



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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 11, 16/17 June 2018

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Saturday 16 June	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Marjorie Tolson
Sunday 17 June	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <i>1.00pm Baptism</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Joseph & Kathleen Smith Carol Cujic
Monday 18 June	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Vincent Ward
Tuesday 19 June	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Private Intention
Wednesday 20 June	<i>10.00am Funeral Service</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Margaret McHale Mary Ogley
Thursday 21 June	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Friday 22 June	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Terry Doohan
Saturday 23 June	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Gilbert Walker
Sunday 24 June	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Frank Bailey Mary Marston

This Weekend, at our 6.00pm Mass, we present, prior to their Baptisms
Rae Sofia O'Brien, daughter of Chade and Charlotte
Robyn Jay & Sophie Elaine Burgin, daughters of Kirsty and Graham
and on the event of her Baptism, this Sunday, we pray for and congratulate
Charlotte Grace, with parents Katie and Adam Crisp

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

A Parish Family outing, suitable for younger and older alike, is being planned - do come along if at all you can: - **Thursday 2 August**

- Bar Convent Heritage Centre, York

Visit England's oldest living convent, founded as a school for girls. It is still home to Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus. The Grade 1 Listed 18th century buildings now include within, a state-of-the-art Exhibition and an award-winning Cafe.

The story of The Convent began with a secret.

In 1686, a time of great danger for all Catholics in England, a woman named Frances Bedingfield bought a small parcel of land just outside York's walls. She signed the deed under an alias. The £450 it took to build the Convent was donated by Sir Thomas Gascoigne: "We must have a school for our daughters", he said. At this time, as any known as Catholics were persecuted, the Sisters carefully concealed their identity. They dressed in slate-coloured gowns in the fashion of the day, to avoid giving suspicion. When Mother Aspinall's Chapel was built in 1769, it was designed with eight separate exits, to allow the congregation to escape in the event of a raid by authorities.

The first Sisters called themselves the 'Ladies of the Bar'. Few knew the truth they concealed. For them, discovery would have brought severe punishment, or even death.



Over the three centuries that followed, the Sisters were no strangers to strife, as their home has been, at times, a school, a hospital ward, a refuge and a bomb-site; emerging into the present time as the Living Heritage Centre. Every corner of the building has a tale to tell. The Exhibition will inspire you.

Discover 300 hundred years of local Catholic history and some of the remarkable people who have shaped it. Meet the radical Yorkshire nun and pioneer Mary Ward, whose devotion to her cause took her on foot across the Alps - twice. Learn about secrets and spies, angry mobs and Luftwaffe bombs. Hide yourself away in a priest hole - then find out how to hide an entire chapel.

Our visit is being planned to incorporate a guided tour, after which some might like to eat in the on-site Café and visit the gardens.

There will also be time for any who wish to visit the river bank with its pleasure boats and walks, or the city centre (both a 5 minute walk from the Convent). Many other sites, such as the Railway Museum (free) and Clifford's Tower are within easy walking distance.

Watch out for more details in coming weeks - but book the date now.

Do Remember and Book in Your Diary

International Mass

Saturday 30 June, 5.00pm

in our Sacred Heart Church

(nb No Mass at 6.00pm that day)

Any who wish are invited to come in what they regard as their national dress.

We hope that all will bring some food to share afterwards, so please, bring what you consider to be typical food for your (original) nationality, and enough for your own group, but to put with the rest, for any to enjoy.

Things happening in our Parish

St Joseph's School needs two Foundation Governors to join its Academy Council. If you feel that you could contribute to the leadership of this, one of our Parish Schools, please email the Academy Council Chairman, Mr Mike Withers at mwithers@sjm.bkcat.co.uk, call into the school and speak to the Head of School, Mr Luke Welsh, or speak with Fr Anthony.

Please Note On account of the cost of testing to meet safety regulations, it is impractical for us to sell/raffle any mains electric goods at Parish Fayres, unless they are in their original, factory sealed boxes. So as not to confuse the nature of our Fayres, neither do we have a stall for second hand clothes, shoes or accessories.

