



# 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 28, 13/14 October 2018

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<b>Saturday</b> 13 October	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Millea & Morley Families
<b>Sunday</b> 14 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptisms 3.15pm Mass in Polish	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Josephine Spencer Parish Family
Monday 15 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Intentions Barbara O'Donnell & Family
Tuesday 16 October	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention (AG)
Wednesday 17 October	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Intentions Doris Pyta
Thursday 18 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Friday 19 October	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Deceased of Our Lady of Graces Church
<b>Saturday</b> 20 October	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Wilfred & Winifred Taylor
<b>Sunday</b> 21 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ron Cockroft Maidie Donovan

We congratulate and pray for those of our Young Parishioners who, at this Sunday's Masses, are being  
**Enrolled as Applicants for Confirmation.**

*A further small group will be Enrolled at next Saturday's Mass.*

Also, on their being Baptised, this Sunday, into our Parish and Church Family, we congratulate and pray for

**Cara May Hatto**, daughter of **Niamh and Brad**

**Kajetan Lisowski**, son of **Tomasz and Justyna**

**Ava-Grace Isabella Carol Danni Ramsden-Oszko**, daughter of **Rabecca and Christian**

**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

True prayer should lead us to the God who is mystery. It should lead us away from the childish notion of a God we can define, explain, even control. It should lead us to the childlike notion of God which inspired every moment of the life of Jesus. He believed in a God who was Abba, a loving Father, who was at the centre of life, who held all things in his hand and was in control of everything. His being and all the activity flowing from that being was love. Jesus lived out this faith in total trust. All his security was placed in his Father. We can imagine the sincerity with which Jesus prayed the Psalms:

'In God alone there is rest for my soul,  
from him comes my safety;  
with him alone for my rock, my safety,  
my fortress, I can never fall.'

*Psalms 62:1-2*

Let us with great respect and great admiration remind ourselves that this was not easy for Jesus. He was like us in all things but sin. Like us he was tempted. He was tempted in the desert to put his security in miracles and not in his Father's providence. In Gethsemane he was tempted to avoid the consequences of total trust in God and cried out against the chalice of suffering that he was asked to drink. But he did not sin. In the end result he always trusts. His security is in God his Father and he trusts to the bitter end.



We are invited to similar trust, but it is very hard for us. When things go badly wrong, we find it nearly impossible to put all our faith in God. We crave security. We fear risk in life. But, at the same time, we say we are people of faith. Now true faith of its very nature involves some kind of 'risk', some kind of 'insecurity'. This is a problem. We too pray with the Psalmist to God,

'You are my rock, my safety, my fortress.'

But we also experience distress, doubt, darkness and are tempted to seek security elsewhere. So we experience an inner tension. Two conflicting desires are at work within us, to trust completely in an often seemingly unpredictable God and to have security and certainty about life - especially the next life - and about salvation.

*From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.21) (abbreviated) -  
by Robert Kelly, SJ*

## 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.

**Our Parish SVP** is to meet **Wed 24 Oct**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall: *please note change of date.*

**We still much need** offers of help to arrange the flowers at our St Joseph's Church. Any with an eye for arranging flowers, whether in simpler style or with much flourish, please offer your help - speak with Fr Anthony for details.



**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**.

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

**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.

### At our Parish Masses, Sat/Sun 3/4 November

we will remember

### Our Deceased Relatives, Friends & Parishioners

This and the next two weekends, any who wish may add names of their Faithful Departed to marked Sheets in our Church Entrances, to form a Book of Remembrance for each Church. These will be placed by our Parish Prayer Trees, through November.

*Note: this is separate to the November Faithful Departed Mass Intentions, to be taken soon.*

*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 10 Nov**, 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

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

Unlike the other Channel Islands, Jersey incorporates a red saltire (diagonal) cross. It has variously been argued as a deviation on the crosses of St Andrew (blue) or St George (upright), or to be the cross of St Patrick (red saltire), but there are also arguments against each of these.

*From around 1450, two crossed keys began to appear in Papal Coats of arms - in which colours and as a reminder of what?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!



A Glaswegian tells how one winter's night, the attractive girl sitting beside him in the bus was obviously feeling the cold, so she closed the window above her. A moment later the person behind her opened it. A few moments later she closed it. This happened a few more times, until she turned round and demanded in exasperation, 'What do you think you are playing at?' The young man replied with a grin, 'Draughts - it's your move.'

## Parish Monies

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

Loose        £229.34  
Envelopes   £471.41

## Collections, etc

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

## THE GOD WHO COMES

Love is personal, and is strong and tenacious only if it is personal.

You cannot say 'I love Christ present in the assembly of the brothers', if you do not first love Christ Himself as person, as son.

It is certain that the mystical Christ which is the Church, is to be loved in His mysterious presence in the people of God, but, there also exists the person of Christ, who must be loved passionately.

There also exists the person of the Holy Spirit who must be loved personally with all your strength, with all your heart, with all your self.

And that is what the first commandment means.

But we are coming to the doing and the giving and the speaking out that preoccupy men in the Church today, and we ask, "What must I do?", "What must I give?", "What must I speak?"

Have you not realised that we do many useless things? That we give lifeless things? That we say things which nobody listens to?

