



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 18, 4/5 August 2018

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Saturday 4 August	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Patrick Withers
Sunday 5 August	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	J Anderson E.M.B O'Flaherty
Monday 6 August	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ron Cockroft
Tuesday 7 August	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Private Intention (JW)
Wednesday 8 August	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Thursday 9 August	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention (M.O)
Friday 10 August	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Christopher, Mark & Derek Jones
Saturday 11 August	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	James & Elsie Davis
Sunday 12 August	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 3.15pm Mass in Polish	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Pat Holmes Mary & Norman Challoner

At our 10.45am Mass, this Sunday, prior to his up-coming Baptism, we present and pray for Kajetan Lisowski, son of Tomasz and Justyna



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

To the Romans, St Paul wrote: 'How rich are the depths of God, how deep his wisdom and knowledge, and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.' (Rom 11:33-36)

More and more, if I persevere in prayer, I will discover my own smallness and nothingness. But again paradox. In this context of prayer, such discovery will not lead to depression or self-hatred but to a kind of liberation. I will be set free from having to try and impress God and secure his favours. God is all. All is gift. This awareness must be close to that poverty of spirit which Jesus put first on the list of the beatitudes and which opens the door to God's power. Jesus



lived in that spirit, as did Mary his mother. They lived in this mystery. God is all; we are nothing, but he looks upon us in our lowliness and will

do great things through us. Someone has said, 'Poverty of spirit is that place where heaven and earth meet.'

Let us think of other human experiences when we are overwhelmed by something much greater than ourselves, when we become painfully aware of our smallness and weakness. I am thinking of the great eruptions of the powers of nature, like a mighty storm where great electric spears of lightning strike the earth not far away and you know they could next strike where you stand. What are your feelings then? Or imagine you are at sea in a ship and a hurricane blows up across your path. Or think of yourself at the epicentre of an earthquake. At such times we are totally powerless; we are reduced to nothing. In the very worst sense we appear annihilated, or reduced to nothing, without any control or power.

But in the awareness of the infinite, transcendent God, who is beyond our comprehension and who is the source of all power, this experience of a sense of annihilation does not happen. The opposite happens. In this encounter we do not lose ourselves but, wonderful to relate, we find ourselves. Because this God reveals himself as love, as accepting love, we find ourselves embraced and held close. We can still feel the sense of total helplessness but, simultaneously, we can feel totally safe.

From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.20) (abbreviated) - by Robert Kelly, SJ

Things happening in our Parish

Seniors Group Meets weekly on **Wednesdays**, in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 2-3.30pm. All aged 55+, both males and females, most welcome. Chat, refreshments, entertainments, all the order of the day.

Open Heart Memory Cafe 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 10 Aug**, at 10.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome

Fish 'n' Chip Treat Our Parish SVP invite the Elders of our Parish (55+) to enjoy lunch at Wakefield Wetherby Whaler, **Wed 12 Sep**, leaving our Sacred Heart Church 1.00pm (to dine at 1.30pm). Local transport to Sacred Heart can be arranged and then by coach (wheelchair accessible). Carers (if required) welcome.



Those wishing to come along, please obtain a copy of the details/form from an SVP Member, at either of our Churches: those who receive Communion at home can receive a copy via their Eucharist Minister. Return of forms required by **Sun 2 Sep**.

Our Parish Prayer Trees are for any and all to use. If you have an intention you wish us all to pray for, write it on one of the cards provided and hang the card on the Prayer Tree, where it will remain for four weeks. If the need continues, after four weeks simply write another card and again hang it on the Prayer Tree. Whether any identifying names/details are given is up to the one who adds the intention.

Quite a number of Parishioners read and pray for the intentions so placed and all are encouraged to do so. At both of our Churches, monthly on Sundays and weekly on weekdays, the intentions placed on our Prayer Trees are included in the Intercessions at Mass.

Please, please

remember to help tidy-up after Mass:
take Mass Readings sheets home or neatly place them on a pile, in the Church Entrance Hall;
ensure that at our Sacred Heart Church,
the Parish (Pink) Booklets are left neatly, with but not in the Hymn Books, on the bench book shelves;
that at our St Joseph's Church,
the Parish (Pink) Booklets and Hymn Books are returned to the Entrance Hall.

Volunteers with or without trades' qualifications, are always welcomed to help with general maintenance and/or the grounds of our Churches. To offer your help, please have a word with Mike Moran for our Sacred Heart Church, Barry Palmer for our St Joseph's Church, or Fr Anthony.



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 Hall:

Sat 8 Sep, 9.30-10.30am

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

Next meeting for their *Parents*. in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall:

Thu 6 Sep, 7.15-8.45pm

Details of the next First Reconciliation Programme will be announced during the autumn.

Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact, Fr Anthony.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£186.19
Envelopes	£402.22
Kitchen Refurb	£140.00

Collections, etc

Next Weekend Retiring Collection after each Mass for the Apostleship of the Sea, to help fund chaplains and services for Seafarers visiting British ports.

