



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 14: 7/8 July 2018

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Saturday 7 July	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Stanley Wilson
Sunday 8 July	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.30pm <i>Wedding</i> 3.15pm <i>Mass in Polish</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Tony Durkin Billy & Sarah Kelly Bill Watson & Lea Lauzon Gabriola
Monday 9 July	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Bill Halsall Parish Family
Tuesday 10 July	10.45am <i>Funeral Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Rose Ann Cave
Wednesday 11 July	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Mary Marston
Thursday 12 July	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Friday 13 July	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Saturday 14 July	9.00-10.00am <i>Exposition</i> 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>Note time -&- Reconciliation 9.30am</i> Anthony, Esther & Stephen Tighe
Sunday 15 July	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Louise Tredgold Joe Sankey

Prior to their coming Baptisms, we this weekend pray for and present to our Parish Family at our 6.00pm Mass

Olivia & Charles John Burn and Thomas Shelton, with parents Nicola and Richard and at our 10.45am Mass

Samuel George Maginn Alexander, with parents Colleen and Michael
Olivia Grace & Freya Emily Richardson, with parents Caroline and Ian
Hollie Mae Mills, with parents Stephanie and Andrew

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

Surely, some think, if one sincerely seeks God and places oneself in the presence of the loving God, it should not happen that within minutes our minds can leave that presence and be distracted by the most trivial concerns! Surely this cannot be pleasing to God or bring him glory. So they conclude that this kind of exercise is a waste of time, quite unworthy of God. Surely it would be better to give this time to something worthwhile for God, like some charitable work.

This is false reasoning. We really ought not judge prayer in this way. Prayer is not meant to produce results like that. A deep prayer life is perfectly compatible with dryness and distraction. Measurable, growing control over our human weakness is not the criterion of our prayer. We do not pray to achieve results. Prayer is more about receiving than achieving. To receive you have to be there. We are not praying to develop our inner selves or achieve some kind of self-fulfillment. In prayer, we forget about self. We empty self and open ourselves to God's activity, which is infinitely more important than our activity. Prayer is its own end, to be with the Lord. If we persevere and are faithful, God will keep his promises and reveal himself: 'When you seek me you shall find me, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me. It is Yahweh who speaks.' (Jer 29:13-14) But this seeking and finding is the work of our lifetime.



It is a slow process and, paradoxically, can be painful. In a sense this must be so. It would be naïve to expect that, as we enter more deeply into the mystery of God, we might see and understand him with a clarity that would enable us to describe him to others. We seek the transcendent God of infinite majesty, wonder and mystery, who is greater than earthly imagining. It is the ultimate heavenly as well as earthly reality we explore. Some people accuse those who pray of choosing an easy option, of escaping from the reality of injustice and suffering into a world of forgetting and consolation. Surely this would be a very shallow idea of reality and prayer. Is reality to be identified with injustice and suffering? To wait on God in prayer, in a cloud of unknowing, can hardly be described as consolation. It can be totally humbling, even devastating, challenging faith at its deepest level. Is there anybody there?

*From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.19) (abbreviated) -
by Robert Kelly, SJ*

**Join our Parish Family Outing, Thursday 2 August
Suited to young and old alike: do come if you can.
Bar Convent Heritage Centre, York.**

Depart: Sacred Heart 9.45am and St Joseph's 10.00am
*Guided Tour, then about 3 hours to take lunch, picnic,
and to walk the walls, or river, or the shops, etc.*

Limited number (35). Coach places can be secured at either of our Churches, on payment of £20 per adult and £12 per child. Cost of coach and guided tour inc. Nb: Monies cannot be refunded, except if the place/s can be filled or the event were to be cancelled.

**Booking now open, with Bernadette France,
Jackie Ventom, Elizabeth Smith, or Fr Anthony.**

Things happening in our Parish

**We this weekend congratulate and pray for
Bill Watson & Lea Lauzon Gabriola**
and wish them many years of happiness
on their Covenanting Marriage within our Parish Family

CaFE Pilot of *The Gift: a life in the Spirit Course*. The six DVDs are to be presented by CaFE with a local team, at Ss Peter and Paul's, Wakefield, over two Saturdays, **22 Sep and 6 Oct**, 10.00am-4.00pm. Places are free, but limited to four per Parish. Any of our Parish Family who are interested and should be able to attend, please obtain a flyer from Fr Anthony, at earliest convenience.