If I counted up all the hours consumed by Church organisations and futile meetings, I should almost reach infinity.

And what are we to say of the infinite boredom provoked in the assembled people of God by those who speak without conviction, without authenticity, without prophecy?

Where can I get conviction, if not in prolonged prayer? Where can I get authenticity, if not in my personal experience of God?

Where can I get prophecy, if not the true giver of every prophecy, God Himself?

I know that if I do not pray, I am deaf, I am dumb, I am incapable of saying anything valid.

I know that if I do not seek the personal love of God, I am faltering and weak in my actions.

I know that if I do not contemplate, I am without prophecy, without heaven, without newness.

God has always revealed Himself to me as 'newness', as He who is eternally new and able to renew things. Well, it is only in the contemplation of His face that I am able to find the right word to say to my brothers. They are seeking the word of prophecy which will help them enter the kingdom.

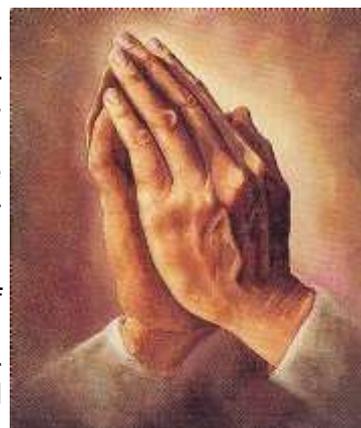
That word is possessed only by God, and God gives it to whoever is searching for it, not to someone who says he has no time to stay with Him.

Saying 'I've no time to pray, I've so much to do' is like saying 'I don't know God, but want to speak to Him. I've lost sight of Him, but want to show you where He is to be found.'

These things happen but they are not logical, they give witness to our lack of logic. There is something greater, more abysmal than our lack of logic dealing with God.

Try to think about it.

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto



**Please Keep  
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**  
Ronald Anthony McCombe, and his 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 28**

**Gospel: Mark 10:17-30**

This exchange between Jesus and the rich man is often read with Matthew's parallel in mind, where Jesus tells the young man to sell his possessions 'if you would be perfect'. There are no such phrases in Mark's story. The questioner has reached a certain age, for he has kept the commandments 'from my earliest days'. He is in the full flush of wealth, and getting rid of his riches is not a mere counsel of perfection for this particular man. Jesus is stressing the danger of possessions for everyone. It is a curious fact that for many people, the more they have, the more they want. Conversely, the less people have, the more generous they can be drawn to be, knowing the value of other needy people because of the little they have. It is not merely that we need to be free of the preoccupations and distractions of wealth. Wealth can be a good preoccupation if the worry comes from awareness of the responsibility it brings. Repeatedly, however, in the history of the Church, from St. Anthony of the Desert, St. Francis of Assisi and others, people have interpreted these words of Jesus in this gospel in a heroic manner, and have stripped themselves of all possessions to concentrate on the Kingdom of God. God's blessing is especially on the poor.



**First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11**

Unusually, the first reading seems to pair both with the second reading and with the Gospel. It pairs with the second reading because divine Wisdom and the Word of God are similar: Each is the way in which God makes himself known to us. It pairs with the gospel reading because the author of the Book of Wisdom esteems riches as nothing and prefers Wisdom, just as the rich man in the gospel is encouraged by Jesus to prefer the following of Christ to his riches. The Book of Wisdom was written a bare half-century before the birth of Christ, at a time when all hope of a personal Messiah in the line of David seemed remote.

The only way in which God might enter into this world seemed to be by his Wisdom. Divine Wisdom is described as the 'mirror of God's active power and image of his goodness', language seeking to describe how Wisdom is in God and yet is not exactly identical with the Creator. This language will be used also by Paul and John to describe the incarnation of the Word of God.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13**

The Word of God can in this reading be understood on two levels. The Word of God is on one level the Sacred Scriptures which penetrate the human soul. That is why we need to read the scriptures to come to know the ways of God. By a prayerful reading we can come to understand the world and even ourselves as God sees them, gradually growing in understanding of his will for us, and so how each of us personally can be penetrated by the Spirit of God and grow closer to the Lord. The author of the Letter is inviting readers to reflect on the psalm which speaks of the 'place of rest' for the People of God, and to understand that their arrival in Canaan after their wanderings in the desert was not the final 'place of rest' designed for them by God; they are still on pilgrimage. But the Word of God can also be understood as the Word which became flesh. Jesus is the Word of God become flesh, the image of his goodness, by which we can come to know God. The two senses of Word are combined in the glorious vision, at the beginning at the Book of Revelation, of the Risen Christ, the Lord of the Church, from whose mouth issues a two-edged sword, by which he judges the world.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 29**

1st Reading : Isaiah 53:10-11  
2nd Reading Hebrews 4:14-16  
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter Week 4**

**Sun + Seasonal Proper**

**Mon + Proper of Saints**

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

**Wed + Proper of Saints**

**Thu Proper of Saints**

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

**Sat Week 4**

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon** St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doc. of Ch

**Tue** St. Hedwig, Religious /

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

**Wed** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

**Thu** ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

**Fri** Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues priests &

Comp Martyrs / St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

**Sat**