& In Our Diocese

Diocesan Corpus Christi Procession: Sun 24 Jun, to begin 4.00pm, Mount St Joseph's, Headingley, Leeds. Car park: Hinsley Hall. Afterwards - refreshment vans, bouncy castle, lawn games, to 7.00pm.

M&S items needed for the Raffle

A lotta bottles wanted for the **Bottle stall** and your **quality donations** for all the stalls at our

Parish Garden Fete

Saturday 7 July

10.00am on, in our

Sacred Heart Grounds

We also need many of you to help with the stalls, so please sign up on the list at one of our Churches.



And we need you to bring all your friends on the day!

Three Weeks

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Weeks Three

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 continue in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Wed 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 Meeting for *Applicants along with their Parents/Carers*, in our Sacred Heart Church and Hall:

Sat 14 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm

Time for a lunch together included. Please bring enough food for your own number to be added to a shared table.

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 first known place for Christian pilgrimages was what we now call the Holy Land. Such pilgrimages were being encouraged certainly as early as the late 2nd century. Within the Holy Land, various places where Jesus was known to have undertaken his ministry might be visited: Jerusalem, of course, but many other places, too.

It might be said that in the early 4th century, a certain lady did more than anyone before or after to develop the Holy Land as a place for Christian pilgrimage. Who was she?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Curate - 'And that beautiful stained glass window is 1499'.

Response from awed junior schoolchild - 'it'd be a lot more than that nowadays wouldn't it Miss?'



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £263.87

Envelopes £430.50

Peter's Pence &

Holy Land Shrines £201.01

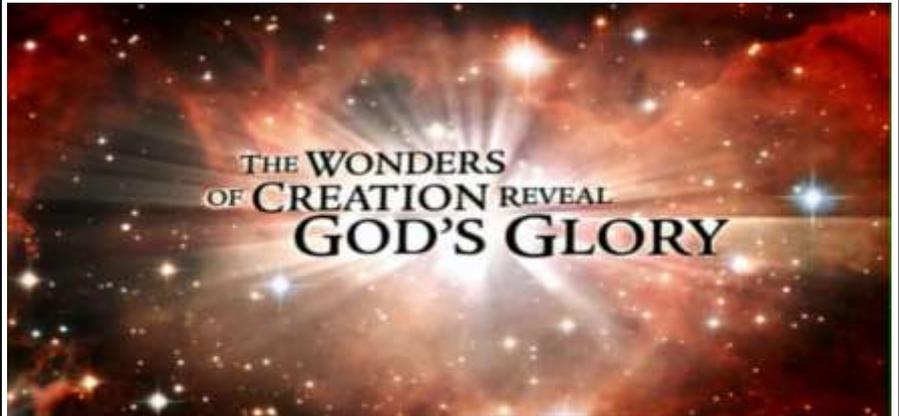
Collections, etc

And many thanks also to all who contributed to the collection after Bill Halsall's funeral - £430.15 was thereby donated to our Parish.

May Bank Orders £1360

THE GOD WHO COMES

Eschatology, which is the entry into the kingdom, the realisation of the kingdom, does not happen all in a flash and once-for-all at the end of history. Rather it is happening every day, at every instant in which the man who believes in the living Word, Jesus turns it into reality by faith, by hope and by charity so he is vitally united to God.



The kingdom is already within us, even if it is yet to come in its fullness; every action of our existence, lived out as citizens of this invisible kingdom and accepted as a burning demand of the gospel, reinforces its structure and widens its boundaries.

The Christian is at the centre of things, there where his God is; with the meridian of his faith he must cut through all the parallels of the life of man.

But speaking in the name of his God he prophesies; he does not discuss political technicalities. Seeking to save man, to free man, he acts out of love, not out of political good sense or historical culture.

Jeremiah was a terrible politician, and after any speech of his about what was going to happen in Israel's politics, he always ended up in prison.

But he was a prophet: the light of his words, which came down from Another, cast light on all the politics which Israel should have been concerned with for her salvation.

