



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 5 January	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Ivy Bell
Sunday 6 January	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Peter Gee Mrs E Wileman
Monday 7 January	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 11.45am <i>Funeral Service</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (November List) Antony Scott
Tuesday 8 January	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention
Wednesday 9 January	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Mark, Christopher & Derek Jones
Thursday 10 January	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Intentions Kennedy Family
Friday 11 January	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday 12 January	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Bill & Gladys Tyrell
Sunday 13 January	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 3.15pm <i>Mass in Polish</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Stanislaus & Margaret Czajko Parish Family

At this Sunday's 10.45 am Mass, prior to his up-coming Baptism, we present and pray for Callum James Luk, son of Simon and Emily Luk



Baptism Thanksgiving & Blessing of Children
9.00am and 10.45am Masses
Sunday 13 January

All with children, whether they were baptised in our or another parish,
are especially invited to share in this Blessing



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 Saviour is born; so let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.



In the fullness of time, chosen in the bottomless depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

So at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy; *Glory to God in the highest*. They proclaim *peace to men of good will* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvellous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and *when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ*, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

From a Christmas Sermon of St Leo the Great, Pope

Things happening in our Parish

Prayer Group Meets weekly on **Mondays**, 7-8.00pm, at 40 Wood Street, South Hiendley. All very welcome.

Please note that our First Reconciliation Programme is about to begin. It is a full and tightly timed Programme, and once begun we are not able to take new starters. If any parents have not returned an application form but wish their child to join the Programme, they will need to attend the Meeting for Parents this Thursday (see pg 3), but should also contact Fr Anthony before then.

Open Heart Memory Cafe Especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their family, friends and carers. Next gathering in our Sacred Heart Hall, this **Fri 11 Jan**, 10.00-12.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome.

Faithful Departed The list of Names, given during last November for commemorative Masses, is displayed by the Prayer Trees at both of our Churches. During coming months an individual Mass will be celebrated for each offering returned and all those listed will be remembered in a monthly Mass.

All Names listed were carefully checked against the information given, but if any errors are spotted, please inform Fr Anthony by 27 Jan. If you gave a donation but cannot find your intended names listed, again, please inform Fr Anthony.

Seniors Group Meets weekly on **Wednesdays**, in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 2-3.30pm. All aged 55+, both males and females, most welcome. Chat, refreshments, entertainments, all the order of the day. **But note:** the next meeting will be **16 Jan**.

Settlement Scheme EU Citizens who wish to remain in the United Kingdom, after Brexit takes full effect, should be aware that they will need to apply to HM Home Office, if they wish to be sure they can remain. There is a letter on our Church notice boards, on behalf of the Bishops of England and Wales, regarding this. Details about how to apply, conditions, and costs can be found online at: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families.

Our Parish Prayer Trees are for any to use. If you have an intention you wish us to pray for, write it on one of the cards provided and hang it on the Prayer Tree, where it will remain for four weeks. If the need continues, after four weeks write another card and again hang it on the Prayer Tree. About monthly on Sundays and weekly on weekdays, the intentions listed on our Prayer Trees are included in the Intercessions, at our Parish Mass.



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 13 & 27 Mar**, 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 12 Jan, 9.30-11.30am

First Communion Thanksgiving Our Children, who have just received their First Eucharist, with their Families, will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass, at our Sacred Heart Church:

Sat 19 Jan, 11.00am

First Reconciliation Meeting for the *Parents* who have applied for their child to prepare for Reconciliation, in our Sacred Heart Hall:

Thu 10 Jan: 7.15-8.45pm

The first *Children's Meeting* will be in our Sacred Heart Hall:

Sat 26 Jan, 10.00-11.00am

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

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £283.84

Envelopes £323.99

Collections, etc

Next Weekend After our Masses, Door Collection to assist the poorer (mostly rural) parishes within our Diocese.

THE GOD WHO COMES

"Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest" (Matt.20:27).

Enough, Jesus, quite enough. I am in the habit of forgetting these words. I should like you to explain to me through a simple example.

"Well, read over the story of the prodigal son: I am the Father who pardons.

"If the same thing happens to you, act in the same way towards your son. It is a way of dying for one's own son."

Another parable.

"Remember what happened on the road to Jericho, when the bandits assaulted a merchant and left him half dead along the road?

"Don't act as those who shun the injured on the highway for fear of dirtying their car with blood, or of losing time. Stop and pick up your brother. It is a way of dying a little for him."

Another.

"Remember the parable of the servant whom his master had forgiven the enormous debt of ten thousand talents, and the servant himself was incapable of forgiving his friend a debt of a few dollars?

