



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist, 23/24 June 2018

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Saturday 23 June	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Gilbert Walker
Sunday 24 June	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Frank Bailey Mary Marston
Monday 25 June	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Michael White
Tuesday 26 June	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Private Intention
Wednesday 27 June	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Dorothy Eagle
Thursday 28 June	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Vincent Wood
Friday Feast of Ss Peter & Paul 29 June	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>With SJ School Children</i> : Pat Holmes <i>With SH School Children</i> : Mary Smith Parish Family
Saturday 30 June	<i>No Exposition today</i> 5.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	<i>Please Note - No Mass at 6.00pm</i> Eileen Tighe
Sunday 1 July	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm <i>Baptism</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Tony Cortese Bill Halsall

Please note that this Friday, 29 June, is a Holyday of Obligation

International Mass, in our Sacred Heart Church, Saturday 30 June, 5.00pm

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.

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

There are many books and discs (audio and visual) about prayer methods and techniques, used in different religious cultures. People seek spiritual guides for help. This interest in prayer may be partly a reaction to the materialism of our age. But it must also be evidence of the human heart's hunger for God and the activity of the Holy Spirit who is given to us, to help us with our prayer. We surely must rejoice at this widespread interest in prayer. At the same time, there could be some subtle and misleading side-effects of the publicity that accompanies this interest. I suggest two possible side-effects and hope that by considering them, we may deepen our appreciation of the true nature of prayer.

One possible misleading side-effect could be that we might be led to see prayer as a skill, a technique, something we can learn and master if we read the right book or sit at the feet of some well-known guru. This again could be the subtle influence of our consumer society. Prayer may appear to be marketable like some commodity - you can learn this technique and develop a facility for prayer and it will bring certain desired blessings. This attitude would destroy the mystery of our faith, the mystery of God and the unique relationship between God and each person. It could tend towards magic rather than true religion. Prayer is not a technique by which we



can control or manipulate God and achieve certain results. We come to prayer with awe and wonder and a great sense of privilege, as we humbly seek the face of the transcendent God. And we come with confidence, not because of any skill we have developed, but because this God wants to uncover his face to us.

A second possible side-effect is that it might lead some to feel inadequate and discouraged. People could begin to feel that if they have not read the latest book or listened to the latest 'prayer expert', they might not have a deep experience of prayer. They could be discouraged if they thought that progress in prayer depended on the many prayer-aids that are available. Now it is good to read about prayer and learn from reliable teachers, old and new, but we must also be sure that prayer is a gift which should be sought with humility. And we must repeat that our confidence in prayer is based not on special skills, but on God's call to our hearts, on his desire for our love and our sincere desire to return that love and surrender our lives to him.

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

Things happening in our Parish

Confirmations Baptised Catholic Children, who are now in school years 5 and 6, are eligible to prepare to receive the very important Sacrament of Confirmation, early in 2019. Any Parents/Carers who wish to bring their Child/ren to prepare, but missed the recent information meeting, for whatever reason, need to obtain an application form from Fr Anthony, by **Sun 1 July, at latest**. Note: the next Preparation Meeting, for Parents/Carers along with their Children, will be **Sat 14 July**, in our Sacred Heart Hall.



Gift Aid Letters, from the Diocesan Officer, have arrived for each person who Gift Aids in favour of our Parish. If applicable and you have not already got yours, please collect your letter, today, from the Church Entrance Hall. If you cannot find your letter, please inform Margaret Whitehouse, Jackie Ventom, or Fr Anthony. If you have any questions about the content, please either inform one of the same, or contact directly the Diocesan Officer.

Join our Parish Family Outing, Thursday 2 August

Suited to younger and older alike: do come if you can.

Bar Convent Heritage Centre, York.

Time after for a leisurely lunch, and/or to walk the walls, river, or shops. Watch for more details, next weekend.

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.

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!

Two Weeks

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Weeks Two

*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 are now preparing for First Eucharist, will next meet in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall:

Sat 15 Sep, 10.00-12.00am

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 Helena (250-339) was of a peasant background but married the Roman Emperor Constantius. She became mother to Constantine the Great, who gave her funds to locate Judeo-Christian relics. Legend has it that she found the 'true cross' on which Jesus died. She certainly established the Bethlehem Church of the Nativity and a shrine on the Mount of Olives (and Jesus' Ascension).

As time progressed, other places outside of the Holy Land (associated with certain saints, for instance), became places of Pilgrimage. When did Rome begin to feature?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!



The vicar had a friend who was drowned in a bowl of muesli.

He was pulled in by a strong current.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £285.26
Envelopes £405.61

Collections, etc

More Thanks The two Cake Stalls, recently run to raise money to help fund St Wilfrid's Group of Lourdes Pilgrim Helpers, made £218.50.

The stall holders are much happy as well as thankful.

THE GOD WHO COMES

An assembly where people do not love each other, where they accuse each other, where there is rancour or hatred, cannot call itself prophetic.

A man who keeps silent about the truth, who hides the light, is not a prophet.

A people which kills, which deteriorates the quality of life, which suffocates the poor, which is not free, is not a prophetic people.

That is why it is not enough for just any assembly to call itself Church, just as it is not enough to be a bishop or a pope in order to possess prophecy.

