



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 19, 11/12 August 2018

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Saturday 11 August	6.00pm Mass	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
Monday 13 August	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Tuesday 14 August	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Private Intention (JW)
Wednesday 15 August	9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Josephine Spencer T, Y, V Marshall Intentions
Thursday 16 August	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Mary Ogle Intentions
Friday 17 August	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Debbie Lane & Sullivan Family
Saturday 18 August	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Phyllis Brown
Sunday 19 August	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptisms	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Michael & Bridget Maguire John Hanrahan Edward William Allsop-Jones & Samuel George Maginn Alexander

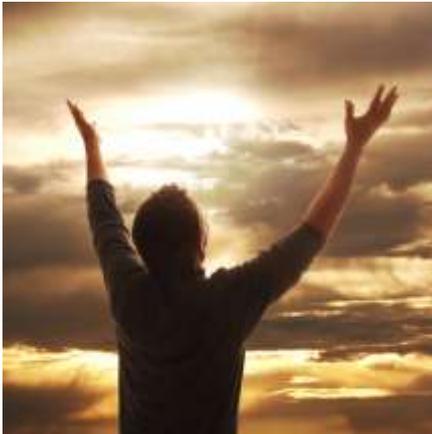
This Wednesday, Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holyday of Obligation



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

He is the God who knows me through and through. (*Ps 139*); the One who has always known me (*Jer 1:5*) and chosen me in love (*Eph 1:4*). True love does not diminish or destroy us. It builds us up and recreates us. To be in prayer is to be in the presence of this love. We cannot comprehend the mystery or grasp it or define it. We can only surrender to it and abide in that love. We allow the mystery to possess us and we lose ourselves in it. When we let go in surrender, we may rediscover the truth of the Lord's word, 'Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it' (*Matt 16:25*).



And this finding is meant to be an experience in the present. God does not ask us to wait until after death to find our life, to discover our true self. If we lose ourselves in prayer, we will even now be touched by

the mystery of God and what we mean to him. In that prayer we will be led by the Spirit to discover not only the beauty and wonder of our own selves, but also the beauty and wonder of every other person and, indeed, the beauty and goodness of all creation. We will become aware that we and all other people and the whole of creation share a common origin in the mystery of God, who is love and beauty. We will begin to understand that we are not strangers to each other. We are family. We will be led by the Spirit to pray with the Psalmist, 'For all these mysteries I thank you; for the wonder of myself, for the wonder of your works.' (*Ps 139:14*) The Spirit will help us to be more ready to notice the goodness in each other and to rejoice in it.

Note this parable. In a certain city, at a busy street crossing, there stood a beggar. Day after day he stood there with his begging bowl. He lived on the small offerings dropped daily into his bowl. He lived in poverty and died destitute. When the bits and pieces he left behind were being gathered up for disposal, a city official noticed that the begging bowl had unusual features. The bowl was examined and found to be a precious antique of immense value! Are we not like beggars seeking daily scraps of praise and recognition from passers-by, while all the time, we are the owners of a precious treasure given to us by that God who has shared with us the mystery of his own being?

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

Things happening in our Parish

Our Parish SVP is to meet, *note*, **Thu 16 Aug**, 7.00pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or to join, please have a word with any present Member.

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**.

Parish Website If you are not aware, we have a Parish Website where usually can be found our latest Bulletin, Parish Pastoral Council Minutes, dates of any arranged funerals, plus other Parish information, including links to our Parish Schools' websites.

Find our website at www.hemsthorpe.org.uk.

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.

& In our Diocese

Mass in Fountains Abbey, with Bishop Marcus, 12.00nn, Mon 20 Aug. All welcome. Free admission to grounds for those attending Mass. See our Church notice boards for details of parking and disabled access

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.
Any with Children, please encourage them to help tidy and all please ensure no other items are left behind.

*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	£239.47
Envelopes	£425.97

Collections, etc

This 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

The first sign that perversion is a turning off the road, that sin is harmful, that drugging oneself leads to death, is sadness.

Nature is relentless and strikes anyone who acts against her. At once.

How bitter the drug addict's awakening!

What infinite unhappiness the dawn holds for anyone who prostitutes himself or uses a prostitute!

What anxiety the perverts and the sensualists go through!

Today, to comfort themselves, people say: 'That's not a sin, it's like drinking a glass of water, it's one of nature's demands...'

So, then, why do you come to me secretly, to ask if it's all right?

Why don't you get on with it without asking questions?

Because the first warning for anyone walking in error comes from within, from that presence which they called conscience in the old days..

'I don't know why, but there's something wrong. I laugh, but I'm so sad! I sing in order to forget, But I feel as though I were in a cave alone....I am enclosed in my selfishness and I can't stand any more....I have everything I want at home, yet I'm no longer capable of love and conversation.'

Yes, the first call comes from within, and it is reliable because it is continual, inexorable, dull, subtle.

For one moment of pleasure, twenty-four hours of misery; for the brief exploitation of a friend, so much undefined boredom. And then, it's not easy to stop. This is the most dangerous point, because exaggeration becomes ever greater exaggeration—especially today, when we are no longer used to resisting, and when the great means at our disposal accelerate the absorbing process of pleasure and the inexorable fall into the dark well of eroticism, drugs, perversion.

