



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 22 September	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Hilda Bailey, Family & Friends
Sunday 23 September	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	John Gill Pamela Marshall
Monday 24 September	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Mary Clayton
Tuesday 25 September	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday 26 September	12.15pm <i>Funeral Mass</i> 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Mary Ogley Parish Family
Thursday 27 September	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 4.30pm <i>Academic Mass</i>	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's	Pamela Perkins <i>With our Parish Schools' Staff & Councillors</i>
Friday 28 September	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Fr Bill Burtoft
Saturday 29 September	10.30am-1.30pm <i>Retreat</i> 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>No set period for Reconciliation today</i> Min Walker
Sunday 30 September	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm <i>Baptism</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Josephine Knepshield Mary Ogley Hollie Mae Mills

We present, prior to their Baptisms, at this Saturday's Mass
Ava-Grace Isobelle Carol Danni Ramsden-Oszko, daughter of **Rabecca and Christian**
and at our 10.45am Mass, this Sunday
Cara May Hatto, daughter of **Niamh and Brad**

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

next 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

When we look at the first chapter of the Bible, we read that God was mightily busy - creating the sun, moon, stars, animals, birds, fish, trees, and plants - and, on the sixth day, human beings, in his own image and likeness. Then, we are told, on the seventh day, God rested from all the work he had done. That is amazing! Here is the God who at a word can create all that exists, wanting to rest. The writer was saying something very important here. Being creative is important, but the *rest time* in God is no less important!

It is a fact that many people's lives are very busy and rest is often quite far down people's lists of priorities. We feel indispensable, or there is just too much to do. We feel guilty if we sit and do nothing. And yet, according to Scripture, that is roughly what God did on that seventh day. He rested and did not create that day. Later, God made a day of rest part of the Jewish Law.

You may be taking a time before the Blessed Sacrament on a Sunday, or giving yourself a short *break* - a time of rest and restoration. This is exactly what God wants for you. It is one of the beautiful aspects of a time with the Lord, in the Blessed Sacrament. We are not here to rush around - or do anything - we are simply here to rest in his love and presence. *Come to me, and I will give you rest*, Jesus says.

We have an example of Jesus putting this into practice with friends. He is enjoying a relaxing time with some of his closest friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Lazarus is sitting with him,



enjoying conversation and stories of what they have been up to. Mary is sitting close to Jesus, also taking time out, enjoying his company. Martha, on the other hand, is doing what many of us do - especially if looking after guests. Some people think what Jesus says is a rebuke - which is unfair on both him

and Martha. What he says is that she is so busy doing things for him, that she is not able to enjoy just being with him. We do not get the full conversation, of course. We do not know what was Martha's response, but perhaps Jesus went on to tell her to put the preparing to one side and they could all do it together, later! As with many of us, Martha had to be given permission to stop - to put the busy-ness to one side, just for a while, so as to come to the Lord and find rest and new life in him.

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

Parish Retreat Day

A time for Scripture reflections and quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

at our Sacred Heart Church,
next Saturday 29 Sep, 10.00am-1.30pm

While it is hoped that all our Parish Eucharist Ministers and Readers will come along, all of our Parish Family will be most welcome.

Tea/Coffee available, but please bring some food to share, at lunch-time.

Things happening in our Parish

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.

None can stop themselves, or any, getting older. Also, 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 help: to Margaret Whitehouse for St Joseph's, Mary Day for The Sacred Heart, or Fr Anthony for either.



A right good do Participants were clearly of the mind that the SVP got it right, in bringing together many of our Seniors with some more housebound, for the recent coach trip to Wakefield Wetherby Whaler. Many words of gratitude have been said (though not by the fish).

Paulinus Lottery Recent draws have returned a winner, with J Howcroft receiving £375.

Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, in our St Joseph's School Hall, this Friday 28 Sep, 9.00-11.00am. All welcome to come to support.

Disused Spectacles wanted. Our local Lions Club will be pleased to receive unwanted spectacles that are in reasonable condition, for people in poor circumstances, as far afield as India, Africa and South America. Please put same in the marked box in either of our Churches. The collection will run until the last weekend of October.

& In our Diocese

Caritas Leeds Day of Reflection, Sat 6 Oct 10.00am-3.00pm, Notre Dame College, Leeds, LS2 9BL. Come to help Caritas Leeds decide which areas of need should get extra focus: living with disability, families in need, the homeless, older people, ex-offenders, asylum seekers? To book, email joseph.cortis@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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, continues in our Sacred Heart Hall, this **Wed 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.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Early Christians saw a ship's anchor as a symbol of hope in eternal life, because the anchor was regarded, in ancient times, as a symbol of safety. For Christians, Christ is the unflinching hope of all who believe in him. In early Roman burial chambers (the catacombs), the anchor occurs frequently in Christian epitaphs.

Catholic Scout groups have an ancient Christian symbol as one of their badges? What is this symbol?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A famous will contains the sentence: 'My overdraft at the bank goes to my wife. She can explain it.'



