



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 29 September	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	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
Monday 1 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Tuesday 2 October	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday 3 October	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Samuel, Kathleen & Pauline Foster
Thursday 4 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ron Cockroft
Friday 5 October	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Daniel Kirwan
Saturday 6 October	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Doris & Ted Ventom
Sunday 7 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family Mary Oakley

This weekend, on her being Baptised into our Parish and Church Family, we congratulate and pray for **Hollie May Mills**, daughter of **Andrew and Stephanie**



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

Many of us come to spend time with the Lord because we are waiting. It may be as simple as having time to wait for the bus - or to pick the children up from school. We have a bit of time to wait and we use it to spend a few minutes in quiet prayer with Jesus.

Some of us come with a very different kind of waiting. We might be waiting for results - medical or exams. We might be waiting for people to make an important decision that will affect us. We might be waiting for an important letter or meeting to take place.

This kind of waiting has a very different feel from using the odd few minutes. We bring a lot of other feelings with us. There may be impatience - why can't they just get on and decide. There may be anxiety - 'what will happen if...?' There may be fear - or even dread.

Our waiting in these circumstances may well be fidgety and we will find it hard to concentrate. If in Church, maybe at a quieter time before the Blessed Sacrament, we may worry about what other people think of us as we feel the need to get up and walk around - or pick up and put down books or rosaries. Try not to worry about this! Every person in the church has times like this. And, at the end of the day, the main person to be concerned about is Jesus - and he would much rather you were there as you are rather than staying away until you are able to wait patiently for whatever you are dealing with.

Jesus knew about waiting. He spent thirty years preparing for his public ministry - waiting until the time was right. He may have waited at the bedside of his foster father, Joseph, as he died - supporting his mother and dealing with all the feelings around the end of the life of a loved one. He spent time in prayer - in a way waiting on his Father for insight and wisdom. On the last day before his death, he waited in the Garden of Gethsemane - waiting for those who were going to arrest him and take him to torture and death.



Whatever you bring to your waiting, Jesus can empathise. We can also see his presence in the Blessed Sacrament as more waiting ... his willingness to wait for people to come to spend time with him. Waiting for you - to wait with him - and together to prepare for whatever it is that lies ahead for you.

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

Things happening in our Parish



First Reconciliation 2019 (and Eucharist) Copies of details and application forms, for those eligible to prepare for these Sacraments (Baptised Catholic Children already in School Year 3 or above) are now available. These can be obtained from Fr Anthony only, at a weekend Mass, and need to be completed and returned direct to him, before the end of October.

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 3 Oct**, 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.

Owing to Retirement We need another one or more to take on arranging the flowers at our St Joseph's Church. If there are several, less time is required of each person. Any with an eye for flower arranging, whether in simpler style or with much flourish, do offer help. Please speak with Fr Anthony for details.



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.

Olive Wood Statues, etc from the Holy Land, will be on sale at our Churches, next weekend, **5/6 Oct**. Their sale gives employment to Christian wood carvers, enabling them also to remain living in the Holy Land, and profits help the poorest of Christians there, of whom there are all too many. You might find some lovely Christmas gifts!

Disused Spectacles wanted. Our local Lions Club will be pleased to receive any unwanted spectacles that are in reasonable condition. These will be used by people in developing countries, as far afield as India, Africa and South America. Please put the 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, will be held in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 5 & 12 Dec**, 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:

Loose	£317.15
Envelopes	£428.75
Evangelisation	£86.43

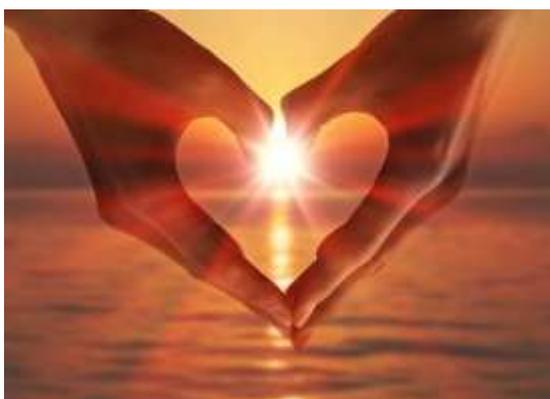
Collections, etc



THE GOD WHO COMES

Since one cannot live without love, and since there has been a wasting away of your love for a personal God—which means love for the person of Jesus, love for the person of the Father, love for the person of the Holy Spirit—you have been forced to find other loves as substitutes.

It would have happened to Peter and Paul, too, if they had not known how to cultivate a passionate love of Jesus; instead of dying as martyrs and giving us the eternal witness of their well-spent lives, they would have died amid the ruins of their lost vocations.



Now I should like to say a word to anyone who has the heart of a militant, an activist, who has always had the impression that to pray is to run the risk of alienation from our brothers and their troubles..

This point of view is not completely wrong, I know. In the past too many people gave the

impression of a Christianity which was other-worldly, absent. Today's thirst is for concreteness and reality, I know. But listen to this simple, linear testimony:

Here in Beni-Abbes, during the winter, nomads often arrive with their tents.

