



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 19 January	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Kathleen Walsh
Sunday 20 January	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Linda Scott & Family Parish Family
Monday 21 January	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 11.30am Funeral Mass	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Deceased Muldowney & Holmes Families Geraldine Michelle Palmer
Tuesday 22 January	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Private Intention
Wednesday 23 January	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Bodurka, Dumka - - Dabek Families
Thursday 24 January	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Deceased Joyce & Palmer Families
Friday 25 January	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Giblin, Ince - - Foster, Covell Families
Saturday 26 January	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Sunday 27 January	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Tony Scott Donor's Intention

At both of our Masses, next Sunday 27 January, we will celebrate
The Rite of Enrolment for First Reconciliation

Confirmation

Bishop Marcus will be with us to celebrate
The Rite of Confirmation
for 25 of our Parish Family

Wednesday 30 January, at 7.00pm Mass
All are invited



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

So many of us know well at least one, among our family or friends, with a type of Dementia. Even when many forms of conversation have become very limited, with those who have a long religious heritage, prayer can achieve a good response.

Prayer, like music, can often reach the deepest part of a person's spirit. It is no different for those with various types of Dementia. Long after many abilities have slipped away, music and prayer can often remain. Both are usually learned early in life and have so many repetitions in the years that follow, that a person even in the late stages of Dementia can spontaneously participate.

So how might we pray with those with Dementia? Familiarity with the prayer is a key element. For example, a Catholic might be able to join in and find comfort in the Rosary, because it uses three prayers central to Catholics: the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. The Rosary is a prayer form that can be effective in any Christian tradition, but it could be difficult for one with Dementia to learn the Hail Mary, if it is not already well known to them.

Be aware of the religious tradition a person with Dementia has. What words did they use in prayer as a child? Some have favourite Bible passages, read many times since childhood, and might find great comfort in these being read to them. Perhaps there is an old prayer book around that is marked with favourite prayers. These might offer assurance or peace, especially if read by a familiar voice.

Religious images or objects can be powerful tools for those who have a debilitating disease. Sacred objects can create a *spiritual* context to a chat or time together. It can be anything from holy water used to bless ourselves, a medal that we wear, or a crucifix or cross. Prayer cards, with images of Jesus, Mary or saints, that you or they might now hold, can help, especially any found already in a prayer book they have had for years, .

Touch is often also important when praying with one with Dementia, especially when communication gets more difficult. If we sit by them while praying, we might squeeze an arm, hold their hand, or stroke a forehead. Touch can be a *doorway* for letting words through if someone can't concentrate for long. Also, silences between or even during spoken prayers can continue the *feeling* of prayerfulness and be just as much prayer as when words are used, especially when the touch or silence is shared with love.

Courtesy of Creighton University, Online Ministries, (adapted



Things happening in our Parish

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

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.



Do come along to celebrate and pray with and for our Confirmation Candidates, **Wed 30 Jan**, during Mass, at 7.00pm, in our Sacred Heart Church. Bishop Marcus is to preside and all are invited.

While the Candidates and their Sponsors will take up a few reserved front benches, there should be ample room for a good number of our Parish Family additional to the Candidates' Families.

All are welcome to join for refreshments, following the Mass, but if you wish to eat you are encouraged to bring some food to share (please leave it in the Hall, before Mass). Tea, coffee and juice will be provided.

Confirmation Cards/Gifts at reasonable prices are now available at our little piety shops, at both our Churches.

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.

Please note that our First Reconciliation Programme for 2019 has begun. It is a full and tightly timed Programme, so we are not able to take late starters. Details for the 2020 Programme should become available during next Autumn.

& In our Diocese

Catechists' Meeting: Sat 9 Mar, Hinsley Hall, Leeds, 10.00am-1.00pm. All catechists and any involved in faith formation are invited - to share best practice and to meet the new Co-ordinators for Catechesis (Gregory Stacey and Kieran Hughes). There will be a particular focus on opportunities presented by "Family Catechesis" and the ways in which the Diocese is developing ways to support catechists. Any interested in attending are encouraged to email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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 Our *Candidates* are due to be Confirmed during 7.00pm Mass, at our Sacred Heart Church:

Wed 30 Jan- all welcome

First Reconciliation Our *Children* are to meet at our Sacred Heart Hall:

Sat 26 Jan, 10.00-12.00am

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Chrism consists mostly of olive oil, which, through many Mediterranean countries, is and was used abundantly in cooking, on the body, and for other purposes. It thus signifies a great out-pouring of God's graces. The oil is also scented with sweet smelling balsam, signifying the sweetness (in virtue) of the giver (God) and so by association the recipient. In Old Testament times, it was commonly used to anoint people specially chosen, such as priests and kings.

Apart from Confirmation, at which other Sacraments is Chrism used?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Why pray when you can worry and take tranquillisers?

There was a blinding flash of

lightening and Emily, aged 5, rushed into the house, shouting: 'Mummy, Mummy, God has just taken my picture!'



