



# 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 29, 20/21 October 2018

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<b>Saturday</b> 20 October	6.00pm Mass	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
Monday 22 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ronny McCombe
Tuesday 23 October	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 4.30pm <i>Receive Body</i>	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Joseph's	Donor's Intention (AG) Ronald Anthony McCombe
Wednesday 24 October	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 11.00am <i>Funeral Mass</i> 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ronald Anthony McCombe Paul Harratt
Thursday 25 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Yorkshire Brethren
Friday 26 October	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
<b>Saturday</b> 27 October	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Anthony Tighe & Family
<b>Sunday</b> 28 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Billy & Betty Finn Ron & Clare Ventom

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

**At our Parish Masses, Saturday/Sunday 3/4 November**  
we will remember

***Our Deceased Relatives, Friends & Parishioners***

This and next weekend, 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.*

**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

In prayer, we do well to be aware of the danger of 'fundamentalism'. It is a temptation that recurs in every age of religious history and in every creed. I use the word 'temptation' because it attracts us under the guise of being good. Fundamentalism professes an ardent faith and a burning zeal for the living God and his place in our lives. But it interprets this God in a way that makes him more predictable and manageable. It puts its faith in a God of its own designing. This can be prompted by cravings for security and certainty. As a response to feelings of insecurity, it manifests itself strongly in times of change, recession and deprivation. We should not be surprised that recent times have seen a strong, universal upsurge of this phenomenon. Our age offers a receptive climate: upheavals in religious thinking, rapid technological development, wars, terrorism, medical experimentation, fears about our environment - often happening without any real accompanying moral sensitivity. Such issues foster a sense of insecurity and helplessness. More than ever we need some rock to cling to, some fortress where we will feel safe.



A fundamentalist finds a hiding-place in religion, in a relationship with God, but with a God they can cope with, can understand and predict. The fundamentalist tends to oppose developments in religious thinking or an exploration of the mystery of God. It is too threatening. God must be interpreted in a manageable and predictable way. But how can the infinite Mystery become more manageable? One way is to equate God with some partial revelation of himself or his wishes. God reveals himself in many ways. For religious people he is revealed in his laws, in the Bible, in a community of believers called the Church. The fundamentalist is always tempted to make a God of law, or of Bible, or of Church. The law of God, the word of God, the community of God, are all sacred, precious gifts to be loved, but they cannot take the place of God. They must always lead us past themselves, into the mystery of God who is love, in whose image we are created, and whose being we are to reveal to all by loving each other. The fundamentalist temptation is to substitute one of these elements for God himself. They are all more manageable than God in his wholeness!

*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.

**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.



**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 the Diocese

Several jobs in management and administration need to be filled at our Diocesan Hinsley Hall Conference Centre and also at Catholic Care (all in Leeds). See - People - Vacancies - at [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk), for details.

### Parish Christmas Fayre - Saturday 24 November

Are you working on those hand-crafted goods that make for Christmassy stalls?  
Knitters, sewers, cabinet makers, and all our arty-crafty, do busy yourselves now, please!



**Also needed**, goods for the **M&S Hamper**. Festive items (& general: eg pkts/tins of tea, coffee, biscuits), but please check for longer sell-by dates.

### The Bench Kneeler Cushions

at our St Joseph's Church, as many are aware, are in stages of disintegration. The benches have one or two kneelers, depending on length, with 72 kneelers in all. It will cost £20 per kneeler, to re-cushion. The work will be undertaken during the next weeks and donations of £20 (or more or less, as individuals might afford) would be much welcome. Donations can be given in cash, in an envelope marked 'Kneeler' and returned in the offertory basket, or direct to Fr Anthony. Any cheques, please, are payable to 'Sacred Heart Parish, Hemsworth'.

*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 17 Nov**, 10.00-12.00am

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

The crossed keys, in Papal Coats of Arms, remind of Jesus saying to the first Pope, St Peter, 'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. The key *argent* (silver) is for the earth, and the key *or* (gold) is for heaven.



*It could well be that most of the apostles were not married when Jesus called them and did not later marry.*

*But which apostle is stated, in the Gospels, to be married?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A man reading about an 'Eat all you want' diet, said to a friend, 'I knew there would be a catch, You have to jog seventy miles a day!'



## Parish Monies

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

Loose	£261.11
Envelopes	£462.52
Education/Youth	£122.32

## Collections, etc

**Much Grateful Thanks** have been received from the 'Good Shepherd Sales' of carved olive wood. They took £500 over the weekend they were with us.

## THE GOD WHO COMES

*You are Peter and on this rock..... (Matt. 16:17)*



How baffling you are, oh Church, and yet how I love you!