When the man of God speaks. when the Church—the society of faith and grace speaks—there is no need for aesthetics, for technology, for culture. Prophecy, being divine by nature, has the power of casting light on man's march towards freedom; charity, having its origin in the theological love of God, has an exact vision of things and knows what is really good for man.

And let us remember: what is good for man always comes to the light of history screened by three unequivocal words: life, light, love. These are the same words which indicate the Person of the Father, the Person of the Son, and the Person of the Holy Spirit.

Defending life, witnessing light, living out love; these remain forever and for every occasion the divine background of prophecy; they are the specific duty of anyone who calls upon God, following Christ's unmistakable example.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Margaret McHale, 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, Malcolm Stuart
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 11

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus was a countryman, from the rich agricultural plains of Galilee, where wheat and fruit trees abounded. It was natural for him to use such imagery to describe the Kingdom of God which he was proclaiming. Today's gospel reading offers us two of the many images in Mark's chapter of parables. What did Jesus want to teach by them? Images can carry many layers of meaning. First, the seed growing secretly all the time: perhaps Jesus meant that God's purposes are accomplished in spite of our feeble and fumbling efforts; perhaps it was a warning that after long waiting the time for decision, the time of harvest had come with Jesus' own mission. Second, the mustard seed: was this a

reply to the discouraged disciples - or perhaps Jesus' critical opponents - that his motley little group of undistinguished peasants, fishermen and tax-collectors would grow into God's own mighty tree? Perhaps this is a first hint that Jesus'



mission is for all nations, not just for Israel. All nations would come, nest and find a home in the branches of his mission, just as in the first reading they nest in the branches of the great cedar tree. At any rate, both images show that God is in charge, and has great plans which will be fulfilled despite our own inadequacies.

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

The task of the prophet Ezekiel was to keep up the spirits of the Jews exiled to Babylon. For them it seemed that the sack of Jerusalem was the end of all hope: they had lost their homes, their king, their temple and even their covenant with God. Ezekiel was a person of fantastic imagination, not afraid to indulge in wild and daring mimes to force

through his message that God was still in charge and still caring for Israel. He mimed the siege of Jerusalem by building a mud-brick model and escaping through the wall. His visions are also extraordinary and inspiring. Perhaps the best known is the Valley of Dead Bones, prophesying that Israel will come to life again. The passage we read today is an imaginative allegory about a great cedar tree despoiled by two eagles, that is, Israel despoiled by Babylon and Egypt. In our reading God promises that Israel will become again a great cedar tree, in whose shade the nations will come to take shelter. The Gospel parable uses the same figure of a great tree in which all peoples will shelter. The great cedars on the mountains of Lebanon are an awesome and unforgettable sight, stretching far into the sky and wide across the hills, a suitable refuge for great birds and so for all peoples.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Paul uses several different sets of imagery to convey the goal of the Christian life for which he is longing. We know that all imagery is inadequate, but especially such pictures as heaven, 'up there', in the clouds, where we all play on harps. In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul uses images of participating in God's power, incorruptibility and glory, of being transformed into a new mode of being by the Spirit. In today's reading Paul speaks of 'being at home' with the Lord in contrast to being in exile. Now that we are adopted children of God, to be with the Lord is our natural family home. In the final sentence he envisages also the final judgment when we are laid bare and exposed for what we truly are, the frightening but comforting moment when we see ourselves as God sees us, when we can cease putting on an act and keeping up appearances. Before God there is neither need nor possibility of pretence. All masks are stripped off. This too is an aspect of being at home, for there is no pretending before the family.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Feast of The Birth of St John Baptist

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6
2nd Reading: Acts 13:22-26
Gospel: Luke 1:57-66.80

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 3

Tue (or + Proper of Saints)

Wed (or + Former National Proper)

Thu Proper of Saints

Fri Proper of Saints + Former National Proper

Sat + Common of Holy Men & Women

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue St. Romuald, Abbot

Wed St. Alban, Martyr

Thu St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Fri SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP & THOMAS

MORE, MARTYRS

Sat St. Ethelreda (Audrey), Abbess