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£266.33
Envelopes	£429.40
Poor Parish Fund	£228.87

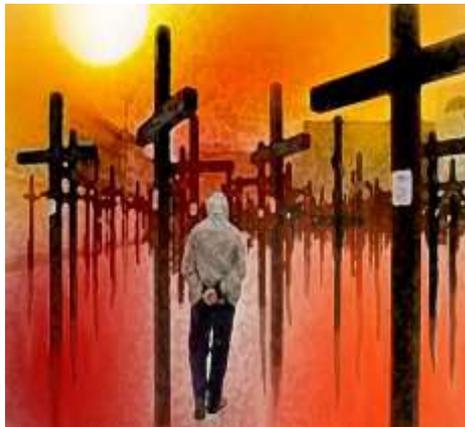
Collections, etc



THE GOD WHO COMES

"If lovers are not willing to die for one another, then love is soon consumed, withered, vanished,

"If man is ready to die for his brother, then love for his brother grows, lives to its fullness, and becomes eternal.



"He who loves must be ready to die.

"That is what I did and I died for you.

"And my love for you is eternal, invincible.

"Do as I did, love as I loved, and you will know what the beatitude means. Remember that one act of mercy is worth more than one act of cunning, and that the diplomacy you put into your relationships, is straw thrown to the wind.

"And do not forget that it is better to lose than to win, when to lose means to be humiliated before our brother.

"Do you want the secret of running swiftly on the road of love, of enjoying a great peace of heart? Here it is.

-Seek the last place before him whom you love.

-Lower yourself voluntarily, as I lowered Myself, even though I was God. Concern yourselves with loving, not being loved.

-Do not look for human glory, but for the service of men.

-Do not go in for victimising which eats your heart out, but be happy to be a joyous hidden victim.

-Do not believe in armed violence, not even the revolution; believe in the violence of love.

-Do not worry about converting the world, worry about converting yourselves.

-The smaller and poorer you are, the happier you will be.

-When love crucifies you, remember I am near you."

"Live on in my love" (John 15:9)

Jesus it is so good to hear you speaking; speak to me again!

'What do you want me to tell you?'

You gave me the law of love, your love, and you made me understand that You are the law, You are the holy gospel, You are the way to love.

Help me Jesus, to trace Your footsteps. It is so difficult! Don't leave me alone!

'Why do you say to me, "Don't leave me alone"? I never leave you alone; I cannot, since I am within you.'

It seems like a set phrase, Jesus, 'You within me!', one of the rhetorical phrases which we use. But does it correspond to the truth?

Are you truly, effectively within me?

What mystery is in your words, Jesus!'

'Yes brother, I am within you.....'

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently** especially
Geraldine Michelle Palmer, and her family



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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 2

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Year C is the year of Luke's gospel, but we start with this reading from John which recounts the symbolic beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah it is impossible not to see this 'sign' (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding-feast of God and his people. Furthermore, in Jewish thought, water represents the Law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious—Just so, the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant—and in such generous quantities: over one hundred gallons of wine! Then there is Mary's part: Jesus says his Hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary's confident plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in this gospel till she is present at the Cross, sharing the passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community.



First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The marriage relationship is perhaps the most intimate of the personal relationships we know, designed to become ever deeper and more absorbing. Even the relationship of mother to child cannot equal it. So in the Bible the rela-

tionship of the Lord to his people is likened to the relationship in marriage. But, like many human marriage relationships, it went through bad patches. Israel was so persistently unfaithful to the Lord that eventually it seemed that the Lord abandoned her to those with whom she had 'prostituted' herself. This could not be permanent; Israel could not go on being called 'Abandoned' and 'Forsaken'; the past would be forgotten. After the return of Israel from Exile in Babylon, Isaiah prophesies the final wedding in terms of the unalloyed joy of a freshly wedded couple. So in the gospels, Jesus uses the figure of the final wedding-feast, and the image of himself as the bridegroom in the joy of the festival. The Lord always gives us another chance.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

At the beginning of each year the Church gives us some six Sundays of readings from Paul's first letter to that troubled community, the Corinthians. Corinth was a thriving port-town of southern Greece, with a very varied community, rich and poor, academics and dockers. There were no clear human leaders in the Church community, and reliance on the Spirit for guidance in the problems of living as Christians did not always seem to provide a solution. The readings on these three Sundays show Paul trying to help. Yes, the Spirit is at work in the community in many different ways. There are many different gifts, all necessary for this varied community. The trouble seems to have been that each person valued their own contribution so much that the gifts of others seemed insignificant. Paul's stress on the variety of ways in which the Spirit works to build up a community gives us the occasion to reflect on the variety of gifts which the Spirit has poured out on our own Christian community, and on every individual member of it. I can rejoice in the gifts which God has given to me, but only if simultaneously I think of all the gifts which others have and I lack.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 3

1st Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.27

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Of the memorial

Tue (or + Proper of Saints)

Wed Week 2

Thu + Proper of Saints

Fri Proper of Saints

Sat + Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Tue St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

Wed

Thu St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Fri THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE

Sat Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops