



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

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

Diocese of Leeds: Registered Charity No 249404



## Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 5, 9/10 February 2019

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<b>Saturday</b> 9 February	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Geraldine Palmer
<b>Sunday</b> 10 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm <i>Baptism</i> 3.15pm <i>Mass in Polish</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart <i>Sacred Heart</i> <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Vera Pownall Margaret Manson
Monday 11 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Deceased Owen & Murtagh Families
Tuesday 12 February	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Deceased Giblin & Ince Families
Wednesday 13 February	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Sankey, Kelly . . . Mitchell Families
Thursday 14 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Peter Gee
Friday 15 February	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Decd Molloy, Bartle . . . Milner Families
<b>Saturday</b> 16 February	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (November List)
<b>Sunday</b> 17 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Edward & Joan Tickle Parish Family



On the event of his Baptism, this weekend,  
we congratulate and pray for  
Callam James Luk, son of Simon and Emily



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

## On behalf of our Schools' Governors.

*Our Parish Schools need more governors.*

Governing bodies at Catholic schools comprise a staff governor, a parent governor, headteacher, and foundation governors. Overall responsibility for Catholic schools rests with the diocesan bishop, and foundation governors are appointed by him and are responsible to him. A Catholic governing body must have enough foundation governors to ensure a majority – at least four, usually five. The function of a Governor is often described as “to be a critical friend”.

Why do we need more governors?

At St Joseph's it's a question of continuity and succession planning. Sacred Heart school had problems during 2017, and the Academy Trust installed a 'Trust Intervention Board' (TIB) early in the Autumn term of that year – not early enough to prevent the school being placed in special measures three months later. After much effort and considerable expenditure, things have improved a lot, and Ofsted is now pressing us to establish a 'normal' governing body with a view to the school coming out of measures and the TIB bowing out as soon as possible.

The existing Chair and Vice-Chair at Sacred Heart have agreed to continue, but more foundation governors are needed. After last weekend's appeal, two parishioners kindly came forward, leaving us with only one vacancy at Hemsworth. St Joseph's still needs at least one foundation governor.

Volunteers complete an application form; then, provided Fr Anthony is prepared to support the application with his signature, the Diocesan education department will ensure appointment as soon as possible.

Governors are expected to attend a full governing body meeting every half-term - and to serve on at least one committee, normally meeting once each term. Full training is provided and new governors will be expected to take advantage of that training. Governors are encouraged to visit their school as often as their other commitments allow.

Being a primary school governor is interesting, usually enjoyable and always satisfying. Ofsted Inspectors' opinion of the pupils at both our schools is that they are “delightful”. Behaviour is exceptional – at Sacred Heart, in December, Ofsted described behaviour as “impeccable”.

The future of our children lies in our schools. As Catholics, as parishioners and as members of the wider community, we have an obligation to help ensure that future, so please consider carefully whether you could help. These are our Parish schools, so it doesn't matter which church you normally attend. Please get in touch with Mike Withers (mwithers@sjm.bkcat.co.uk), or Steve Dent (sdent@sacredheart.bkcat.co.uk), or phone 651755 (option 4) or 625354 (option 3).

## Things happening in our Parish

**Altar Servers** We would be much pleased to have more Altar Servers at both of our Churches. Any who are able to receive Holy Communion may join our Altar Servers' Group (adults also welcome). Rehearsals are planned for Saturdays, **9 Mar**, at our Sacred Heart Church, and **16 Mar**, at our St Joseph's Church, both at 10.30am.



Any who intend to come, please let Fr Anthony know before the intended meeting. If any would like to serve but can't attend either meeting, do have a word with Fr Anthony.

**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. All who undertake Parish Ministries with children and/or vulnerable adults are required to have a DBS check, via our Diocese.

**Paulinus Lottery** New players are welcome to join our Parish Lottery. Winners usually gain a three figure sum. The stake is £1 per week. There are no administrative costs and all profits are given over to our Parish funds. For details and/or to join please see, after a weekend Mass, Alf Holdcroft (Saturday), Barry Palmer (Sunday 9.00am) or Margaret O'Brien or Paul Stuart (Sunday 11.00am).



### & 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.

**Calling doctors, nurses and carers** who are interested in being part of our amazing hospitality team on the Leeds Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, 5-11 July 2019. Information evening at Mount St Mary's School, Leeds, LS9 8LA, Tue 19 Mar, 7.00pm. Please do come along or tell someone about this event.

**Financial Accountant Wanted** based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. A good all-rounder to work in a small Finance Team, giving financial/administrative support across our Diocese. Contact john.moran@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for a job description.

*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** will next be celebrated, with our Deanery Parishes, January/February 2020 - for Baptised Catholics now in *school year 5 or older*. Details will be given, about Easter time, of an information meeting and applications, for those eligible and parents/carers.

**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?

As with all anointings with a Holy Oil, the Oil of the Sick symbolises the out-pouring of God's helps, but with the Sick it specifically symbolises the request - first, with prayer, that the one sick may be helped back to good health here on earth - or second, if that cannot be (as when someone is in the last stage of earthly life), that they may gain complete health in the glory of heaven. In the past, before more modern disinfectants came about, it was sometimes heavily scented, to cover unpleasant smells associated with certain ways of dying.

