



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

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

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Saturday 17 November	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Michael Liffey
Sunday 18 November	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Paul & Norman Duffield, Bill Wagstaff
Monday 19 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Tuesday 20 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 21 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Thursday 22 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Friday 23 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Saturday 24 November	<i>No Exposition today</i> 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Thanksgiving (CMD)
Sunday 25 November	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ron Cockroft Charlie Oakley

This weekend, we thank Fr Sean Durcan, for celebrating with us our recent Parish Masses

This week, Fr Anthony will also celebrate Masses for:
Our Parish Family, Donor's Intentions (3)

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

Our faith is not a refuge where we hide from the challenges of life. Faith calls us to be pilgrims, to journey, to explore. Where do we journey, where do we explore? You could say we set out like Abraham, our father in faith. All the Lord said to him was 'Leave your country for the land I will show you' (Gen 12:1). Abraham trusted his word, pulled up his tents and set out for an unknown place. Where does our journey lead? We could say it as a journey into love, into mystery, into God. Now every journey of exploration involves leaving behind familiar places and situations. This can scare us. The journey into love can be particularly frightening because love knows no boundaries; it asks everything of us; it invites us even to lose our lives. The great commandment of love is more demanding than any code of law. But the one who calls us on the journey promises to be with us. He even describes himself as 'the Way'. If we trust him, we will begin to see that love asks all only because it first gives all. We don't pay enough attention to this. We are asked to love each other unconditionally because that's how we are loved by God. There's enough love to go round! 'The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us' (Rom 5:5).



Journey and exploration lead us to the unknown. They involve risk and a kind of insecurity that can frighten us. We need not be ashamed to admit this fear. It is not wrong to want security and feel fearful about the

unknown. But we must not allow this fear to paralyse us. If this happens, it could lead us to resist all change and growth. It could tempt us to settle down where we are and cease to explore, or cut us off from the inexhaustible riches of the mystery of God, revealed in Jesus Christ. Jesus said that if a seed were to resist the risky process of entering the earth and dying there, it would remain alone, a poor, dry little object depriving the world of the beauty and fruit it had to offer (Jn 12:24). Jesus also described how a number of people were given talents by their Lord to use in his service. One servant considered his Lord to be a hard master and, fearing to take any risk in using or investing the talent he was given, he buried it in the ground. When the Lord returned from his travels, the servant dug up the talent and brought it to his master. For this he was rebuked. (Mtt 25:14-30)

From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.22) (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. Much 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

Christmas Scenes If any of our Children have drawn a picture, for our Parish Christmas Card, but not given it in, please note that it must be given in by **this Sun 18 Nov**. Be sure to put on the back your name, age, which of our Churches you mostly come to, and a telephone number or email. Please hand pictures 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 the *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

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 21 Nov**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or to join them, please have a word with any present Member.

First Reconciliation If Parents of any Children who are eligible to prepare for their First Confession (school year 3 or older), have not yet applied, they need to do so by early December. Fr Anthony will have application forms at each of our Masses, **next weekend, 24/25 Nov**.

Parish Council is to next meet **Thu 6 Dec**, 7.00pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. Please give items for the Agenda to Janet Ward, Elizabeth Smith, or Fr Anthony by **Sun 2 Dec**, at the latest.

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.