



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 24 November	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
Monday 26 November	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Tuesday 27 November	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention (AG)
Wednesday 28 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Sandra Stevens
Thursday 29 November	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Ronny McCombe
Friday 30 November	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Saturday 1 December	<i>No Exposition today</i> 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Catherine Wilson
Sunday 2 December	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd King Family Maidie Donovan

Between both of our Masses next Sunday, 2 December, we will be celebrating
The First Communion of twenty four of our Children
Please keep them and their families in prayer.

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

God is Abba, the loving, caring Father concerned about the smallest details of our lives. Jesus walked joyfully with this God in his pilgrimage and invites us to do the same. He assures us that this very God, his Father, is our God and Father too. This was the good news he brought us. His greatest joy was to reveal to us the true nature of his Father. One of the most beautiful revelations of the Father given by Jesus is found in the story of the Prodigal Son. Jesus was moved to tell this story when he heard the Scribes and Pharisees complaining that he was too friendly with sinners.

In the story, the younger son rather demands his inheritance, moves a long way from home and squanders his money on a life of debauchery. But when he returns home, sad and remorseful, and his Father and friends celebrate his return, Jesus tells us, 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come", said the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in.'

When his Father went to plead with him to come in, the boy answered, 'Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your order, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening'.

These words reveal a sad, bitter and unloving heart. The boy stayed at home and worked hard, but clearly had no joy in his work and no warmth in his relationship with his father. His brother had



moved very far away from his father, yet still, in a very real sense his heart had not left his Father, and so he dared to return and as they met he addressed him as 'Father'. The older boy had not left home, but a distance had come between him and his Father. He addressed his Father as 'you' and distanced himself from his brother as he said 'this son of yours', not 'my brother'. Then, such resentment is packed into the word 'slaved'. He does not say I 'worked' for you, but I 'slaved'. It might be observed that we complain about work only when it gives us no sense of joy or reward.

*From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.22) (abbreviated) -
by Robert Kelly, SJ*

Many Thanks to all who in any way contributed to our *Christmas Fayre*, this weekend. It required much hard work and time in the setting-up, running of, and clearing-up, as well as the making, gathering and donation of the many items for the stalls, for which we are all grateful.

Further details will be included in next week's Bulletin, but meanwhile, Grand Draw winners will be listed on the notice boards at both of our Churches, after the draw following this Sunday's 10.45am Mass. For prizes not then claimed, please contact Fr Anthony, with the winning ticket.



Things happening in our Parish

Parish Christmas Card Remember that if you wish to join in with this year's Card, to send your Christmas greetings to all of our Parish Family, your details must be returned by this **Sun 25 Nov** at the latest. To join in - write *Christmas Card* on an envelope and add your Family name (and Christian name/s if you wish) - put in a minimum donation of £2 - return the envelope via the offertory collection basket this weekend, or put it through our Sacred Heart Presbytery letter box.

The money hereby raised will be added to our Advent Project, for *Inn Churches* (see below).

First Reconciliation If Parents of any Children who are eligible to prepare for their First Confession (Baptised Catholics now in school year 3 or above), have not yet applied, they need to return an application form within the next week or so. Application forms can be got from Fr Anthony after our Masses, this and next weekend, and should be returned direct to him.

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.

Our Advent Appeal is to help *Inn Churches*, a charity involving Catholic and other churches, through Bradford and Calderdale. Their purpose is to provide some care for the homeless (rough sleepers), during the winter. Churches take a week each, to provide two meals and overnight accommodation (in such as Parish Halls). Hereabouts there are rough sleepers, but the cities and large towns are a much greater attraction, because of a wider range of options.

*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 meet for the First Communion Day Rehearsals on **Sat 1 Dec**,

at St Joseph's, 9.30-10.30am
at Sacred Heart, 11.00-12.00am

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, *by early December*.

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

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£
Envelopes	£
Peru Mission	£

Collections, etc

Next Weekend and each weekend of Advent, Retiring Collection after each of our Masses, for our Advent Appeal.

THE GOD WHO COMES

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

In his New Testament letter, Jude refers to himself as 'servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James'. He is unlikely to be Jude the apostle, however, as in verse 17 he clearly speaks as someone who is not one of the apostles.

Apart from Paul, which other Apostles wrote letters that are included in the New Testament as we know it?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

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, Feast of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Universal King

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Advent, Sunday 1

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