Do you want a picture of it?

It is not of today, because it was already described in the psalms, but it is always up-to-date - see Psalm 38:2-9.

No, sin is not interesting; it is so very boring.

And it is boring because deep down it is an act of selfishness, pure selfishness.

And this act occurs in our human nature, which, although poor, is made for the complete opposite of selfishness.

Man is made for the gift of himself.

Man is happy only when he has given himself.

The things which are truly ours are the things we have given

Selfishness makes us unhappy; a love which gives makes us happy.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The shrine of St Thomas Becket, at Canterbury, was removed in 1538. To assist his position against things seen as 'Roman' Catholic, King Henry VIII summoned the dead saint to court, to face charges of treason. As he failed to appear, St Thomas was found guilty in his absence and the treasures of his shrine were confiscated.

A hammer, set square and saw are often shown as a symbol of St Joseph, but which flower also symbolises him?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!



Sylvia Harney in her book *Married*, explains how once in the heat of battle she said to her husband, with all the immaturity she could muster, 'I was crazy when I married you.' He

quickly replied, 'Yes, and I was so infatuated I didn't notice.'

Please Keep
in Prayer

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



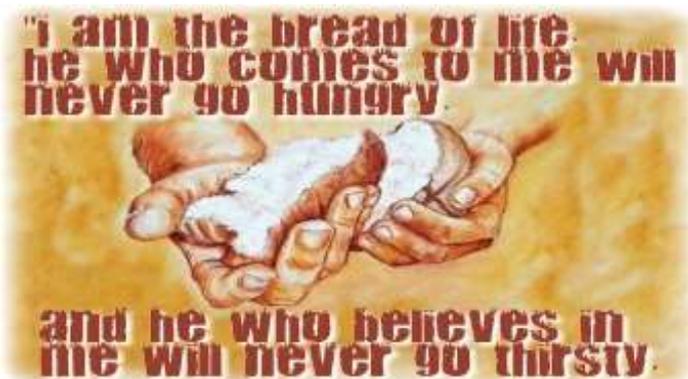
Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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 19

Gospel: John 6:41-51

We always think of this Bread of Life discourse as centred on the Eucharist, but the first part of it is centred on the bread of life as the revelation of God. In a similar way, the Liturgy of the Word which proclaims the revelation of God through Scripture is the first part of the Mass. As we said last week, in this discourse Jesus is following the pattern of Jewish sermons with a detailed commentary upon the text from Exodus: 'Bread from heaven he gave them to eat'. Then half-way through the sermon comes a quotation from the prophets, a sort of half-time booster quote. This quotation from Isaiah appears in today's gospel reading: 'They will be taught by God'. In context this quote occurs in a passage exploring the personal relationship of each believer of the Lord. The Lord will sow in our hearts individually the knowledge of himself, so that each of us has a personal bond with God which is cultivated by prayer. If we listen to the Father and learn from him, we come to Jesus, who has seen the Father. So in this reading the emphasis is on listening, seeing believing the revelation of the Father. Faith is no abstract set of truths but a personal knowing, just as we know those we love on earth. Only at the end of today's reading do we move on to the topic of eating the Bread of Life.



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

The wicked Queen Jezebel had slaughtered all the prophets of the Lord except Elijah. Elijah had then mounted a

competition with the prophets of Baal, challenging them to bring fire down from heaven to consume the bull they were sacrificing to Baal. Despite Elijah's taunts, they had failed miserably, leaving the field for an easy victory by Elijah, whose God produced a flawless display of pyrotechnics, climaxing in a splendid holocaust. Nevertheless, Elijah still felt threatened; he fled and announced that he had had enough of life, whereupon he fell asleep in a sulk. God's reaction to this petulant behaviour is touching. First he wakes Elijah up to an excellent breakfast, then he provides a sufficiently substantial lunch to fortify Elijah for a forty day trek through the Sinai desert. Typical of God's forgiveness and indulgence! His chosen ones complain to him roundly, and he treats them pretty rough at times. Look at the relationship between Jeremiah or Job and God! As Teresa of Avila put it, 'if you treat your friends like that, no wonder you have so few of them.' At least these examples show us that we are expected to treat God with intimacy and frankness, voicing our complaints to our Father.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30. 5:2

In the early Church confirmation was known as the sealing in the Spirit, a rather beautiful image, which stems from this passage. In the ancient world, long before general literacy, everyone had a personal seal to mark documents or possessions. This text is telling us that we are the soft wax, which sets permanently at confirmation, so marking us personally as belonging to God, proclaiming that we are his. The Spirit is ever alert to our needs, supporting us before we realise our need of support, wise in guidance, unlimited in generosity, tireless in forgiveness. Being sealed by the Spirit commits us to this same sort of consideration for others.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 20

1st Reading :Proverbs 9:1-6

2nd Reading : Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-52\

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon (or + Proper of Saints)

Tue + Common of Martyrs

Wed Proper of Saints

Thu (or + Proper of Saints)

Fri Week 3

Sat Week 3

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Ss Pontian, Pope & Hyppolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Tue St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Wed **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Thu St. Stephen of Hungary

Fri

Sat