



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 22, 1/2 September 2018

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Saturday 1 September	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Winifred Bacon
Sunday 2 September	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptism	St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's	Pat Holmes EMB O'Flaherty
Monday 3 September	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> <i>No Mass today</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	
Tuesday 4 September	<i>No Mass today</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 5 September	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Thursday 6 September	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Julia Kiernan
Friday 7 September	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Linda Kiernan
Saturday 8 September	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	William Bartle
Sunday 9 September	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptism	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Pearl, Christopher & Laurence Timmons Parish Family Isobel Grace Foster

This Sunday, at our 10.45am Mass, prior to her up-coming Baptism, we present and pray for Isobel Grace Foster, with her parents Sarah and Richard

Also, on the event of her Baptism, we pray for and congratulate Savannah Ewelina Wambui, with her parents Katarzyna and Antony



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

According to tradition, Jesus was born in the silence of a night. Jesus also went to his death silently, likened to a lamb brought to slaughter, while the crowd shouted and mocked. Such were not only signs of Jesus' fulfilling Old Testament prophecies, but also a space to acknowledge the silent activity of God in the midst of human noise and violence. As many saints have noted, God specialises in being most eloquent in silence, and transforming the world during it.

Research tells that silence helps to restore well-being and keep our mental health sound. What is more, silence is a key to our own inner world, where we meet God face to face. It is not selfish, therefore, to regularly seek a quiet time in the midst of the noises of our daily living. Time before the Blessed Sacrament offers a precious opportunity to spend a few moments in a quiet environment and allow the noises to fade into the background, so that we can focus on what is in front of us: the Sacrament of God's love.



Keeping silence is not just about the absence of irritating or disturbing external noises. Although it helps to seek a quiet spot, it often becomes all the more obvious, in the external silence, how much is happening on the inside. It is not unusual to become aware of our constant internal chatter, or images, hopes and memories that whiz around in our minds. While seemingly disturbing, it is sometimes important not to dismiss these - but without clutching onto them. Sometimes, we need to let God quietly enter into our clutter, so that he can point us to anything that might be important.

When the mental disturbances fade into the background, a deeper silence might then become prominent. It is in this silence we can feel and savour God's presence and his speaking. Then, it is this silence which remains with us when we leave our quiet spot and immerse ourselves back in the noisy world.

We might think on the words of Meister Eckhart: *Nothing is so like God as silence* - or of Thomas Keating: *Silence is God's first language; everything else is a poor translation. In order to hear that language, we must learn to be still and to rest in God.*

Courtesy of the Liturgy Office of England & Wales (adapted)

Things happening in our Parish

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 5 Sep**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or to join them, please have a word with any present Member.

Fish 'n' Chip Treat All who have signed-up to attend the SVP invitation lunch, at the Wakefield Wetherby Whaler, **Wed 12 Sep**, please note that the assembly time, at our Sacred Heart Church Car Park, is 12.30pm.

Parish Pastoral Council will next meet **Thu 13 Sep**, in our St Joseph's Rooms. Please ensure that any items for the Agenda are given to Janet Ward, Elizabeth Smith or Fr Anthony by **Sun 9 Sep**, at the latest.

Parish Retreat Day A time for reflection, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and shared lunch is to occur at our Sacred Heart Church, **Sat 29 Sep**, 10.00am-1.30pm. While it is hoped that all our Parish Eucharist Ministers and Readers especially will come along, any others who wish to come will also be welcome.

More Eucharist Ministers to help at our Parish Masses, and/or some to take Communion to our Housebound, would be much appreciated. Any who think they might be able to help, please speak with Margaret Whitehouse, Mary Day or Fr Anthony. Please note: a DBS check, via our Diocese, is a standard requirement.

Confirmations Those already engaged in our present preparation programme please note: Bishop Marcus has agreed to Confirm our Candidates, **Wed 30 Jan 2019**, at 7.00pm Mass, in our Sacred Heart Church. All welcome.

Recent changes to the timing of Confirmations and the First Sacraments, have necessitated changes to dates of related Rites. To keep a reasonable spread of the Rites we celebrate at weekend Masses, through the year, our Thanksgivings for those more recently Baptised and for Marriage, will be delayed until January and February.

Pro-Life Today Please take a copy home, today.

& In our Diocese

Celebration of Married Life Sat 6th Oct, 6.00pm, at Leeds Cathedral, for couples and families celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 70th anniversaries, during 2018. Couples will be able to renew their marriage vows, during the Mass. Anniversary couples who wish to join Bishop Marcus, for this, should please complete an application form (available in our Church Entrances) and return it to Bishop's House, by Tue 11 Sep, at latest.

For your Diary

Sacrament of Anointing and Healing
at all our Parish Masses, Sat/Sun 29/30 Sep

Commemoration of the
Faithful Departed of our Families
at all our Parish Masses, Sat/Sun 3/4 Nov

*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, 9.30-11.30am

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.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

A tradition pre-dating Christianity told that a pelican feeds its chicks by cutting its breast with its beak and giving them its blood to drink. Thus, the pelican became a symbol for Christ shedding his blood on the cross, so as to save us and bring us to life with him.

