



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 30, 27/28 October 2018

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Saturday 27 October	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Anthony Tighe & Family
Sunday 28 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Billy & Betty Finn Ron & Clare Ventom
Monday 29 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ronny McCombe
Tuesday 30 October	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention
Wednesday 31 October	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention
Thursday All Saints 1 November	9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family Maidie Donovan
Friday 2 November	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (November List)
Saturday 3 November	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Gilbert Walker
Sunday 4 November	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Czeslawa Staszczyk Sarah, Billy & Will Kelly

This Thursday, 1 November, is the Feast of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation
Please see Mass times above. Note also: no Mass on Wednesday evening

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

Our Deceased Relatives, Friends & Parishioners

This 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

Law is a favourite 'god' of the fundamentalist. We can understand law. It is clear-cut. It tells us what to do, how to please God. If we know what we have to do, and we do it, then we are safe before God. We can make sure of salvation. If we keep the law, God must reward us, some might think.

But we can see how this line of thought can lead us far away from the God of Jesus. Indeed, it can destroy the notion of God altogether. It destroys the sense of mystery. It leaves no place for any exploration, revelation, surprise. It is an enemy of real faith. It wants to substitute certainty for trust. It substitutes an idol for the living God and, in a subtle way, it puts us in control of 'our' God.



In the gospel, the more extreme Pharisees had become such fundamentalists. They could not cope with Jesus and the God he was claiming to reveal and the change of thought he was inviting. How could the Messiah be a friend of sinners who broke the law? How could he (as they saw it) flout respected laws and traditions? How could he do all this and claim to do it in the name of God? Jesus was too full of surprises and what, to them, seemed change. They confronted him time and again. Sometimes, in such confrontations, Jesus used very severe words. He accused them bluntly of not knowing God at all, and, worse still, of not having any love for God in their hearts.

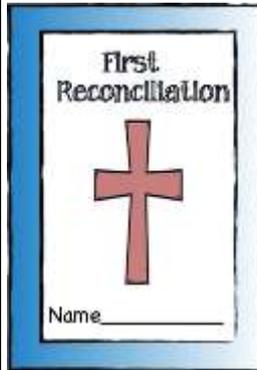
*'You study the scriptures,
believing that in them you have eternal life;
now these same scriptures testify to me,
and yet you refuse to come to me for life!
Besides, I know you too well.
you have no love of God in you.'*
John 5 39-42



The emphasis here is that it is possible to know the scriptures and keep the law perfectly and still have no love of God in the heart. This is surely a most sobering thought, one which invites us all to reflection.

*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, by next Sunday, 4 Nov, at latest.

All Our Children of Primary School age are invited to design a picture, for use on a Card we hope to give all our Parishioners for Christmas. A prize will be given for any picture *used on the card*. The pictures must have a religious/nativity theme (no Santas or reindeers), should be on A4 white paper, may be coloured or line drawings, and must be returned no later than **Sun 18 Nov** (and please do not fold). Also, write on the back your name, age, which of our Churches you mostly come to, and an email or telephone number. The pictures may be handed to Janet Ward, Stephanie Knowles, Hazel Duffield, or Elizabeth Smith. Parishioners will be invited to have their names added to this card: details soon.

Seniors Group Meets weekly on **Wednesdays**, in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 2-3.30pm. All aged 55+, both males and females, most welcome.

& In the Diocese

Several jobs in management and administration need to be filled at our Diocesan Hinsley Hall Conference Centre (in Leeds). See 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 is costing £20 per kneeler, to re-cushion. The work has begun and donations of £20 (or more/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, are payable to 'Sacred Heart Parish, Hemsworth', please.

*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?



Matthew, Mark and Luke, in their gospels, each refer to Jesus curing the mother-in-law of Simon (Peter), when she was ill. We can thus be sure that Saint Peter was married, probably when Jesus called

him to be an apostle, or certainly soon after.

We normally refer to the twelve apostles, but it might be argued that there were, in fact, fourteen. Who would be the two additions?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A delightful cartoon depicts Adam and Eve being expelled from the garden. Adam is saying to Eve, "If you hadn't insisted on me having my vitamin C."



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£286.42
Envelopes	£448.50
Sep Bank Orders	£1086.00

Collections, etc

Many Thanks to those who gave over their unused spectacles which will now be sent to various areas of the developing world, for re-use.

Note: this collection closes, this weekend, until further notice.

THE GOD WHO COMES

Perhaps the Church of Jerusalem was more credible than the Christian churches today?

Paul arrived in Jerusalem, his powerful charismatic message carrying his deep thirst for universality, and heard the word of James about the foreskins which needed to be circumcised, and saw the weakness of Peter who was loitering with the rich men of his time (sons of Abraham) and who gave scandal by dining only with the pure. Did this make him



doubt the truth of the Church, which Christ had founded so fresh, or make him go off and found another at Antioch or Tarsus?

Catherine of Siena saw that the pope was mixing—and how he was mixing—in the dirty politics against her city, the city of her heart. Did she think up the idea of going to the Siennese hills, transparent as the heavens, and making another church more transparent than the Roman one, which was so murky, so full of sins, so caught up in politics?

