



# 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 32, 10/11 November 2018

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<b>Saturday</b> 10 November	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Eileen Pickering
<b>Sunday</b> 11 November	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 3.15pm Mass in Polish	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Joe Sankey
Monday 12 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Tuesday 13 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 14 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Thursday 15 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Friday 16 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
<b>Saturday</b> 17 November	No Exposition today 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Michael Liffey
<b>Sunday</b> 18 November	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Paul & Norman Duffield, Bill Wagstaff

This weekend, we welcome Fr Sean Durcan, with us to celebrate each of our Parish Masses

This week, Fr Anthony will also celebrate Masses for:  
Dennis Garner & John Winn, Ronny McCombe, Parish Family

### November Faithful Departed

Envelopes, for Masses, are available in our Church Entrances, or you may use your own envelope (but please write on *November Faithful Departed*). These may be returned via the Offertory Basket.

Masses will be celebrated, through the year, for the various families/friends listed in/on each envelope and all listed will be included in a monthly Mass for the Faithful Departed.

It is usual for those who can afford it to include a donation.

**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 his Last Judgment parable, Jesus suggests his kingdom will be full of surprises.

*'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you .....I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink' .....The righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ..... And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ..... you did it to me.'* (see Matthew 25:31-46)

Fundamentalists want the security of certainty and fear the 'insecurity' of faith, But true faith has some risk, ambiguity and unanswered questions, though still, at a deep level there is peace and a 'certainty' that the ultimate reality is love, despite so many apparent contradictions. In faith there is simultaneous awareness of my sinfulness and of my being accepted in that state by a beauty and love infinitely transcending myself. This is the start of salvation, a process which will develop throughout my life of joy and sorrow, tears and laughter. God is patient in this process, infinitely patient in waiting for us to grow. The Pharisee and his modern fundamentalist counterpart do not have the same patience with their fellows. They want to separate the weeds from the wheat now. God says,

*'No, because when you pull out the weeds, you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest.'* (Matthew 13:29).

Elsewhere Jesus says his Father is the gardener. Weeding out is best left to the skilled and loving gardener who will have the discerning eye and the gentle touch.

Faith, our religion, is not a fortress where we can safely hide and be protected from life's changes, ambiguities and challenges. Our faith is a going

forth, a journey, an exodus, a summons to walk with the living, saving God who will be our shield on the journey. Sometimes that journey will take us through the desert, when we may wonder if we are walking alone, or feel that perhaps we are lost. But if we keep trust, our God will provide water and guide our steps in the safe path. We walk with the God of Jesus. This God is mystery, but the mystery is love. The mystery is the loving Father of Jesus - who is our Father too.

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



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**Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 24 November in our Sacred Heart Hall, starting 10.00am**

Boxes await quality gifts at both of our Churches.

We much need helpers for the stalls - and/or help to set up - and/or to clear up after.

Please see lists in our Church entrances.



**Also needed, goods for the M&S Hamper.** Festive and also general items (such as pkts/tins of tea, coffee, biscuits), but please check sell by dates. Also wanted - **a lotta bottles** - full, of course.

**Santa's coming: be sure you come, too.** And bring Family, Friends, and all others you can.

## Things happening in our Parish

**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..

**Send your Christmas Greeting** to all our Parish Family and also help raise funds for *Inn Churches (Bradford & Calderdale Catholic and other churches assisting the Homeless)*. Write on an envelope *Christmas Card* and add your Family name (Christian name/s, too, if you wish) - add at least £2 as a donation - put the envelope in the offertory basket at any of our Weekend Masses, by no later than **Sun 25 Nov**. Your name/s will then be listed on a Parish Card, available to all of our Parish Families, on the last two weekends before Christmas.

As usual, monies hereby raised will be added to our Advent Project, for the same cause: more details soon

**Please Note** If Fr Anthony is away, be it a day or several days, it is important that requests for funerals, at either of our Churches, go via our Sacred Heart Presbytery. Daily checks are made for messages and arrangements are in place to assist Funeral Directors and, importantly, to avoid a double booking of either priests or Churches.



*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 8 Dec**, 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

*First Reconciliation* Any parents who wish eligible children (school year 3 or above) to join our Parish Programme, to prepare for their First Reconciliation in 2019, and who have not completed an application form, should obtain a form from Fr Anthony, after a weekend Mass, and return the completed form direct to him, *as soon as possible*.

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

## Parish Monies

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

Loose	£272.85
Envelopes	£411.10
SJ Kneelers	£125.00

## Collections, etc

**Next Weekend** Retiring Collection after each of our Masses, to help fund our Leeds Diocese Mission in Peru.

## THE GOD WHO COMES

I remember the words of Jesus: ‘ “If you want to avoid judgement, stop passing judgement. Your verdict on others will be the verdict passed on you. The measure with which you measure will be used to measure you” (Matt. 7:1-2)

No, there is nothing wrong about debating the Church when we love her; it is wrong to debate her as outsiders, like a pure elite. No, it is not wrong to debate sin and the ugly things we see; it is wrong to pin them on to others and believe ourselves innocent, poor and meek.

That is wrong.

Today people say, “The Church must be credible”; this statement lends itself to endless discussion.

Credible to whom? To someone who does not even believe in God? Impossible! The Church is incomprehensible to anyone looking at her through a window.

To someone who does not believe in Christ? Absurd! The mystery of the Church is the same as the mystery of Jesus. If one does not believe in the one, he cannot believe in the other.

To someone who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? Well then, yes.

The Church is credible to those who believe in Jesus, because it is His own Church, His own continuation, His own fullness.

But the reasons for credibility are not the virtues of bishops not the goodness of Christians not the political positions Christians assume. The Church’s credibility is in the fact that, notwithstanding two thousand years of sins committed by her personnel, she has preserved the faith, that this morning I saw one of her priests say over the bread, “This is my Body”, and I received the Holy Communion of my master, the Lord Jesus.

Her credibility is in the fact that, ourselves notwithstanding, after twenty centuries of struggle, division, temptation, we are still a living body, and a society of prayer and grace, that today we feel as dramatic reality and authentic, anchorage those words of Jesus: “the jaws of death shall not prevail against it” (Matt. 16:18)

The reason for credibility is that the passion of Christ continues here on earth through His saints, through His martyrs, through Christians who, although imperfect, really love Christ and are united to Him, and are one with Him. And they find in this mystery of the Church the only environment able to preserve the divine master and hear Him live through His words.

This is a mystery; it is a fact.

I accept the fact that the reality of the Church, the person of the Church, is wrapped round, like the Eucharist, in a veil of shadows which can only be reached by faith. But today I feel I must say what Peter said after the speech of Jesus on the bread of life—a speech which had thrown everyone into crisis and caused several to leave the group. This I must direct towards the Church, my Church, the Church of Paul VI: “Lord. To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68)

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

Paul wrote two letters to Timothy and one to Titus, whom he had left to lead the Churches in Ephesus and Crete, respectively. The shortest of his letters was addressed to Philemon, along with Apphia and Archippus.

*The letter to Philemon had a very specific request. What was the request and to whom did it refer?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Trying to start a discussion on the topic of friction, the science lecturer asked the class, ‘Does anyone know what keeps the cork in a wine bottle?’ ‘Self control’ replied one student.