



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 23, 8/9 September 2018

Getting in touch Father Anthony G Fenton
The Sacred Heart Presbytery
Market Street, Hemsworth,
Pontefract, WF9 4LB

Email pp.sacredheartstjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
anthony.fenton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Tel 01977-610733

Parish Website www.hemsthorpe.org.uk

Saturday 8 September	6.00pm Mass	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
Monday 10 September	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	<i>With SJ School</i> : Patricia Chapman Pamela Perkins
Tuesday 11 September	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Martha Kirwan
Wednesday 12 September	9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>With SH School</i> Bruno Bodurka
Thursday 13 September	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Brege O.Malley
Friday 14 September	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention
Saturday 15 September	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Davis, Parsons & Mongon Families
Sunday 16 September	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ron Cockroft Parish Family

This Sunday, on the event of her Baptism, we pray for and congratulate
Isobel Grace Foster, with her parents **Sarah and Richard**

At both of our Masses, next Sunday, 16 September, we celebrate
The Rite of Enrolment for First Eucharist



Sacrament of Anointing & Healing, Saturday/Sunday, 29/30 September

Any with a serious (but not necessarily life threatening) illness or infirmity,
are invited to receive this Sacrament at any *one* of our Masses, on the said weekend.
If any are at all unsure whether they qualify, please ask Fr Anthony.



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

We can see in the Gospels that listening was important for Jesus. In his public ministry, he listened to people and their problems. He even started some of his key parables with the word 'listen' and reminded people to use their ears for listening well and at depth (Mt 4:9...). What is more, Jesus had a custom of withdrawing to lonely places and tops of mountains to listen to his Father (Mk 1:35, Mk 6:45-46; Mk 14:32-34; Lk 5:16; Lk 6:12...).

At the Transfiguration, the disciples are, in turn, told to listen to Jesus. Time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and other times of prayer can be good opportunities for us to listen.

When we come to the Lord, we often have a list of petitions we would like to voice. This is very good and a healthy part of prayer. However, it is important to give God a chance to answer too. After all, prayer is a conversation, not a monologue. So, if we start a prayer in a mode of *Listen, Lord, your servant is speaking* we then need to allow for a mode of *Speak, Lord, your servant is listening* - though remembering God is the authority and because we are listening does not mean God must therefore speak!



It is not easy to listen. We often hear things, but do not listen to them. They come in one ear, out the other, perhaps because we are too preoccupied with other things, or are afraid that we won't want to hear what is said. Our attention is sometimes elsewhere, on matters that seem to us more important than what is being said to us.

True listening happens - when we are able to, for a moment, suspend our preoccupations and welcome the other person's reality as our own - when we put self on hold, and pay attention, even undivided attention, to the other person.

God wants to speak to us even though it is not always through words. We may not hear a voice like Samuel, but a word may emerge in the stillness, or an answer, or a question, or a prompt. An image may carry meaning, or a word from Scripture may glow with sudden vibrancy. An insight may come to us, or we may feel that the gifts we have received from God are being affirmed or reinforced. Whatever it is, it is worth our attention and deep listening.

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

Parish Retreat Day

A time for reflection, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and shared lunch

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.

Things happening in our Parish

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.

Please also see details of Retreat Day, above.

Prayer Group Meets weekly on **Mondays**, 7-8.00pm, at, 40 Wood Street, South Hiendley. All very welcome.

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

Parish Pastoral Council will meet this **Thu 13 Sep**, in our St Joseph's Rooms, 7.00pm. Please ensure that any items for the Agenda are given to Janet Ward, Elizabeth Smith or Fr Anthony by this **Sun 9 Sep**, at latest. Any of our Parish Family are welcome at Council Meetings.

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 14 Sep**, at 10.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome

Red Missio Boxes are due for emptying. Please bring these to Church next weekend, or as soon as you can.

& In our Diocese

Celebration of Married Life Sat 6th Oct, 6.00pm, at Leeds Cathedral, for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 70th anniversaries, during 2018. Couples will be able to renew their vows. 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.

Liverpool 'Adoremus' Pilgrimage No doubt all know that this weekend, Catholics from all over England and Wales have been meeting and praying, in Liverpool. We keep the delegates in prayer, including Elizabeth Smith and Val Hall, who represented us at Saturday's events and, hopefully, have much worthwhile to report back.

We offer congratulations to and prayers for **Matthew G.R Gibb and Clare R Le Tissier** on their covenanting marriage, Monday last.

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 13 Oct, 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 11 Oct, 7.15-8.45pm

Details of the next First Reconciliation Programme will be announced soon.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

St Catherine of Alexandria was to have been executed on a spiked *breaking wheel*, but tradition has it that the wheel miraculously *flew to pieces* when she touched it. She was therefore beheaded, but her symbol is a spiked wheel. Reminding of a rotating wheel flying to pieces, the *Catherine Wheel* firework was then named after her.