How you have made me suffer, and yet how much I owe you!

I should like to see you destroyed, and yet I need your presence.

You have given me so much scandal and yet you have made me understand sanctity.

I have seen nothing in the world more devoted to obscurity, more compromised, more false, and I have touched nothing more pure, more generous, more beautiful. How often I have wanted to shut the doors of my soul in your face, and how often I have prayed to die in the safety of your arms.

No, I cannot free myself from you, because I am you, although not completely.

And where should I go?

To build myself another church?

But I could build one only with the same defects, because they are mine, defects which I have inside myself. And if I build one, it would be my church, no longer the Church of Christ.

I am old enough to understand that I am no better than other people.

The day before yesterday a friend wrote a letter to a newspaper saying, 'I am leaving the Church because, with the compromises she makes with the rich, I cannot believe in her.'

It makes me unhappy.

Either he is sentimental and lacks experience, which I can forgive him; or else he is proud and believes he is better than other men, more credible than they are.

No one of us is credible so long as he is on this earth.

St. Francis cried out: "You believe I am a saint, but you do not know I could still have children by a prostitute if Christ did not sustain me".

Credibility does not belong to men, only to God and to Christ.

Only weakness belongs to man—and maybe good intentions of carrying out some good work, aided by the grace pouring out from the invisible veins of the visible Church.

Perhaps the Church of yesterday was better than that of today? Perhaps the Church of Jerusalem was more credible than the Christian churches today?.....

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 29**

**Gospel: Mark 10:35-45**

Three times in Mark's gospel Jesus formally tells his disciples about his coming Passion, and each time they seem entirely deaf to it. So each time Jesus counters their misunderstanding by repeating the need for a disciple to follow him in suffering. Today's reading begins just after the third prophecy, and—true to form—the sons of Zebedee reply with a request for the best seats at the banquet of the Kingdom! Matthew in his gospel spares the two disciples by putting the request in their poor mother's mouth; only in a second exchange with Jesus do they woodenly accept to share Jesus' 'cup' and 'baptism'. Do they really know what they are accepting, or do they just blithely agree and answer 'yes' to Jesus' question about sharing the same 'cup' as their 'Master'? The indignation of the other disciples prompts Jesus to deliver his clearest statement in words that authority in the Church should be regarded as service. His clearest statement in action about service is the smelly business of washing the travel-gnarled feet of his disciples at his last meal with them.

**First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11**

The whole of this Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant is read at the liturgy of Good Friday. Today we have only a part, but enough to show that the servant's suffering somehow fulfils God's purposes: it brings glory to the Servant and salvation to others. We do not know who the servant, originally envisaged by the author, was: perhaps the prophet himself or perhaps the people of Israel suffering in exile in Babylon. But in Christ we can see a further meaning in this reading. We know from Jesus' own sayings that he saw himself as the complete fulfilment of these poems: 'The Son of man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many'. He saw his life as one of service and of perfect obedience to the Lord, his Father. He saw his task to be the establishment of the Kingship of God on earth, which



would bring salvation to all, and that opposition to this Kingship would bring his suffering and eventually death. This selfless obedience of Jesus would undo the stubborn disobedience of all hu-manity, symbolised by the sin of Adam. It would bring to completion the Lord's designs for the world and for all creation.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16**

The Letter to the Hebrews contrasts the supreme High Priest with the transient high priests of Judaism. In order to bring humanity to perfection, Jesus had to share completely in our humanity. He was 'tempted in every way that we are': temptations to anger, to intolerance, to regard others as inferior. He was 'capable of feeling our weaknesses': fear, frustration, laziness, boredom. In the gospels a few of these 'weaknesses' are mentioned: his exhaustion at the well in Samaria, his grief at the death of his friend Lazarus. But, as he had a very human personality, he must have suffered the fears and incomprehension of childhood, the frustrations of adolescence, as well as the more complex troubles and sorrows of adulthood, not to mention temptations arising from the unremitting opposition of those who rejected him—all under the overarching passion for his Father and his kingship. All this would have enriched his personality still further, until he offered the whole of his humanity in obedience to his Father's designs. Just as martyrdom is the crown of a life of Christian fidelity, so Jesus' final sacrifice was the crown of a life of love, obedience and generosity.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 30**

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9  
2nd Reading Hebrews 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter Week 1**

**Sun + Seasonal Proper**

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

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

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

**Thu** Week 1

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

**Sat** Week 1

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon** St. John Paul II, Pope

**Tue** St. John Capistrano, Priest

**Wed** St. Anthony Claret, Bishop

**Thu**

**Fri** Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops

**Sat**