What is the link between a spiked wheel, a woman beheaded and a rotating firework?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Alistair Macdonald, the singer and broadcaster, tells of a brief encounter as he walked up Byres Road in Glasgow. A dear old lady approached him. 'It is you isn't it?' she said.

Certain that she had recognised him from his T.V. appearance the previous night, he replied, 'Yes it is.' He was, however, duly humbled when she then demanded, 'When are you coming to finish painting my kitchen?'



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £248.29
Envelopes £570.80

Collections, etc

This Weekend Collection after all our Masses, to help those severely affected by the recent devastating floods in Kerela (India).

THE GOD WHO COMES

What does it mean to "reform" or "repent"?

In biblical language to repent means 'to proceed against,' to swim against the current,' 'to resist the evil one,' 'to establish the conditions needed for overcoming oneself.'

Repentance, then, is within our power, even if we feel no desire for it and are tempted to put off dealing with the problem.

To begin with, we must go against the ideas of the day, for these are always opposed to the gospel. We must resist "the latest fashion and the spirit of the times," which are almost always influenced by the evil one.



Today people say: "Sex really isn't such a problem after all. We ought to stop worrying about it, as we have the other taboos. What's wrong with sex? Tell me: what's wrong with it? Do you find nudity distasteful? Does it obsess you? If so, look the problem in the face and you'll get rid of your obsession. Break through the prison bars of your outmoded morality and just live in accordance with nature. Why do you always see evil where there's only love?"

It doesn't take much experience to understand what can happen in a society where this kind of liberating talk prevails.

It won't take long for a man to find that every night he's ready for a new love. Everyone's bed will welcome people more like prostitutes, male or female, than spouses who find peace in their sweet self-giving.

No! We have reached the point in our pagan civilisation when we can no longer compromise with the "spirit of the times" and the accepted ideas of our age.

That spirit is genuinely diabolical; those ideas are genuinely destructive.

What will you say to a poor young fellow who has become disillusioned and let himself be trapped by drugs? "Go and take some more drugs"?

"Do you want to be freed from your obsession with nudity. Go and look at pornographic magazines."?

I know perfectly well that this path will never lead to freedom. So, if I want freedom I must swim against the current; I must tear myself away and flee.

We are in a terrifying situation, and that is the one thing that can almost make us despair....

From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Pamela Perkins, 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, 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 22

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

Legal observance has its dangers, for it is sometimes easy to obey the law exactly while forgetting its purpose. It is no good driving doggedly just below the speed-limit while endangering life and limb. The more exact the law, the greater is the temptation to manipulate it to evade its purpose. The Pharisees were as aware of this danger of distortion as is the modern stickler for exact observance. The Pharisees have a bad press in the gospels because, at the time the gospels were written, hostility between Christians and Pharisaic Judaism was at its height. During Jesus' own lifetime their opposition was not so obvious. For instance, they had no share in the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus. In any case, Jesus' own final saying here, while it may apply to the Jewish ritual Law, has much wider application than the observance of Jewish rules for clean food. It is more akin to the saying in Matthew: 'A sound tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a rotten tree bear good fruit. By their fruits you shall know them'. A person's true qualities are seen by that person's actions; their true intentions and character, which comes from the heart, become visible in their words and actions.



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

What was special about the Law laid down for Israel? Many of the laws are strikingly similar to those found in law codes of peoples of the Ancient Near East; they are written on stone or clay tablets and recently discovered; some are more primitive, some more sophisticated. Running through them all, however, are two threads about relations with the divine and with others. So in the Law of Israel, if you want to be the people of God, this is the way you must live—to be like him and keep company with him and be his very own. The Law, then, was a testimony of

love, and obedience to it is an expression of grateful love: 'Be holy as I am holy'. A second thread is respect for human dignity: in the Israelite code this is especially the respect shown to the poor and needy; in other law codes nobles have more honour and privilege than commoners, free men and women than slaves. In Israel all are owed equal respect, and every faithful Israelite must remember that God's protecting hand hovers over those who are in any misfortune: since they are created in the image of God, a person must treat the widow, the orphan and the immigrant as God treated them when you were strangers in Egypt. All this was enshrined in the written Law, interpreted by the oral traditions of the elders—not always successfully, as we see in the gospel,

Second Reading: James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

For the next few weeks we will be reading the Letter of James, the longest of the seven so-called 'catholic' epistles, written not to any particular person or community but to the Church universal, throughout the world (which is what 'catholic' means). The real author is unknown, but it purports to come from James, the first leader of the Jerusalem community after Peter's departure. As we know from Paul's letter to the Galatians, James continued to value the Jewish way of life and observance of the Law, even while following Jesus. The letter accordingly contains many practical lessons about fulfilling the Law of Christ, stressing especially—as at the end of this reading—the need to care for the poor and the weak. The letter is full of striking, pithy images, like that of looking in the mirror and then going off and forgetting what one saw (verses 23-24, verses omitted from today's reading). The author applies this to care of the poor: it is no good glancing at the law and then claiming to be religious while neglecting those in need. Religion consists not in 'piety' but in putting one's beliefs into action.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 23

1st Reading : Isaiah 35:4-7

2nd Reading : St. James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Former National Proper

Tue (or + Common of Pastors)

Wed Week 2

Thu Week 2

Fri Week 2

Sat Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE &
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Tue St. Cuthbert, Bishop

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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