



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

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

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## Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 27, 6/7 October 2018

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>6 October  | 6.00pm Mass  | Sacred Heart  | Doris & Ted Ventom  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>7 October    | 9.00am Mass<br>10.45am Mass  | St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart                                     | Parish Family<br>Mary Oakley  |
| Monday<br>8 October           | 9.10am Morning Prayer<br>9.30am Mass<br>12.00-1.00pm Exposition                                | St Joseph's<br>St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart                      | Mary Clayton  |
| Tuesday<br>9 October          | 7.30am Mass<br>11.00am <i>Funeral Service</i><br>12.00-1.00pm Exposition                       | Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart                    | Mary Ogley<br>Paul Harratt  |
| Wednesday<br>10 October       | 12.00-1.00pm Exposition<br>2.00pm <i>Reception Body</i><br>7.00pm Mass                         | Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart                    | Maidie Donovan<br>Hilda Bailey's Intentions   |
| Thursday<br>11 October        | 9.10am Morning Prayer<br>9.30am Mass<br>10.45am <i>Funeral Mass</i><br>12.00-1.00pm Exposition | St Joseph's<br>St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart      | Gough & Peate Families<br>Maidie Donovan  |
| Friday<br>12 October          | 8.30am Mass<br>12.00-1.00pm Exposition   | Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart                                    | Theresa & Norris Ventom   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>13 October | 9.30-10.30am Exposition<br>6.00pm Mass   | Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart                                    | Millea & Morley Families  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>14 October   | 9.00am Mass<br>10.45am Mass<br>1.00pm <i>Baptisms</i><br><br>3.15pm <i>Mass in Polish</i>      | St Joseph's<br>Sacred Heart<br>Sacred Heart<br><br>Sacred Heart | Josephine Spencer<br>Parish Family<br>Cara M Hatto, Kajetan Lisowski,<br>Ava-Grace I.C.D Ramsden- Osjko |

# Confirmation

At our Masses next Sunday, at both our Churches,  
we will celebrate with our Applicants

**The Rite of Enrolment  
to Prepare for Confirmation**



**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

Wrestling may seem a strange notion as something we do before the Lord. In fact, the idea of wrestling with God goes right back into the Hebrew scriptures with Jacob spending a whole night wrestling physically with a being he later recognises as an angel of the Lord.

People like Abraham, Moses and the prophets seem to have spent hours in prayer wrestling with God. Abraham negotiated with God to ensure the salvation of a town. Moses really did not want to have to go to Pharaoh and told God so. Most of the prophets struggled with their growing awareness of what God was asking of them.

Most of us have times when we struggle with our faith. We may be facing a decision and trying hard to discern what God wants for us. This is especially difficult if we sense that what God is asking is not what we ourselves want. We may be facing great pain or problems in our lives and wondering just where our loving God is when things seem at their worst.

There can be a temptation to think that we cannot be honest with God about all this - that somehow we should bypass our real feelings and come to acceptance of 'God's will'. This can happen and is beautiful when it does. But, if we are really wrestling with something, we find ourselves in very good company and God does not think less of us for being honest and 'real' when we come into his presence.



The Gospels tell of when Jesus was frustrated and wrestled spiritually and emotionally with his disciples. There is also a very clear example of Jesus wrestling with his Father. It is the night before he dies and his human fear and dread is growing by the second as he realises what he is about to face. Jesus does not try to pretend that he does not feel those things. In fact, he begs the Father to 'take the cup away from him!' He has asked friends to pray with him but they just sleep through most of it. Eventually, Jesus works through his fear and desperation and comes to acceptance - entrusting himself into the hands of the Father. He does not suddenly become happy - but he does find peace and serenity - not by avoiding the pain, but through his wrestling with the Father, finding certainty that he does not struggle alone and that all things will come well.

*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.

**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, please offer to help - speak with Fr Anthony for details.



**Olive Wood Statues, etc** from the Holy Land, are on sale at our Churches, this 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!

**Open Heart Memory Cafe** Especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their family, friends and carers. Next gathering in our Sacred Heart Hall, this **Fri 12 Oct**, 10.00-12.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome.

**Christmas Cards** and a few other related items are now available at both of our Churches. Competitive prices, so buy soon, while stocks last.

**M&S** Food items wanted for our Christmas Fayre Raffle. Many M&S items reduced just now, but please check for long use/sell by dates, preferably into 2019. Please also be making/gathering items (seasonal ones, too) for the Fayre, to be held on **Sat 24 Nov**.

**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.

### & Nationally

**Global Healing** Our Bishops of England & Wales have commissioned two short films, about how our faith helps us care for the environment. A free download can be found at [www.ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk). If any would like to organise an evening or two, to share/study the films with others, please have a word with Fr Anthony.

*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

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

A flag with a red saltire (diagonal) cross on a white background is representative of St Patrick, so incorporated in the United Kingdom flag, it is also representative of Ireland. Notably, representation of St David and Wales are missing from the United Kingdom flag.

*All the Channel Islands, in their individual flags, incorporate the red, upright cross of St George, except for one. Which Island is the exception?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

King David and King Solomon led merry, merry lives,  
With many, many lady friends and



many, many wives,  
But when old age crept over them, with many, many qualms,  
King Solomon wrote the Proverbs,  
And King David wrote the Psalms

## Parish Monies

**Thank You** very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £300.57  
Envelopes £373.20

## Collections, etc

**Next Weekend** Retiring Collection after each of our Masses, to help towards the cost of our Catholic Education and Youth Services.