Open Heart Memory Café especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their family, friends and carers. The next gathering in our Sacred Heart Hall will be this **Fri 13 Jul**, at 10.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome

International Mass Thanks

To all who assisted at last Saturday's Mass: those who provided translations or read in the various languages; all who assisted with the music; those who helped organise the celebration; all who undertook the other usual ministries; all who came along to share in prayer with our Parish Family; and, of course, to all who provided the tasty array of foods of different nations or regions. So many afterwards echoed a desire to see this a usual annual event.

Proudly To Be Presented by our St Joseph's Primary School, Wed 18 Jul and Thu 19 Jul, 2.00pm, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. All are invited, but please inform the school if you wish to attend - email: lwelsh@sjm.bkcat.co.uk - tel: 01977-651755.

& Nationally

Adoremus: Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, 7-9 Sep: Bookings for the main event on Sat 8 Sep can now be made on line: see <http://adoremus.uilcc.org/> and follow link. Details about the whole weekend's events, including the parallel programme in the various churches of Liverpool, can be found on the same website.

*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 19 & 26 Sep**, 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?

In the 4th century, St Helena returned to Rome, from the Holy Land, carrying fragments she believed to be of the Cross on which Jesus died (now at the Rome Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem), also a set of 28 marble steps on which Jesus was said to have stood, during his trial before Pontius Pilate (at the Sanctuary of the Holy Stairs, by the Lateran Basilica). These have long been, of course, items of interest for pilgrims to visit.

While the Middle Ages saw the founding of many shrines, which Spanish shrine gained particular prominence and why?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Alistair Gillies, the Scottish singer, tells of a friend who owned a hotel in Scotland. One summer he employed a Glasgow University student as a wine waiter. One day a guest came to him and said, 'That's a charming waiter you have, but do you realise he has a strange habit. When he brings the wine he pours a little into a glass then he picks up the glass and tastes it before saying, 'It's very nice.'

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £ 252.53

Envelopes £ 347.78

Collections, etc

Next Weekend Retiring Collection after each Mass, towards meeting the needs of the Retired Priests of our Diocese.

THE GOD WHO COMES

How difficult it is to love!

I have no doubts in stating that in a hundred acts which we believe to be acts of love, the highest percentage are performed out of pure selfishness, out of turning in on oneself, out of a search for pleasure for its own sake, out of arrogance.

That is why love goes into crisis, transforming itself into acts which mortify us and divide us.

That is *eros* feeding upon one another, attempting to tear from life just one drop of pleasure by way of the other. It is the transformation of love into a drug.

With what results?

The destruction of everything, the pollution of everything.



Oh, if such behaviour at least made us happy; if by drugging ourselves we could find peace, joy, fullness!

But God known where this blundering road is leading.

There is no sorrow greater than love betrayed by pleasure!

It is this sorrow which shapes the basis of our relationships and the infinite boredom of our sick existence.

Well, in the midst of this misery of ours, something grafts the divine life into us, something sets in motion the announcement of salvation, the good news of peace and resurrection.

By ourselves we are not capable of love. God who comes to us as presence, as grace, as eternal life teaches us to love.

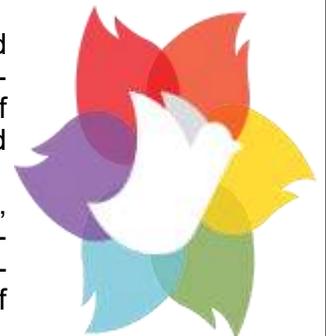
The mystery revealed to us by Christ is not only love between two; it is love between three. *Eros* is transformed into *agape*, the couple is transformed into a family, human love is transformed into a banquet.

God's way of living love, by charity, is the solution to the problem of our poor love.

