



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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| Saturday 15 September | 6.00pm Mass | Sacred Heart | Davis, Parsons & Mongon Families |
| Sunday 16 September | 9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass | St Joseph's Sacred Heart | Ron Cockroft Parish Family |
| Monday 17 September | 9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition | St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart | Noreen O'Malley |
| Tuesday 18 September | 7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition | Sacred Heart Sacred Heart | Parish Family |
| Wednesday 19 September | 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass | Sacred Heart Sacred Heart | Fr Philip Moran |
| Thursday 20 September | 9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition | St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart | Bridget O'Malley |
| Friday 21 September | 8.30am Mass 10.45am <i>Funeral Service</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition | Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart | Isabelle Hutton Gilbert Harrison |
| Saturday 22 September | 9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass | Sacred Heart Sacred Heart | Hilda Bailey, Family & Friends |
| Sunday 23 September | 9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass | St Joseph's Sacred Heart | John Gill Pamela Marshall |

In Preparation

At both of our Masses, this Sunday, we celebrate
The Rite of Enrolment for First Eucharist

For their First Eucharist

Sacrament of Anointing & Healing

Any with a serious (but not necessarily life threatening) illness or infirmity
are invited to receive this Sacrament at any *one* of our Masses

Saturday/Sunday, 29/30 September

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

No one who has ever been in love needs to be reminded that there are moments, in a loving relationship, when words are unnecessary. It is the same in our relationship with God. Wordless, quiet rest in the presence of the One who loves us, is called *contemplation*. The English word is derived from the Latin *contemplari*, meaning to gaze at attentively. It is a way of praying that is particularly appropriate before Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Jesuit priest, Walter Burghardt described this form of prayer as, 'A long, loving look at the real'. Each word in Burghardt's description is significant - real... look... long... loving.

To take a long, loving look at something - people, trees, lakes, a new born child, mountains - is a natural act of contemplation, of loving admiration. The *real* we are invited to contemplate now, to look on with loving admiration, is what we call *The Real Presence* - Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to ready to quietly wait on him.



Contemplation is looking at rather than thinking. I do not try to analyse, describe or define. I enter into *communion*. Burghardt gives the example, 'As I sit by a river, I do not cry out, 'Look, H 2 O.' I simply let the water trickle through my fingers'. To *look* means to engage not only in mind, but with the whole person - eyes, ears, touch, smell, and taste. We are invited to rest in what we have come to experience, in 'what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands', (1Jn1:1)

St Alphonsus Liguori, speaking of his experience of time before the Blessed Sacrament, once remarked that sometimes a quarter of an hour before the Blessed Sacrament seemed like an age! The Lord is not a time-keeper. It is not time that is important, but the quality of our love and commitment. *The long, loving look at the real* is about resting rather than rushing, allowing myself to be unhurried, to be happy simply to linger and wait - to patiently wait for Jesus to speak.

A long, loving look at the real is a gaze rather than a fixed stare. It means allowing the *real*, in this case, *Jesus*, really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, to capture me, to delight me, to let myself be drawn into communion. And, of course, all this we do within God's *long, loving look* at us, which shines over every moment of every day.

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.

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 19 Sep**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart *Presbytery*. To know more of their work or to join, please have a word with any present Member.

Owing to Retirement We need another one or more to take on arranging the flowers at our St Joseph's Church. Obviously if there are several, less time is required of any one person. Any with an eye for arranging flowers, whether with much flourish or in a simpler style, please do offer your help. Names, please to Fr Anthony.

It is a Fact of Life that none can stop themselves, or others, getting older. It's also the case that as we age, our bodies slow down. Active over 50s, 70s, 90s, to help clean our Churches, are always very welcome: male or female. Also, jobs can be found to suit anyone and at fairly flexible times. But we would also appreciate some who are younger, especially for the most energetic jobs. Do please offer your help: to Margaret Whitehouse for St Joseph's, Mary Day for The Sacred Heart, or Fr Anthony for either.



Holy Water is available at both our Churches for any to take (but you need your own container): at The Sacred Heart, by the Baptismal Font, and towards the rear on the Confession Box side, at St Joseph's.

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

& In our Diocese

THE GIFT a CaFE course helping people encounter the Holy Spirit and share their faith, Saturdays 22 Sep & 6 Oct, at 10.00am, Ss Peter and Paul's, Wakefield. Suited to all, but especially for any willing to consider running *The Gift* in their own parish. For details/booking, email tim@faithcafe.org or tel 07875-848138.

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 20 Oct, 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.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

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| Loose | £211.56 |
| Envelopes | £531.50 |
| Aug Bank Orders | £1296.00 |

Collections, etc

Next Weekend Retiring Collection, after each Mass, to help fund ways of evangelisation through England and Wales - *The Catholic Home Mission and Communications*.

THE GOD WHO COMES

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)

In our day, as soon as you speak about the mystery of prayer, people cry, Prayer! There is no time for prayer! All those people to feed, all those real things to organise, how can you still ask us to waste out precious time?