A group of young people which meets for sports or outings with the 'do everything' blessing of the up-to-date parish, another group which meets to camouflage some political position cannot be called Church, even if the sports are refereed by a famous devout layman and the social ideas are worked out by a priest.



To call itself Church, an assembly must mirror the first assembly that met in the Upper Room with Christ: an assembly of faith and grace, an assembly of love and Eucharist, an assembly of prayer and prophecy.

But it is not easy to prophesy; it is terribly costly. It has to be drawn from the silence of God, and there is need to swim against the stream, need to pray at length, need to be without fear.

That is when we get to doing other things, cheating at the game or copying everyone else, as long as we don't seem useless or out-of-date.

Then there is public opinion, which takes on the job of levelling everything, filling everything, regulating everything.

How easy for the Christian to become dominated by public opinion!

It can even be heard in the Sunday morning sermon.

When I was young, nationalism was "in"; in many sermons I heard there were pleas to give gold for our native land, thus greeting the dawn of a new empire with a patriotic tear.

Now I am old, different things are in, and I see priests with studiously untidy habits according to the canons of aesthetic poverty, trying to show the young that if the bourgeois priests of another time made mistaken choices, here they are to make the right ones at last.

Christians without prophecy, and moreover, without imagination!

Poor Jesus! How you have been abandoned!

Worse: how falsely You have been presented!

From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Karl Langman, Rose Ann Cave,
and their families



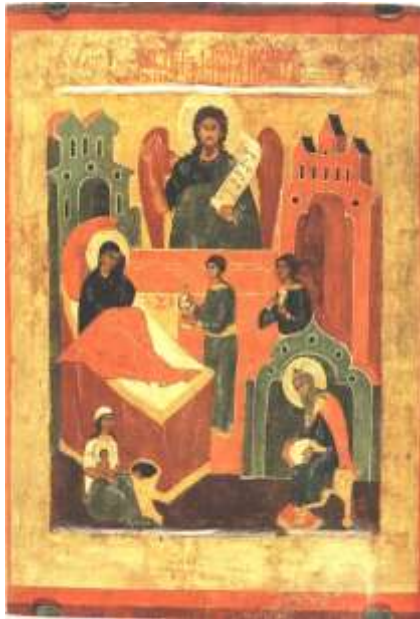
Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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, Malcolm Stuart
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66. 80

The birth-stories of John the Baptist and of Jesus are told in such a way as to bring out the parallelism between the two figures, and the special position of each. Of each the parents are models of the fidelity of Israel, and of trust in the Lord. An angel foretells of the miraculous birth of each. The birth and naming of each is an occasion of great joy. Both are great but Jesus is greater: the exalted position of John serves to exalt the position of Jesus even further. John will prepare the way: Zechariah doubts and is struck dumb: Mary humbly enquires and is blessed. The name John means 'Saviour'. At the birth of John there is joy in the family: at the birth of Jesus the joy and singing comes from the angels. At the end of today's passage John goes out into the desert because it was from the desert that the Messiah was expected to come, and John will be the herald voice, crying in the desert in fulfilment of the prophet Isaiah, 'Make straight his paths'.



First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

The first reading from Isaiah, written in the dark days of the Babylonian Exile, introduces a Servant of the Lord, formed in the womb to be the Lord's Servant and to bring light both to Israel and to the nations. It is read on this feast of the birthday of John the Baptist because he too, as the story of the annunciation to Zechariah recounts, was chosen and given a task from his mother's womb.

'Chosen from his mother's womb' does not imply that some are not, but is a way of underlining the importance of the person's task in proclaiming the Good News. Paul uses the same expression of himself and his ministry in Galatians 1:15. In the original prophecy of Isaiah are we to understand the chosen one as an individual whose mission is to bring Israel back to the Lord, or is it the nation of Israel as a whole, destined to bring the gentile nations to the Lord? In the gospels we recognise Jesus as the Chosen One; for example, the words of the Voice at the baptism of Jesus are the opening words of the first Song of the Servant in Isaiah ("the one in whom my soul delights"). The saying of Jesus about service—the Son of Man has come not to be served but to serve—show that he too saw himself as this Servant of the Lord.

Second Reading: Acts 13: 22-26

In this reading Paul is proclaiming the Good News to the Jews of Antioch, showing how John prepared for Jesus, the saviour of David's line. John's task was to prepare a community of repentance. This was not merely a community of people who moped over their sins, but a community of those who were prepared to change their ways and take on the new way of life of the Kingship or Sovereignty of God, symbolized by the washing away of their old way of life in the Jordan river. As God's prophet John prepared the community for Jesus and pointed out Jesus himself as the Lamb of God. Not the least notable feature about John was his wonderful humility: he insisted that Jesus, who came after him, should pass before him, that Jesus should grow greater and he himself grow less. Jesus gave him the greatest of all recognitions: 'of all the children born to women there has never been a greater than John the Baptist' (Matthew 11:11). In his fearless proclamation of the message of morality to Herod and in his death as a witness, John showed himself a true precursor of Jesus.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Sunday 13

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24

2nd Reading : 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 4

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 4

Tue Week 4

Wed Common of the BVM + Diocesan Proper

Thu Proper of Saints

Fri Proper of Saints

Sat (or + Proper of Saints)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue

Wed OUR LADY OF UNFAILING HELP,
PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

Thu St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

Fri **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

Sat First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church