The true novelty of Christianity is the triune love of God in us, which is the perfect way of loving. This is eternal life: it is God's way of loving in us, a way of bringing us into the kingdom little by little, of freeing us from the destruction of selfishness, of making our love gratuitous, of introducing the gift of self into the never-ending dream of possessing someone or something. Renunciation becomes a true witness to life.

Love between two—bridegroom and bride, friend and friend, brother and brother, mother and son—always runs the risk of becoming exclusive, possessive, motivated by self-interest, introversion, sensuality.

Charity, which is God's way of loving, corrects this tension, introduces a third element to catalyse self-interest, turning it towards generosity and the gratuitous gift of oneself. Then love is truly universal.



From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Rose Ann Cave, 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 14

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

The very last sentence of the reading speaks of the people's lack of faith. What was this lack of faith? They recognized in Jesus an extraordinary wisdom and the power to perform miracles, but this seems not to have been enough. What more was needed? Faith is not the acceptance of a set of propositions ('I believe that the earth circles the sun', etc.). It is putting all my trust in God as my only hope. Abraham, the model of faith, went out into the desert, leaving everything on which he relied, everything that made him what he was. He even trusted God to get him out of the unbearable fix when God told him to sacrifice his only son. The townsfolk of Nazareth presumably thought they knew Jesus through and through. They were prepared to acknowledge his wisdom and his miracles. But they were not prepared to go further and see that God was at work in him, that he was the manifestation of God among them. It is all very well to admire Jesus, to think him a fine teacher and a heroic, honourable man, who gave everything for his high ideals; but unless we see God in him, the divine transcendence of all that is human, he cannot work the miracle of taking us to himself.



First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

This reading tells the story of the call of Ezekiel to be a prophet. There is an obvious parallel between the rejection of Ezekiel as a prophet by the 'rebels' and the rejection of Jesus by his own people of Nazareth. A prophet is not simply someone who foretells the future. The task of a prophet is to tell people how God sees things, for the prophet sees things as God sees them. This directness of vision is not always popular, for we don't always like being

told certain aspects of ourselves: hearing from someone else the truth about ourselves is often unwelcome, particularly when it involves criticism and demands change. Ezekiel was sent to the people of Israel, exiled in Babylon, to encourage them and tell them that, despite their disastrous losses, they should not give way to despair. The hope of Israel was in them (the people in exile), rather than in the remnant left in Jerusalem who were 'stubborn and obstinate' and refused to listen. We are prepared to listen to criticism of others merrily enough and agree heartily, but are less happy to receive criticism. However the word of God often comes to us in ways that we do not recognize, and that can include criticisms of ourselves, perhaps spoken in anger or only partly true, but no less valid criticism for that.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In this final part of the Letter to the Corinthians Paul is defending his apostolate against a rival group of preachers whom he caricatures as 'super-apostles'. They claim to have authority greater than his. Paul replies by stating that he is more fully a servant of the Lord Jesus. Most of his argument forms an invaluable autobiographical sketch. Paul makes his case with three points. First he outlines the sufferings and persecutions he has undergone in the service of Christ: just as Jesus sees himself as the Suffering Servant of the Lord prophesied by Isaiah, so by his sufferings Paul sees himself as the servant of the Lord Jesus. Secondly, Paul speaks of his heavenly vision, the experience or revelation of 'words that may not and cannot be spoken by any human being', and this is the core inspiration of his life. Thirdly, in this passage Paul stresses his own weakness, which makes him rely on God's strength. What this weakness was, we do not know. Nor is its exact nature significant. The point is that it prevented Paul getting proud and made him rely on God's strength to counteract his own weakness.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 15

1st Reading : Amos 7:12-15

2nd Reading : Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon (or + Common of Martyrs)

Tue Week 2

Wed Proper of Saints

Thu Week 2

Fri (or + Proper of Saints)

Sat (or + Common of Pastors)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companion
Martyrs

Tue

Wed ST.BENEDICT, ABBOT & PATRON OF
EUROPE

Thu

Fri St. Henry

Sat St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest