar terms in each of the first three gospels and in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. It must have been learnt and repeated by heart. There is just enough difference to show that Mark and Matthew reflect the tradition of the Hebrew communities, while Paul and Luke reflect the tradition of the Greek-speaking communities. This narrative must have been repeated again and again from the very first years of Christianity. Each time we repeat these words 'This is my body. This is my blood', we are entering again into Jesus' covenant. There should be a health warning. The Mass is a serious business: are you ready to commit yourself to the Kingdom, to engage in a new and personal alliance with Christ and to live your life in Him?



plaining what they must do to be his people. it was not a set of constricting obligations but a liberating set of instructions. Obedience to the Law was a response in love to a gift in love, to behave towards God with the generosity which God showed to his people. The people must now behave towards others as God had behaved towards them, by respecting the widow, caring for the orphan, welcoming the stranger. 'Be holy as I am holy', said the Lord. This reading is particularly apt at the Mass for Corpus Christi because this Old Testament ritual, just like the Mass, includes both instructions and sacrifice. In the first part of the Mass we listen to God's revealing Word, which tells us in various ways how to behave if we are to be God's people. Only after committing ourselves to God's Word can we go on to join in the new alliance of Christ's sacrifice through the shedding of his blood.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Blood plays an important part in all three readings of this Mass, and it is essential to understand its function in Israel's and in our sacramental system. Blood is an obvious symbol of life. Total loss of blood means total loss of life. As blood flows out, so life ebbs away. Therefore, just as life belongs to God, so blood belongs to God. In Israel blood is sacred. In recognition that life is the gift of God. blood may not be consumed. Sacrifice in Israel was not appeasing an angry God, by offering the death of an animal instead of my own death. Rather, it was a joyful sharing with God, the sharing of a meal, and the granting of new life. Death releases the blood, which can then be sprinkled over those offering the sacrifice to symbolize fresh life from God. The Letter to the Hebrews contrasts the old sacrifices and old sharing of blood, 'the blood of goats and bull calves,' with the gift of Christ's blood. How much more is the new life, given by the divine Son of God! The gift of Christ's blood from the chalice brings life.

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

The first reading gives the story of the making of the Covenant on Mount Sinai, the moment when Israel became God's people and took on themselves the joyful obligations of the Law. The Law was God's gift to Israel, ex-

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 10

1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

2nd Reading : 2 Corinthians 4:13. 5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 1

Tue + Proper of Saints

Wed (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu Week 1

Fri Seasonal Proper

Sat Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Wed St. Norbert, Bishop

Thu

Fri **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Sat The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin
Mary