



# 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 C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 4, 2/3 February 2019

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<b>Saturday</b> 2 February	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Parish Family
<b>Sunday</b> 3 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Steve McNally Catherine Carney
Monday 4 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	St Joseph's St Joseph's	Tony Scott
Tuesday 5 February	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (November List)
Wednesday 6 February	9.30am Mass 12.00nn Funeral Mass 7.00pm Mass	S Heart School Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family Dennis Long Patrick O.Donnell
Thursday 7 February	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Jos's School Sacred Heart	Joseph Gray
Friday 8 February	8.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Service 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Amanda Swift
<b>Saturday</b> 9 February	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Geraldine Palmer
<b>Sunday</b> 10 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 3.15pm Mass in Polish	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Vera Pownall Margaret Manson

Our Parish Schools invite any of our Parish Family who are able to join them, in School, for a Mass of Thanksgiving for The Sacraments with our Children who recently received their First Eucharist or have been Confirmed at The Sacred Heart School Wednesday - 9.30am - **at St Joseph's School on Thursday**

Our married Parishioners will be invited to  
*Renew their Dedication to Marriage*  
at each of our Masses, Saturday/Sunday, 24/25 February

**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

From ancient times, placing hands on someone or extending one's hands over them has been the sign of calling down the Holy Spirit. All our seven Sacraments use this symbol.

At Baptism, the priest lowers his hand onto the water as it is blessed: the water that is used to represent the life-giving Holy Spirit. He lays his hand towards or onto the head of the Penitent, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, while giving the absolution, through the Spirit. At the Anointing of the Sick, he places both hands on the head of the one being anointed. At an Ordination, a bishop imposes hands on the one being ordained. In the Sacrament of Matrimony, the priest extends his hands over the couple, as he blesses them and calls the Holy Spirit upon them, that they may continually live out the marriage covenant. In the Celebration of the Eucharist, he extends his hands over the bread and wine, and prays that the Holy Spirit will change them into the Body and Blood of Christ.

In Confirmation (in a way, most especially a Sacrament of the Spirit), the bishop places his hand on the head of each one to be confirmed, or if there are several he extends his hands over them. At the same time, he prays that the Holy Spirit will be with them:



*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.*

This prayer asks for the graces which we call the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The number seven is also a symbol - of completeness or perfection. Here, it represents the abundance of God's love for us and the all-sufficient nature of his graces, given in and through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God's own breath in us. God's breath gives our bodies a special (divine) life, energy and enthusiasm. The Spirit makes us to be members of a family, and much more. We become the members of one body, Christ's Body. The Holy Spirit unites us in the Body of Christ so that, with him, we can rightly call God our Father - actually *Abba*, more like *dad* or *daddy*. It is this Holy Spirit that gives us our identity, that tells us we are the *Body of Christ* and *Children of God*.

## Very Many Thanks

to all who assisted our Newly Confirmed on their way to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation: to those who helped with preparations for, and/or assisted with the liturgical ministries at the Mass; to those who provided and/or assisted with the refreshments served afterwards; to all who came along to encourage and support them in prayer, on the evening and before; to the members of their families who guided and assisted them as they prepared; by no means least, to their Catechists, who gave much time and thought in helping them; and, also, to our Newly Confirmed themselves, who were not only helped but who helped one another.

*Fr Anthony.*

## Things happening in our Parish

**Our Parish SVP** is to meet **Wed 6 Feb**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall.

**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 8 Feb**, 10.00-12.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome.

**We much require** Catechists from within our Parish Family, who regularly attend Mass and would like to help pass on our Faith to our Children. Catechists need to enjoy working with children and their families, alongside other Catechists, and to be able to give time when a programme is running.

The Confirmation Programme is mostly with children who are aged 9-11. The First Sacraments Programme is with children mostly aged 7-9.

Any who might be able to help, please ask Fr Anthony for details. Many Catechists are not trained teachers, but still give sound help and guidance.

**Paulinus Lottery** Our Parish run, self-owned lottery has just returned **£400** to our Parish Funds. Many thanks to all who take a risk (and hopefully will soon be winners, *more especially* if not already).

**Our Parish Schools** are looking for new Governors. If you think you may be able to help in this interesting and rewarding voluntary activity, please do get in touch with Mike Withers ([mwithers@sjm.bkcat.co.uk](mailto:mwithers@sjm.bkcat.co.uk)) or Steve Dent ([sdent@sacredheart.bkcat.co.uk](mailto:sdent@sacredheart.bkcat.co.uk)), or leave your name and contact details with either of the school offices (651755 option 4 or 625354 option 3).

## & In our Diocese

**Leeds Diocese Pilgrimage** The annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be 5-11 July, with prices from £759. Some further details are on our Parish notice boards. A limited number of booking forms can be got from Fr Anthony, or see notice boards for contact/email details.

*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** We should soon have notice of just when Bishop Marcus will administer Confirmation, for Parishes of our Deanery, in the next school year. Once known, notice will be given of the next Preparation Programme.

**First Reconciliation** Our *Children* are to next meet at our Sacred Heart Hall:  
**Sat 2 Mar**, 10.00-12.00am

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

Additional to the Oil of Chrism, used at Baptisms, Confirmations and Ordinations, our Church uses the Oil of the *Sick*, during the Sacrament of Anointing and Healing, and the Oil of *Baptism* or *Catechumens*, which is used on those preparing to be Baptised.

*What is the significance of the Oil of the Sick?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Did you know that the oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve?

It was an Apple, but with extremely limited memory.

Just one byte  
Then everything crashed.