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £315.06
Envelopes £484.59

Collections, etc

This 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

The proverb 'Out of sight out of mind' is true not only about men; it is terribly true about God, too.

Take an example.

If a fiancé telephones his fiancée to tell her "I'm sorry, this evening I can't come, I've so much work!", there is nothing wrong. But if it is the thousandth time he has made the same call, he has not been to see her in weeks on the excuse of work or outings with his friends, it is more serious—rather, it is quite clear: this is not love.

Because the lover is capable of overcoming all difficulties and discovering the stratagems necessary to meet his soul's beloved.

So it is better to get clear with ourselves what our relationship with God is.

Have you been not praying, not seeking Him personally because you don't love Him, or because you have no time?

Usually we are afraid to accept the first reality; it is easier to fix on the second.

This is the true problem, which we do not try to resolve because our minds are confused.

And there is a complex of things which help confuse thought: it is not all our fault.

We are terribly conditioned by our times, and it is so difficult to escape this conditioning.

Bombarded from morning to night not only by the consumer society but, worse, by the noisy society, the slogans, the sensuality, the self-assurance of man, how can we avoid being influenced by them?

The visible has become so thick that it leaves no space for the invisible.

Pop heroes and sports heroes have been thrust at your over-excited mind so that they leave no space in your living room for the heroes of the bible who were with you in the past.

The very figure of Jesus begins to fade in your heart; after three hours before the television screen of this world, you barely hear Him saying anything to you.

It is hard to face, but that is how it is.

Well, what is the difference between Peter walking the roads of the Empire, urged on solely by the passionate love for Jesus which filled his heart and mind and made him succumb to the depths of such love, and you, who no longer feel the living presence of the divine Master, and no longer even know where He lives?

Then we come to the question, 'Why did I become a priest?', 'Why did I enter a convent?', 'Why go on trying to be a good Christian?'

And the answer will not come—rather we are afraid of giving it.

From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto



Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Mary Ogley 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, Kazia Andruszko, Ann Pearson
David Olbison, Liz Allen, Malcolm Stuart, Peter Gee
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 25

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Mark gives us three formal prophecies of the Passion, of which this is the second. He uses the triple number frequently to stress the importance and sureness of an event. So Peter denies Jesus three times, and Pilate three times asserts Jesus' innocence. Jesus is shown to be fully aware of the fate that awaits him: he goes into it with his eyes open, and accepts his Father's will; he is, moreover, aware that his Father will not desert him, but will vindicate him by the Resurrection. Again the disciples fail to understand the message: while Jesus had been giving them the message of triumph only through suffering and humiliation, they had been thinking about who would be the greatest. So Jesus sets before them a child as the model. In what way is a child a model? Like adults, children can be selfish and they can be devious and scheming from an early age. However, children are probably more aware than adults that they cannot totally control a situation and trustingly accept that they are dependent on others. The final words that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel suggests it is this quality of dependence that Jesus proposes: like little children we should depend on the will of the Father.



First Reading: Book of Wisdom 2:12.17-20

This is one of the few readings we hear on Sundays taken from the Book of Wisdom. This book was written probably at Alexandria. And was written in Greek, so is not included in the Protestant canon of scripture, which includes only the books written in Hebrew. A major theme of the book is the contrast between divine Wisdom and folly. It also includes a wonderful poem to God's Wisdom, by which he

created the world, 'the reflection of the eternal light, and the image of his goodness'. In today's reading we are presented with the taunts which those who refuse divine Wisdom make against those who embrace Wisdom. It is remarkable that in Matthew's gospel the taunts of the chief priests, scribes and elders against Jesus as he hangs on the cross use these very same words. This use of scripture is typical of Matthew's irony, and shows just how wrong those taunting Jesus were. The reading, therefore, both prepares us for the prophecy of the passion in the first part of today's gospel reading, and contrasts the boasts of the godless with the wisdom of simplicity represented by the child in the second part of the gospel.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

The reading from the Letter of James begins by contrasting quarrelling and ambition, and their evil effects, with the true wisdom which brings peace. Then it goes on to some stern words about prayer which is not answered, 'because you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires'. Is it wrong, then, to ask God for what we want? What about 'Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find'? The problem of unanswered prayers of petition is a difficult one. We do not really believe that we can change God's mind and intentions by praying. Nevertheless, we express to God our needs and desires, although we are well aware that he knows them already. This is what a child does to a loving father, 'Please, please!' We even link arms with our mother, Mary, or even our brother and Saviour, Jesus, to increase the persuasive power. But every prayer of petition, just as a child's prayer to a loving father, contains the hidden text that the Father knows best. The child or the praying Christian can want something desperately, but, for true prayer, the child or Christian submits in obedience to the Father; only in this way is our prayer an expression of trust and affection.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 26

1st Reading : Book of Numbers 11:25-29

2nd Reading : St. James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45,47-48

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue + Proper of Saints

Wed (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu + Proper of Saints

Fri (or + Proper of Saints)

Sat Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Our Lady of Walsingham

Tue

Wed Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Thu St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Fri St. Wenceslaus, Martyr/

Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

Sat Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL,

ARCHANGELS