They are the poorest of men: they no longer have any camels or goats to sell, no longer the strength to organise caravans. They are seeking some place they can be helped to settle down into a new social reality which has no further need for the nomadic life.

One day a French woman, who was making a retreat here, was walking beside one of these tents. She stopped to pass the time of day and, as she did so, realised that a Tuareg girl, thin as a rake, was trembling with cold.

It is strange, but that is how it is: in the desert it is cold in the sunless dawns.

'Why don't you cover yourself up?' she asked.

'Because I've nothing to cover myself with', replied the girl.

The French woman, without going to the roots of the problem, went—to pray.

She entered the hermitage built by Pere de Foucauld himself, where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

She prostrated herself in the sand before Jesus, present under the sign of faith, 'the Eucharist'.

Some time passed, she sought contact with the Eternal One, she tried to pray.

'I couldn't go on', she told me afterwards, 'I couldn't pray. I had to go out, back to the tent, and give that child one of my sweaters. Then I returned, and then I was able to pray.'

From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Catholic Scout Groups are entitled to wear a badge with two Greek letters imposed one on top of the other.



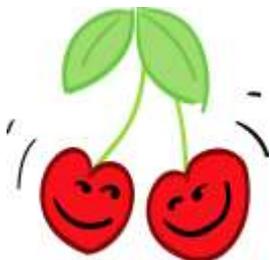
These are chi (X) and rho (P), which are also the first two letters (three in English) - of **Chr**-ist. Early Christians used this symbol as an abbreviation for the name of Jesus Christ.

The United Kingdom flag has three crosses - of St George (red upright, on white) - of St Andrew (white saltire (diagonal), on blue) - but who and which country does the third, red saltire cross represent?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A minister was given a bottle of Cherry Brandy by a lady. She said it was given on condition that he acknowledge it in the parish magazine. In the next issue he wrote:

Dr. MacDevitt wishes to thank Mrs. White for her gift of fruit, and the spirit in which it was given.



Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
Paul Harratt, Maidie Donovan 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, 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 26

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48

This part of Mark's Gospel is a collection of sayings about following the Lord, and in this Gospel we are presented with a rich insight into two distinct areas of discipleship. The first little story tells us that we must accept good wherever we can find it, not only in our own group and where we expect it to be. It is the same lesson that is presented in this Sunday's first reading. The Spirit of God is at work not only in Catholics, not only in Christians, not only even in explicit believers. As the second Vatican Council taught so strongly, the Holy Spirit is at work too in those who are seeking the Kingdom under signs and symbols. They can even be better people and better Christians than we who sometimes rely too comfortably on our membership of Christ's Church! Secondly, the gospel provides some striking and urgent sayings about 'obstacles', literally trip-stones which makes people fall over. These vivid and dire warnings are about leading other believers into evil and about the trip-stones in ourselves, the disordered desires, that lead us into evil. Jesus' sayings here must be taken with the utmost seriousness—but not literally (Jesus is speaking graphically to make us listen, and is not advocating self-mutilation).



First Reading: Book of Numbers 11:25-29

This is a curious little scene, and the corresponding scene in the gospel is no less curious. It is part of the story of Israel's wanderings in the desert. Moses' father-in-law wisely suggests that Moses should appoint assistants to deal with all the complaints, quarrels and lawsuits among the people. So some of the divine spirit of judgement which was on Moses now descends upon these seventy elders. However, there seems to have been some sort of irregularity in the appointment of Eldad and Medad, which leads to objections even from Joshua, Moses' faithful servant and successor. Nevertheless the message finally given is that the Spirit of God is to be welcomed wherever it may be found. This story is a valuable reminder that the

Spirit of God is greater than human regulations and limitations, and that the Spirit crosses human boundaries. The wisdom of God may be found outside the Church; genuine holiness may be there too. We must respect the freedom of God to give what he wills where he wills it, and we must always be open to learn from those who do not belong to our own tradition.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

This final reading from the Letter of James is a denunciation of the selfishness of the rich; it is in the style of the Old Testament prophets and contains a wealth of daunting imagery. This strength of expression is somewhat surprising in the early decades of Christianity, for it seems that wealth was not one of the temptations which seduced the early Christians. There do seem to have been rich

Christians in the community at Corinth, but on the whole the Christians seem to have belonged to the lower classes and slaves. James, the presumed author of the letter, was the leader of the Jerusalem community. The Church at Jerusalem seems to have been in chronic financial difficulty: Paul was asked to help it out, and took a collection from the gentile Churches to Jerusalem. In the early second century the pagan Celsus denounces Christians as ignorant and ill-educated, but he does not denounce them for their wealth. However, these warnings from the author of our letter are still relevant today. It is still tempting to ease cash-flow by postponing payment of bills! The power and immunity given by wealth can still have a corrosive influence which binds the wealthy to the needs and susceptibilities of others.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 27

1st Reading : Book of Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Proper of Saints

Tue + Proper of Saints

Wed Week 2

Thu + Proper of Saints

Fri Week 2

Sat (or + Proper of Saints)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Therese of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)
Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Tue The Holy Guardian Angels

Wed

Thu St. Francis of Assisi

Fri

Sat St. Bruno, Priest