"Don't do that, You try, too, to forget your friends' debts, and so...you will learn to die a little for them.

Another one, lived by you, Jesus; a fact, not a parable.

I had chosen Judas, like all the others, for that matter. But there was something wrong. No matter how many efforts I made, he did not and could not enter into the mystery of the kingdom, the demands of the good news.

I knew that he was going to betray Me, that he was going to turn against Me. Already after the discourse at Capernaum on the Eucharist, I understood that he had set out on the road.

"And yet..."

"And yet I bore with him, like all the others as though everything were all right. I went on loving him..."

"I tell you, he himself had offered Me occasion to get rid of him. He had started stealing from the common purse. I had proof several times. A little denouncement would have been enough; he would have been arrested and I should have been free of him.

"I did not say anything to him. I believe a man must be left free in his choices all the way to the end. This is the opinion of My Father who has never blocked sinners, even when He could have. My Father is extremely sensitive to the freedom of each man....

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

In the Gospel accounts of Christ's birth there is no mention of any animals. Isaiah 1:3 could be a prophecy of at least a donkey being there and might allude to an ox also. If shepherds were there, they might have brought sheep. The Magi might then have travelled on camels. But there is no definite list of animals mentioned in the Bible.

When Jesus was baptised by John, in the river Jordan, Pontius Pilate was already Roman Governor of Judea.

Also, already high priests, at the Temple in Jerusalem, were the two who would later plead with Pilate to crucify Jesus - their names were?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!



What do you call Rudolph with lots of snow in his ears?
Anything you want, he can't hear you!

Why are Christmas trees bad knitters?
They keep losing their needles!

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently** especially
Tony Scott, Joseph Gray, and their families



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,
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year C, Feast of The Epiphany

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men with their clever knowledge of astronomy and their lavish gifts, represent all that is best in worldly values. They also have a bit of magic about them, for frankincense and myrrh were used in spells, and the word for 'wise men' can also mean 'magicians'. In this case, the Wise Men have real wisdom and its reward, and all the respect and fame due to 'magus' and yet they lay it all at Jesus' feet. It might be worth asking at this beginning of the year whether we submit all our skills and comforts to Jesus as the Wise Men did. The story also rests on the sharp contrast between King Herod and the Wise Men. Herod was a Jew, so he should have recognised and honoured the Jewish Messiah. Not at all! He tried to kill the Messiah. By contrast, the Wise Men, arriving from what for us would be the equivalent of outer space, carry on their search till they find Jesus and humbly bow before him. This poses a nasty question: we Christians have all the guidance and encouragement of the Church, but how often do we find those outside the Church, not even professed Christians, behaving in a more Christian way than we do ourselves!



First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

This passage from the Book of Isaiah was written at a thrilling moment of Israel's development. The people had returned from Exile in Babylon and were beginning to real-

ise the universal task of Israel. The salvation promised to Israel was not just for the Jews but was for the whole world! Hence these cries of joy in today's reading at all these curious camels and exotic nations thronging to Jerusalem. There is a similar invitation for us too to be open: Christ brings salvation not just to us, to those who come to our church but to the whole world—to all those grumpy, depressed, selfish, worried, suffering, disadvantaged people we meet in the street; the call is not only to Christians of every kind, but also to those who have not yet found Jesus. The Epiphany is the time when Jesus 'went public', symbolized by the coming of the Wise Men from the East the first people outside his own sphere to greet him. So we ought to go out into the street and shout for joy to alert people to what is on offer. Probably a bit better to be less crazy at it, and simply show the happiness it has brought us by sharing our happiness in any generous way we can.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

This Letter to the Ephesians talks about the 'mystery'. It really means God's great 'secret' to be revealed at the end of time. The climax of the long history of the world did indeed come at the Crucifixion and Resurrection, because all our hope is in Christ's Resurrection. That was the moment when history reached its highest point. This is the only Christian way of viewing the world, its slow evolution and then its history of human development, all directed to Christ and his Resurrection. We are much more aware these days that the immense universe, with stars millions of light-years away, is one great system of which we are a tiny part. The angels hovering over Bethlehem at Christ's birth tell us that all the power of God was focused on that one event. The Christian believed that one tiny baby, presented to those Wise Men from the East, brought the secret of the universe to fulfilment. They represent all the races of the world, coming to greet the Saviour who was presented to all people on that day.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Feast Baptism of Our Lord

1st Reading Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

2nd Reading Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun Of the Solemnity

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

Tue + Proper of Seasons

Wed + Proper of Seasons

Thu + Proper of Seasons

Fri + Proper of Seasons

Sat + Prp of Sesns (or + Cmn of Hly Men & Wmn)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