No, I do not believe so, because both Paul and Catherine knew how to distinguish between the persons who form the church, "the personnel of the Church", as Maritain says, and this human society called Church, which unlike all other human groups has received from God a supernatural, holy, immaculate, pure, unailing, infallible personality, loved as the bride of Christ and worthy of being loved by me as a sweet mother.

Here is the mystery of the Church of Christ, a true, impenetrable mystery.

She has the power to give me holiness, yet she is made up, all the way through, of sinners—and what sinners!

She has the omnipotent and invincible faith to renew the Eucharist, yet she is made up of weak men groping in the darkness and fighting daily against the temptation of losing their faith.

She carries a message of pure transparency, yet she is incarnate in a mess of dirt, which is the dirt of the world.

She speaks of the sweetness of the Master, of his nonviolence, yet in history she has sent armies to disembowel infidels and to torture heretics.

She carries a message of evangelical poverty yet she often seeks gifts and alliances with the powerful.

We have only to read of the Inquisition trial of St. Joan of Arc to convince ourselves that Stalin was not the first to falsify charges and corrupt the judges.

We have only to consider what the innocent Galileo was made to sign under threats to be convinced that the men of the Church, the personnel of the Church, although they make up the Church, are often evil men and fallible personnel, capable of making errors as great as the earth's path round the sun.....

From the God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**



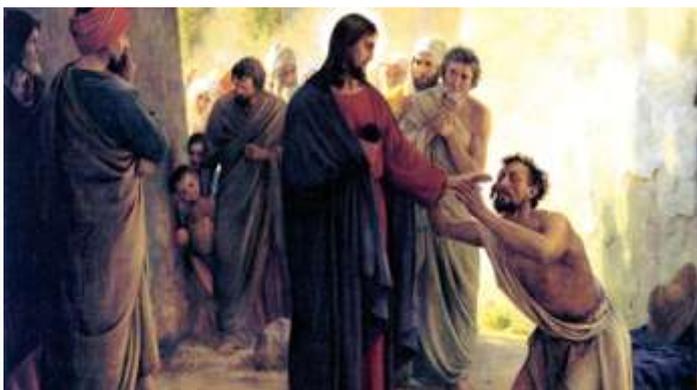
Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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 30

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

There are several remarkable things about this story. Firstly, the scene is just when Jesus is leaving Jericho. Jericho is about three hours' walk from Jerusalem, up a great rocky canyon. When you leave Jericho you know you are just about coming to Jerusalem. It is the last village on the way, and (as we heard in last week's gospel) the excitement of what is to happen in Jerusalem (the great revelation of Jesus' glory at the Passion) is already upon those who are journeying with him; the cured beggar dances on the way with them. Secondly, the beggar is the only person in Mark to call Jesus "Son of David", drawing attention to Jesus' messianic ancestry and preparing for his messianic entry into Jerusalem. Thirdly, in Mark Jesus says 'Your faith has cured you' only twice. The first time was to the woman with a haemorrhage, who had shown her faith with great courage by daring to touch Jesus' garment in the crowd. Now Bartimaeus shows the same stubborn courage in carrying out shouting despite the attempts to silence him. So both these people show with their courage that they really do put their trust in Jesus and are confident that he will help them. If our faith is to save us, it needs to be real, courageous and stubborn. Lukewarm, tentative faith is not enough.



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The most remarkable feature of this prophecy of Jeremiah is that Jeremiah spoke it when the destruction of Jerusalem was certain. The city was about to collapse and its

inhabitants were to be dragged into captivity across the desert on meat-hooks. Yet Jeremiah proclaims that the Lord has saved his people! Destruction is so certain that Jeremiah can speak of it in the perfect tense: it has virtually already happened. In the midst of disaster he declares that the Lord is a father to Israel, and Israel his cherished first-born son! Even the blind (pointing us to the gospel miracle) and the lame will be gathered in. They will have to wait for the final fulfilment, but this promise remains a beacon of hope for them. There are times in everyone's life when everything goes wrong and seemingly irremediable disaster strikes. In those dark moments we know that the same promise holds for us. In the Spirit we can still cry out 'Abba, Father'. The household of the Lord is a Church composed entirely of first-born sons—and daughters: according to the Law of Israel only sons had a right of inheritance, so even the daughters of the Church are rightly described as first-born 'sons'!

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

'He can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain'. To single out these two characteristics and to grant that Jesus could be uncertain or ignorant is a bold assertion about Jesus' full humanity. Yet ignorance and the ability to learn is a condition of humanity: the child Jesus must have learnt how to deal with fire ad knives and other dangers, and there is no way of learning which is better than initially getting it wrong. Similarly uncertainty is a crucial human condition: it is at once an openness to learning and a reminder of humility. The two unique elements of Jesus' priesthood are total ability to sympathise with us, and his unmediated link to his Father. These make his priesthood (his representation on our behalf to the Father and his wholehearted offering of himself in obedience to the Father) far more immediate than any formal priesthood (such as of the priestly line of Aaron) could ever be.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

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1st Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

2nd Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 2

Tue Week 2

Wed Week 2

Thu Proper of Saints

Fri Proper of Saints + Office for the Dead

Sat

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu **ALL SAINTS**

Fri ALL SOULS (Faithful Departed)

Sat St. Martin de Porres, Religious /

St Winefride, Virgin