“Why search for a hypothetical relationship with the invisible God, when you can find the immediate and concrete in visible man?”

“And man is the visible presence of God on earth: serve him, save him, and you’ve done it all!”

And what can we say when this stand is taken not least by the witnesses of the invisible God, by priests and religious? “Brother Carlo, you are speaking of the desert, of silence, of prayer. But how can you talk like that to us, when we are up to our necks in contemporary civilisation, snowed under by thousands and thousands of tasks, caught up from morning to night in contacts with men and the service of the poor?” And you keep silence with a compassionate smile and with the security of a man who continues to believe firmly in past prejudices.

But the fact is that they are not past prejudices!

The fact is that the priest who says he no longer has time to pray will be found on a painful search for his identity after a few years. The busy militant who has so little time that he can’t waste time praying, will be found so empty in a few years that you won’t know what to do to give him back a little faith in the ideal he has been wanting to serve until now.

No, these are not prejudices.

The first commandment remains the first commandment, and it is the *first*—both under the old law (cf. Deut. 6:5) and under the new (cf. Luke 12:30) that was pronounced by Jesus—“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself” (Luke 10:27).

Moreover, it is hammered in so forcefully that it leaves no doubts. It would seem that no part of man has been forgotten on the list—heart, soul, mind, strength—in order to emphasise the necessity of decision in loving God!

And then? The problem. If you don’t pray, if you are not searching for a personal relationship with God, if you don’t stay with Him for long periods in order to know Him, study Him, understand Him, little by little you will start forgetting Him, your memory will weaken, you will no longer recognise Him. You will not be able to, because you will no longer know how to love.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto



But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

A very early Christian symbol was that of the drawing of a fish. This derived from the Greek word for fish - Ichthus - which was read as an abbreviation of (again in Greek) **I**esous **C**hristos **T**heou **H**uios **S**oter, meaning, *Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour*.

What is the link between a ship's anchor, some ancient Roman burial sites, and Christ?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Poster found in a church in France (translated)



‘When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear the call of God’.

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to

God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.’

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Mary Ogley, Gilbert Harrison, 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, 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 24

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

This is the turning point of Mark's gospel. Till now the stories we have heard have all spoken about ever-increasing wonder and amazement at Jesus' personality, his goodness and his authority. But even his closest disciples do not seem to have seen what this means. Then suddenly Peter comes to the realisation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed of God, for whom everyone was waiting. However, Peter still does not understand what this implies. Jesus is not a conquering political hero, who will simply wipe out all opposition by overwhelming force, and make every path smooth and gentle. Jesus begins to show his disciples that the road to fulfilment is through suffering. Jesus repeats this prophecy of his suffering, death and resurrection another two times, and on each occasion the disciples fail to grasp the lesson; first it's Peter, then the disciples who are arguing about precedence, and finally the two sons of Zebedee who want the best places for themselves. So three times Jesus repeats that if you want to follow him you must follow him to the Cross. Nor are we, later followers of Jesus, any quicker than the first disciples to learn this lesson if we greet any suffering that comes our way with indignation and evasion.



First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

As we have noted, this week's Gospel reading is a turning-point and concentrates on two matters, on Jesus as Messiah and on how the Messiah must suffer and die. This

reading from Isaiah relates to the second aspect of the Gospel (the suffering Messiah). This part of the prophecies of Isaiah contains four interrelated "songs" sung by a Servant of the Lord, who willingly undergoes suffering and humiliation for his ministry to the Lord. Jesus' own sayings on service and suffering show that he was aware of these songs, and that he saw himself as the Servant of the Lord: 'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve'. We find a correspondence between many details from the songs and the story of the Passion: the flogging, the mockery and the insult, and also Jesus' voluntary failure to resist or to defend himself—at each trial he amazes the 'judge' by his silence. At the same time these songs are marked by a confidence in the Lord: whatever happens, the Lord will not desert his faithful Servant. In the fourth song (Isaiah 52:13-53:12) the suffering and humiliation of the Servant lead to his eventual vindication and the triumph of God.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

The interconnection between faith and good works has been a puzzle from the beginning of Christianity—and before. At times people seem to have believed that it was possible to earn salvation. However, you cannot bargain or negotiate with God. As the psalms say, 'No one can buy their own ransom.' What we must do is trust in God's promises and in his limitless forgiveness. Faith is not a matter of believing first one doctrine and then another. Primarily it is a matter of where my trust and confidence is lodged. What, then, is the point of good works? Our faith in God's generosity and forgiveness should lead us to act with similar generosity and forgiveness. We are made in the image of God, to carry on God's work (of divine generosity and forgiveness). When James says that otherwise our faith is dead, he really means that it is a withered faith which is not faith at all.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 25

1st Reading : Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

2nd Reading : St. James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 4

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon (or + Proper of Saints)

Tue Week 4

Wed (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu + Common of Several Martyrs

Fri Proper of Saints

Sat Week 4

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Dr Of Church

Tue

Wed St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr /

St. Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

Thu Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong

Ha-sang and companions, Martyrs

Fri ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Sat