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

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!



A teacher set her class to learn a certain prayer, for their homework. One child failed to apply herself to the task, but the next day she was the first to be asked to recite the prayer. In a muffled voice, she mouthed various noises. The teacher noted that she hadn't been able to make out a single word. As quick as a flash, the child said: 'But I wasn't praying to you, Miss.'

## Parish Monies

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

Loose £270.52  
Envelopes £447.73

## Collections, etc

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

## THE GOD WHO COMES

*In recent years, the use of Celtic Blessings and Prayers has become more common, and they provide a rich resource, from our own Isles. Some also provide useful thoughts for reflection.*

If there is righteousness in the heart,  
there will be beauty in the character.  
If there is beauty in the character,  
there will be harmony in the home.  
If there is harmony in the home,  
there will be order in the nation.  
If there is order in the nation,  
there will be peace in the world.  
So let it be.



I arise today



Through a mighty strength:  
God's power to guide me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's eyes to watch over me;  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to give me speech,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to shelter me,  
God's host to secure me.

*Bridgid of Gael*

May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within.  
May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,  
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.  
And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,  
like a candle set in the window of a house,  
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.  
And may the blessing of the rain be on you,  
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,  
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines,  
and sometimes a star.

And may the blessing of the earth be on you,  
soft under your feet as you pass along the roads,  
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;  
and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.  
May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly;  
up and off and on its way to God.

And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.

*A Scottish Blessing*

*But not all  
entirely offer  
the best of  
sentiments!* May those who love us, love us.  
And those who don't love us,  
May God turn their hearts;  
And if He doesn't turn their hearts,  
May He turn their ankles,  
So we will know them by their limping.



**Please Keep  
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently** especially  
Linda McGowan, 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 5

### Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

There were obviously several different versions of the call of the first disciples circulating in the early Church. In the gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is passing along the shore of the lake when he calls two pairs of disciples. In John it takes place where John the Baptist was preaching. The story in Luke has many similarities to the story at the end of John's gospel after the Resurrection, when the risen Christ commissions Peter: a night of failed fishing is followed by a huge catch as a consequence of obedience to Jesus' instructions, and so the Church has always seen this event as signifying the need for obedience to Christ. Luke's version combines the same play on words as in Mark and Matthew about fishing for people, but Luke sets the story a little later. In Mark the fishermen have never seen Jesus and follow him blindly; in Luke Peter and his friends have already got to know Jesus before they are commissioned. A special feature in Luke is Peter's cry that he is an unworthy sinner. Luke often teaches us that no one can be a disciple of Jesus without first admitting their sinfulness: Zacchaeus the tax-collector (Luke 19:1-10), and the woman who wept at Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50) are other examples.



### First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

This passage recounts the first calling of the prophet Isaiah. For Isaiah God is primarily the Holy One of Israel. This vision of the Triple-Holy, seated on the throne of glory in the Temple, does all that is possible to convey in words the daunting otherness of the One whose glory fills the whole earth. The human reaction to this manifestation of

God is acute awareness of uncleanness. Isaiah can only shrink away from God until his uncleanness has been purged by the burning fire of God's love upon his lips. No human being can see God and live. The glory seen by Isaiah (and by Moses on Mount Sinai) is only the outer fringe of the fullness of God's glory, but it leaves the human visionary stunned at the contrast between the divine holiness and human unworthiness. Throughout the Book that bears his name Isaiah will revert again and again to the awesome holiness of the Lord. God is our loving Father, but there can be no neglecting the distinction which lies between Creator and created. At the same time we are both attracted and daunted by the living God

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8,11

The most precious element of this reading is the proclamation of the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, which the earliest Christians already saw as fulfilling the Scriptures. We can tell that by Paul's time this recital of the Good News was already traditional. Firstly, Paul here uses the terms which were used by the rabbis for the handing on of tradition, 'I taught you what I had been taught myself'. Secondly, the language is not quite Paul's own; for instance: for scriptural fulfilment Paul always writes 'as it is written', whereas here we twice have 'in accordance with the scriptures', which Paul himself never says. To witness to the resurrection of Christ was the primary task of the apostles. For us, too, it is the primary task: not merely by our words, but by the way we behave, we need to live in the awareness that Christ's resurrection (after his endurance of humiliation and dreadful suffering) is the basic fact of life. The central factor in Christian faith and witness is not the empty tomb but the experience of the apostles in meeting the Risen Christ. This is what unbelievably transformed them from being a defeated and hopeless rabble, huddled in hiding, into courageous and enterprising witnesses .

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

## The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 6

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 1

### Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 1 (or + Proper of Saints)

Tue Week 1

Wed Week 1

Thu Proper of Saints

Fri Week 1

Sat Week 1

## This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Our Lady of Lourdes

Tue

Wed

Thu Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop,  
Patrons of Europe

Fri

Sat