## THE GOD WHO COMES

Here is what I would like to say to those who are afraid of personal prayer with God, who do not want to alienate themselves from their suffering brethren.

If you pray, if you pray seriously, if you pray in truth, it will be God Himself who will send you out, with greater strength, with greater love, towards your brothers, so that you may love them more gratuitously and serve them more delicately.

Well then, you will say, why, why in the past have too many Christians scandalised me with their indifference, with the hardness of their bigoted hearts, with the hermetic sealing of themselves against every problem of justice and liberation of the people?

Yet they were praying, they were contemplating!

No, if they were praying, their prayer was just a bit of rhetoric. If they were contemplating....nothing.

They were deceiving you, and they were deceiving the Church.

It is impossible to pray to a personal God—and remain indifferent to your suffering brethren.

It is impossible.

Anyone who prays without suffering for his suffering brothers is praying to a pole, a shadow, not to the living God.

Because if you pray to the living God, you who are living, He, the Living One, sends you to your living brothers.

If you pray to the living God, your prayer passes through the heart of Christ Crucified, the only model of the way we must love the Father and our brothers, the point of convergence between the vertical dimension of the Absolute and the horizontal dimension of all mankind needing salvation.



After Christ, it is no longer possible to separate the love of the Father from the love of our brothers.

If you begin by loving your brothers, keep well in mind that you cannot separate this love from love for the Father.

The Father is a person—and He has a right to be loved.

And persons are loved for themselves, not for other ends.

To love someone and use him for other ends means, in poor words, to exploit him, and today everybody agrees that this must not happen.

And if we agree not to exploit man, why should we end by exploiting God?

So you cannot say 'By loving my brothers I love the Father', just as you cannot say 'By loving the Father, I love my brothers'.

You must love the Father, and you must love your brothers, every one of them.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

**Please Keep  
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time

All who have **died recently**

Paul Harratt, Maidie Donovan, Ronald Anthony McCombe  
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 27

### Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The Pharisees are putting a trick question to Jesus, as is clear in Matthew's fuller account in his gospel. They knew the Law, which permitted divorce, and they will quote this Law to Jesus. The Law allowed divorce for 'indecency', but teachers were divided about what this meant: did it mean adultery or a lesser fault? So their real question is: what does Jesus consider grounds for divorce? As so frequently in his discussions with the legal experts, Jesus' response goes beyond and much deeper than a simple answer to the question: God made man and woman such that they should bond together permanently and become one thinking, living being. The word used for one 'body', or one 'flesh', really means one entity, not a hunk of meat, but a single, vibrant personality. God's intention was not that the two should not be separable again. So Jesus does not answer the question about grounds for divorce at all. It is striking that here—and on other occasions too—Jesus' authority is such that he feels able to alter the Sacred Law of Moses. For the Jews the Law of Moses was God's own gift, sacred and unalterable by any human authority. By altering it, by annulling the permission for divorce under certain circumstances, Jesus is implicitly claiming divine authority.

### First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

The stories at the beginning of Genesis are intended to explain how God designed things and what their purpose is. The stories are, of course, not meant to be historical, but their teaching is of the highest importance: they show how things were meant to be. By giving the animals their names the Man is taking part in their creation. Made in the image of God, the Man's task is to promote God's work and foster creation and foster life, just as God himself does. The creation of human beings is the climax of creation, which means that human beings have a responsibility towards the rest of creation. The warm relationship between God and the Man before the Fall is particularly

touching. God's care for the Man, putting him to sleep before the surgical operation which produces Woman, with God himself sewing up the wound, is delightful. So is God's careful moulding of the Woman and the presentation of his handiwork to the Man. It is important to see that there is no unevenness, no inequality between the sexes; each is personally moulded by God. The author paints word-pictures; the welcoming between the Woman and the Man is the author's way of showing that the bonding between them in marriage is a divine institution.



### Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

The Letter to the Hebrews is going to be read during Mass for the next seven Sundays, right up until Advent. Its author is completely unknown, but it is very likely that the letter was written for Hebrew priests, who had become Christians and were missing the traditional rites of their people. It assumes knowledge of the Jewish ritual, and, with many allusions to scripture, it highlights two themes. First, it shows that the Jewish sacrificial rituals were a pale shadow, but that their reality and fulfilment comes in the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Secondly, it points out that the people of God are still on pilgrimage. God's promise that they would reach a place of rest was not fulfilled by their arrival in the Holy Land under Joshua; it will be fulfilled only in heaven. In today's reading we glimpse part of the first theme. Jesus humbled himself to become man, only a little less than the angels (the author is alluding to Psalm 8), in order to become perfect through his suffering. He had to become fully human, so that by being made perfect he might lead all his brothers and sisters to the same perfection.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

## The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 28

1st Reading : Book of Wisdom 7:7-11

2nd Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

## Prayer of the Church

### Psalter Week 3

**Sun** + Seasonal Proper

**Mon** Week 3

**Tue** (or + Proper of Saints)

**Wed** + Common of Pastors + Diocesan Proper

**Thu** (or + Common of Pastors)

**Fri** + Common of Pastors + Diocesan Proper

**Sat** (or + Cmn of Hly Men/Wmn + Fmr Nat Prop)

## This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon**

**Tue** Bl John Henry Newman, Priest / Ss Denis,  
Bishop & Comp. Martyrs / St. John Leonardi, Priest

**Wed** St. Paulinus of York, Bishop

**Thu** St. John XXIII, Pope

**Fri** St. Wilfrid, Bishop

**Sat** St. Edward the Confessor