What is the link between a drawing of a fish and early Christians?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Asked to contribute to a symposium on the books that most influenced his life, one man submitted two - 'My mother's cook book and my father's cheque book.'



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £229.02

Envelopes £389.00

Kerela Aid £387.80

Collections, etc



THE GOD WHO COMES

Our western civilisation is being drowned in sensual and erotic pleasure.

Young people are destroying themselves with drugs, sex, and idleness, and a civilisation that now lacks any authentic, lasting ideals looks on with a stupid smile!

The older generation, bigoted and neck-deep in compromise, wastes its time defending itself by passing laws against divorce. Instead of bearing witness, out of deep faith, to the certainty of the gospel and the light that a true and freely given love always brings.

Never before, in my view, has Jesus' dramatic warning been so appropriate: "You will all come to the same end unless you reform."

Never before, in my view, has it been so necessary as today to discipline the flesh and make it submissive to the spirit.

Never before has there been such a time for taking the pilgrim's pouch and a little hard bread and going the weary way of penitence. Only there will our body, the temple of God, recover its light-someness.

I want no one to grow discouraged as he travels the hard road of repentance. So I would like to suggest to those who feel weak a secret, the true secret.

"Do not rely on your own courage and your own strength of will. Rely rather on your prayer. Regard one thing as certain: 'Virtue does not give rise to true prayer; prayer gives rise to true virtue.'"

The strength of a man by himself does not amount to much, even though it is necessary.



What is really important is the encounter between man's strength and God who comes to him; that encounter comes to pass through man's prayer.

Here again, then, our hope is in "God who comes"!

The man who can cry out and lament and pray is the one who may expect the power of the God who comes, supporting him at the moment of his greatest weakness.

Victory comes out of that encounter.

This is why at death's door we who hope securely in the resurrection will cry out of our total poverty: "Come, Lord! Come quickly!" This is why, when faced with our own weakness as we admit the need of repentance, we cry out with the same strength of spirit: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).

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, Mary Clayton,
Mary Ogley, 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, Hilda Bailey, Mary Ogley, 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 23

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

This Sunday's first reading prepares us to understand the true meaning of this incident, for in his wonderful cures Jesus is fulfilling that prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus' activity, as he goes around 'doing all things well', manifests the coming of God into the world, that Day of the Lord when the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. Jesus is the sacrament of God. In him God is active in the world, bringing peace, healing and joy. In him people met and experienced God. His gestures (of putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle) are affectionate ways of showing that God is physically at work in him. In a modern hygiene conscious world such actions might be frowned upon. But if we are truly acting as the members of Christ's body in the world, we cannot hold back, and from time to time we will be involved physically and totally in helping others. One such famous, courageous gesture was Princess Diana's handshake with an AIDS-sufferer when it was still thought that the condition was physically contagious. We too can bring Christ's healing in countless simple (but often costly and courageous) ways.



First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Before the people of Israel were taken into captivity by the Babylonians in the sixth century BC, prophets had spoken of the Day of the Lord as a threat, a day of expected punishment. But when that disaster fell upon the whole of Israel and Judah, the people came to understand the Day of the Lord as a promise of salvation, of deliverance from exile. Hence today's first reading: a lovely, joyful poem which looks forward to the coming of the Lord to heal Israel and take vengeance on her tormentors. It speaks of the coming of the Lord himself, not simply of his representa-

tion. In the expectation of the deliverance of Israel, even up to the time of Jesus, it was not clear whether God would visit the earth personally to effect the total reversal of all things and the healing of all misery, or whether his messenger and herald would come first. The biblical texts seem to suggest both. In the prophecies of Malachi, it was written that the prophet Elijah would come as the Lord's herald to prepare the way. The gospels suggest that John the Baptist was this Elijah-figure, preparing for the coming of the Lord in Jesus, and that the coming of Jesus is the coming of the Lord himself.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

The Letter of James has been described as 'a manifesto for social justice', and among all its pieces of advice a concern for social justice is certainly a major theme. Concern for the poor and less fortunate runs right through the Bible. Human beings were created in the image of God, and one of the ways we express this image is by the attention we give to those on the margins. So Israel is constantly told by God, 'You must treat the stranger among you as I treated you when you were strangers in Egypt.' Similarly, widows and orphans are the special object of God's care. In the beatitudes of Luke's gospel, the poor, the hungry and those who weep are assured of God's blessing. In more modern times the great papal encyclicals on social issues gave the first official teaching anywhere on the rights of the exploited classes after the industrial revolution: the right to a just wage, to healthcare, to form trade unions, and so on. However, it is always instinctive and natural—as this witty and poignant reading shows—to give more honour to the Lord Mayor at the front than to the tramp who shuffles in at the back of the Church—forgetting that in God's eyes they have just the same value.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 24

1st Reading : Isaiah 50:5-9
2nd Reading : St. James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 3

Tue Week 3

Wed (or + Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Thu + Proper of Saints

Fri Proper of Saints

Sat + Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue

Wed The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thu St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Dr. of Church

Fri THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sat Our Lady of Sorrows