## Parish Monies

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

Loose £287.56  
Envelopes £518.92

## Collections, etc

**Next Weekend** Retiring Collection after each of our Masses, to assist our Diocesan Catholic Care (Social and Counselling Services).

## THE GOD WHO COMES

And how are You in me, Jesus?  
How have You returned to me?

“Leaving the world with death, I returned to you with the Holy



Spirit, which is the Spirit of the father and My Spirit, which love makes one thing only.

“The Holy Spirit is the love of God within you; that is why I have told you, ‘you are inhabited by God’ “.

How beautiful all this is, Jesus. Let me never forget it.

Let me live always conscious of Your presence within me, which is the presence of the Father Himself. Let me be encouraged always by Your words: “Live on in my love” (John 15:9).

There. To be able to live in Your love, Jesus! To do everything in Your love. Here, I think is the most precious key to existence, the most authentic summary of being Christians—beings shaped by You, carrying You, buried with You, risen with You, already in glory with You.

“But do you know why you are always making mistakes? Why you are always finding yourselves at the beginning again? Why you live in fear and constant lack of decision?

“Because you do not believe in this reality. . Because you take those words, I in you and you in Me, to be rhetorical, whereas they are the naked truth.

“I am truly in you, I live in you, and you never realise it.

“It is rare to see you motionless before Me within you for one moment!

You are so illogical!

“Why do you become so agitated? Why do you talk so much?

“You do everything except the most important thing: coming to find me within yourselves, standing to listen in peace and silence.

“I would teach you what to do. But you are too convinced that you already know what to do, and you behave as if I do not exist.

One of the phrases you have forgotten most, which is just the one you ought to have remembered, is “Without Me you can do nothing”. Oh, I did not mean to say that without Me you could not make aeroplanes or bake bread. ‘I meant that without Me, who am the door, you could not enter the kingdom. Without Me who am the light, you could not see my Father’s affairs. Without Me, who am life, you could do nothing vital in the invisible Kingdom I founded.”

What is it, Jesus, that most offends You in us, who have wanted to follow You?

What offends me most is your unbelief.....

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

**Please Keep  
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently** especially  
Dennis Long, Amanda Swift, 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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 4

**Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

The reaction of the villagers of Nazareth to Jesus' proclamation of good news to the poor, the handicapped and disadvantaged is predictable. We have all suffered from failure of our own people to recognise our talents! In this case it is also fuelled by a paradoxical jealousy: in the moment of rejecting Jesus' message the villagers also want to reap the advantage of his miraculous healings. The rejection of Jesus by his own people provokes Luke to develop Jesus' teaching beyond that given to Mark or Matthew in their gospels: in Luke Jesus quotes instances which show God's care for those outside his traditional 'chosen people'. God's love is universal, not limited by ethnic or any other boundaries. The Chosen People were chosen not so that they would selfishly emphasise how special they were to God, but that salvation might be brought to the whole world. In the same way, in Christ's new dispensation, his people (the Church) are chosen not just to enjoy God's benefits and love for themselves, but to be his instruments of his love for all. This is the same message as that of Paul in today's second reading: true love has no limits. Luke is especially aware that Jesus sends his message as that of Paul in today's second reading: true love has no limits. Luke is especially aware that Jesus sends his message beyond the limits of the Chosen People. Each of us has been chosen not for our own advantage but as an instrument to bring Christ to others.



sage one does not want to hear. So while Jeremiah steadfastly held his ground, Babylon advanced, destroyed the city and Temple of Jerusalem, and led the people into exile. Bruised in exile, they learnt the hard way. As Jeremiah put it, God took from them the heart of stone and gave them a heart of flesh, to respond not just as a nation, but individually in tenderness and love. Jeremiah's steadfast preaching in the face of opposition is presented to us as a preparation for that of Jesus, which we hear in today's gospel reading.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-13**

The Christians of Corinth saw that they had a variety of gifts and talents. Paul gladly admits this. He only complains that this led them to squabbling and rivalry, for they were blind to the reasons for which these gifts had been given. Like all our talents, and especially those of interpersonal relationships, they were given by the Spirit which gives life to the Christian community. Their ultimate purpose is not to puff up the holder of the gift but to build up the community. The gift must be applied and exercised in love, for love is the highest gift of all gifts. Love alone builds the community. Paul goes on to paint a picture of what real love is. Few of us can read or listen to this text without realising our own failures and selfishness, as Paul puts his finger on one after another of our own weaknesses. This passage acts as a testing-ground of whether our love is genuine or whether we are merely deceiving ourselves. The final part of Paul's argument is also encouraging, not merely because of the durability and long-lasting nature of love, but also from the picture of heaven it conveys: in the perfect maturity, to which we look forward, there will be nothing left but love.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19**

Jeremiah was given a tough assignment. His task was to proclaim doom to his fellow-citizens under the threat of invasion by the overwhelming might of Babylon. Unless they returned to God and put their trust in the Lord rather than in their own feeble manoeuvres they were doomed to slaughter and exile. To stop the people hearing this message their leaders arrested him and dumped him in the squelchy mud of an almost-empty well, and fed him on one loaf a day. It is only too human to block out the mes-

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

### The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 5

1st Reading Isaiah 6:1-8  
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. 11  
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

### Prayer of the Church

**Psalter Week 4**

**Sun + Seasonal Proper**

**Mon** Week 4

**Tue** + Proper of Saints

**Wed** + Proper of Saints

**Thu** Week 4

**Fri** (or + Prop. Of Saints. or Comm. Of Virgins)

**Sat** Week 4

### This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon**

**Tue** St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

**Wed** Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

**Thu**

**Fri** St. Jerome Emiliani / St. Josephine Bakhita,  
Virgin

**Sat**