THE GOD WHO COMES

...Make the list of exaggeration out properly and there are deadly sins; make out the synthesis and you have the pleasure which is today called 'drugs'.

To drug oneself means letting oneself be dominated by aimless pleasure; it means seeking pleasure in the pure state, detaching from the motives for which God handed it to us, isolating it from the purpose for which it was created and put into us as a bridge between thought and action, between duty and its fulfilment.

To drug oneself means abusing this creature of God called pleasure, it means making an instrument of this serene and care-free child that the creativity of God handed us so we might enjoy life more easily and walk more promptly towards His divine will.

Is not the indolence of young people, lolling around without constructive goals, a way of drugging oneself into nothingness?

Is not using a man or woman in order to squeeze out one drop of pleasure a way of a drugging of oneself with sensuality and libido?

Is not injecting any kind of stimulant into one's blood or smoking opium a perversion?

Yes a perversion!

It is a perversion because it is against nature.

It is a perversion because it is pure selfishness.

It is a perversion because it is death.

It is a perversion because it is an exploitation of the human creature, as prostitution is an exploitation of creation, and miserly possession an exploitation of dominion.

And even those who are partaking in these things know that these are perversions. Indeed, they try to hide them. 'Men loved the darkness better than light because their deeds were wicked' (John 3:19).



Just as the young man who drugs himself tries to hide, so the man who tries to manipulate the scales of society or gets into the smeared politics of power or of war tries to hide. "Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but underneath are wolves on the prowl. You will know them by their deeds" (Matthew 7:15-16)

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Within the general dissolution of Monasteries, during the reign of Henry VIII, Walsingham Abbey and its Shrine were destroyed in 1538, and its famous statue was taken to London and burnt. For political reasons, in the same year, King Henry took a more particular interest in the destruction of Canterbury as a place of pilgrimage.

What rather quaint action did King Henry VIII order to end Canterbury's being a place of pilgrimage?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

'Darling I love you,' said the middle-aged widow, 'and would like to marry you. But it frightens me to hear that you have been married five times before,' 'Oh,' he said, 'you musn't listen to a lot of old wives' tales.'



Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**



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, Hilda Bailey, Mary Ogle, Kazia Andruszko
David Olbison, Liz Allen, Malcolm Stuart, Ann Pearson, Peter Gee
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 18

Gospel: John 6:24-35

After the account of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, Jesus explains the significance of the event. First he stresses that its importance lies not in the material food that goes bad, but in that of which the food is a sign. The people must understand the sign-value of the food, its ultimate fulfilment in Jesus of the manna in the desert: we do not live by bread alone but by every word which comes from the mouth of God. The whole explanation is built on a contrast between Moses and Jesus, between the food given to Moses and that given by Jesus. Jesus is the bread of life as the eucharistic bread, and also as revelation. We often concentrate exclusively on the Eucharistic meaning of this chapter. This introduction to the Bread of Life discourse, however, emphasises that it is belief and understanding which is first required, and only then does Jesus begin to explain the deeper meaning of the bread. Jesus gives the explanation of what he has done in the synagogue commented on in turn: Bread from heaven / he gave them / to eat.



walked with him, trusting him on their journey in the wilderness. From the other angle it is seen as the beginning of a murmuring against the Lord, which will grow into the infidelities which eventually will lead to Israel's punishment by the exile to Babylon. This account of bread from heaven shows both Israel's impatience with the Lord and the Lord's supreme patience with Israel. The story demonstrates how God cared for his people and provided them with food during a generation's wandering in the savagely inhospitable desert of Sinai—a huge, infertile expanse of rock and sand, where virtually nothing grows. This care is focussed on manna, a sweet substance excreted from bushes on Sinai in a way which Israel found miraculous. The story has grown in the telling: it is linked to keeping the Sabbath. Secondly, with typical Hebrew wordplay, this odd substance is linked to the Hebrew word manhu, meaning 'What is it?'

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17.20-24

In his great classic letter to the Romans Paul teaches that by being baptised into Christ's death we have been joined with Christ in his resurrection and become a new being, fused with Christ or grafted into Christ. He sees us as living with Christ's life-principle, the Spirit, rather than our old corrupt life-principle. In first Corinthians he enlarges on the ways of life which this brings, the varied gifts of the Spirit which together make up the Christian body, the Body of Christ. Now, in Ephesians, we see a consequence of this. The Christian body is repeatedly described as a New Man, a new creation, after the model of Christ, the Second Adam. What does all this talk of 'new creation' amount to in real terms? Firstly, it poses the question whether we have really been renewed. Are my values and attitudes radically new as a Christian? Do they differ from the priorities which I would have without Christianity?

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 19

1st Reading :1 Kings 19:4-8

2nd Reading : Ephesians 4: 30.5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Proper of Saints

Tue (or + Proper of Saints)

Wed + Proper of Saints

Thu Common of Martyrs or Virgins

Fri Proper of Saints

Sat + Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Tue Ss Sixtus II, Pope and Comp. Martyrs/
St. Cajetan, Priest

Wed St. Dominic, Priest

Thu ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
(Edith Stein) Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe

Fri ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

Sat St. Clare, Virgin