



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 23 February	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Linda McGowan
Sunday 24 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Tony Scott Donor's Intention (MD)
Monday 25 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Crossland & Whitehouse Families
Tuesday 26 February	<i>No Mass today</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 27 February	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Swift Family
Thursday 28 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Duffy, Rowe & Straughan Families
Friday 1 March	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Charlie & Ada Covell
Saturday 2 March	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Eileen Pickering
Sunday 3 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Peter Gee Mr & Mrs V Wileman

Early notice of our Masses on Wednesday 6 March, for Ash Wednesday
Ashes will be distributed at both Masses
at St Joseph's, 9.30am, and Sacred Heart, 7.00pm
Have you started to plan what will make your Lent extra special, this year?



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

Refugee Crisis - Diocesan Response

Many of us continue to be moved by the plight of so many families and children forced out of their homes and countries, through no fault of their own, fleeing war and poverty, risking their lives and those of their children to find sanctuary.

The Catholic Church has much to offer but, as a Diocese we did not want to work just on our own and, from the start, recognised that our response would be much more effective, collaborating with others. Since October 2015, the response from organisations and individual parishioners, from our Diocese, has been inspirational, reaching out to the most marginalised in our society.

The Plight of the Refugees is still with us, it has not gone away. In 2018, 115,000 people crossed the Mediterranean Sea, a crossing described as deadlier than ever. We hear that, in 2018, 539 people attempted to cross the English Channel, 230 since November. The language used is not friendly: quite the opposite, Channel crossings being described as a "Major Incident".

Families arrive in tragic circumstances, alone, frightened, and traumatised. A few weeks ago, Catholic Care's Gianna project started to support a family seeking safety: a pregnant mother and her two children, who had witnessed the murder of their father and grandparents - this pregnant mother had been set alight and left to burn to death. They are here now in Yorkshire, seeking kindness and help.

All this is taking place in a climate of increasing hate crime. There is a need to increase support for positive community cohesion and integration. The services provided through our Diocese are needed more than ever.



Our Diocesan Refugee Support Group is asking for funds, to enable it to keep supporting this very vulnerable and frightened group of people.

Over the next 2 years, the aim is:

- to retain the post of co-ordinator, to continue her valuable work;
- to continue to support destitute asylum seekers;
- for five parishes to be Community Sponsors, to each welcome, as parish communities, a Syrian refugee family.

Next weekend, please give as generously as you can to this very special appeal, to help fund our Diocesan Refugee Support.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council is due to meet **Thu 14 Mar**, in our St Joseph's Rooms, 7.00pm. Please give Agenda items to Janet Ward, Elizabeth Smith, or Fr Anthony by **Sun 10 Mar**, at latest.

Ash Tree Advices have indicated that the Ash Tree, that is sited on the left where the run up to our Sacred Heart Church begins, is diseased and slowly rotting from the inside. While there does not appear to be an immediate risk, in time, weighty branches could split and endanger any person or thing underneath. Estimates for felling have been obtained and it is now highly likely that the tree will be removed in a few weeks time. If anyone is into chain-saw carving, it's an option worth exploring?!?

Inn Churches (Bradford) have sent a letter of thanks for our contribution, from our *Advent Project*. It adds some interesting information and may be viewed on our Parish notice boards.

& In our Diocese

Memorial Mass for the late Fr Donal O'Leary will take place at St Benedict's, Garforth. Thu 28 Feb, 7.00pm. All will be welcome.

FLAME is an inspiring and uplifting Catholic event for young people, at Wembley Arena, 2 Mar. Passes and return travel from Leeds/Wakefield cost £42. Places are limited, don't miss out! For further information, please email Ryan or Jessica at youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Why not join us at the Quiz of the Year?
in our Sacred Heart Hall
this Friday 1 March, 7.30-9.00pm

Tickets, £5,
include a glass of wine
(you are also welcome to
bring your own alcohol)

All proceeds towards
Maidie's Mini Bus Appeal,
to help transport people
with Dementia to join in
local activities



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?

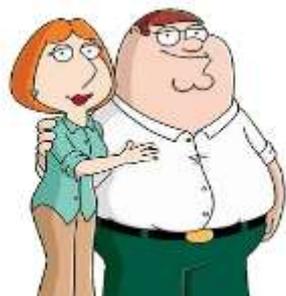
The word Catechumen, in its original Greek, means 'one under instruction'. In our Catholic Church, it gained a more restricted meaning, and refers only to those who are being prepared to be Baptised. So it wouldn't be used of any already baptised, say as an Anglican or Methodist, seeking to join in Full Communion as a Catholic; nor of any being prepared to receive other sacraments.

And one for the wrinklies? What used to be referred to as the Mass of the Catechumens?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Did you hear what happened to the frog's car when it broke down on the motorway?

It got toad away!



A diet is something you keep putting off, while you keep putting on.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £252.62
Envelopes £389.50

Collections, etc

Next Weekend Retiring collection after each Mass, to help fund the Diocesan response to the ongoing Refugee Crisis. (see Bulletin pg 2).

THE GOD WHO COMES



"If faith depended on men and their clairvoyance or ability, the Church would have been demolished by the first dispute in Jerusalem itself.

"You have no idea how many times in her history the Church would have been reduced to ashes if all had not been sustained by the presence of the Spirit which is in her.

"Oh if the popes had always prayed!

"Oh if the bishops would pray, and especially the priests, who are in close contact with the true frontier of good and evil, which is men! How easy everything would be!

"Then I should teach them everything, then I should unveil the secrets of hearts and history! Then I should know how to console them!

"But praying does not mean staying on one's knees or ones feet, pronouncing formulas or celebrating rites. Praying means believing deep down in your own weakness and believing deep down in God's omnipotence.

"Praying means hoping in the promise contained in the whole history of salvation, not in the power of organisation or the cunning of men.

"Praying means loving and doing everything because of love, not lining up for rites which often end as mere rhetoric when they are not animated by a decision of the will to do only the will of God.

"Oh if Christians would pray! How different they would be from pagans, how the world would recognise them.

"And instead? What difference is there between one and the other?

"Above all, why do they no longer know how to express joy?

"This is grave, because the message of salvation if it is salvation, is joy, exultation.

"Why is the Church so sad?

"There is only one reply. In practice—not in theory—they have forsaken Me, the source of living waters;/ they have dug themselves cisterns,/broken cisterns, that hold no water"(Jer. 2:13).

"Oh return to Me—the prophet would say— and put Me to the test: "Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven to pour down blessing upon you without measure" (Mal.3:10)? Have I become incapable of helping you?"

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

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, Brian Nolan
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 7

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Luke's version of the Beatitudes, which formed last Sunday's reading, puts the emphasis not on Christian attitudes, as Matthew's version does, but on the blessing on those in real, dire need. Now he continues this without duty to respond to those in need, even if they are hostile, even if they hate us. There must be no calculation whether we will get back money or property lent, no limit to how much we lend or give. At first it seems as if Luke is concerned only with money, and indeed he is so concerned, for he is always warning of the danger of possessions and the need to use them for those who have none. Luke is proclaiming Christ's Good News to a more affluent society than do Mark and Matthew, and places all the more emphasis on the danger of wealth. But, after dealing with money, Luke goes on to other acts of generosity. We must not judge, but must forgive in order to obtain forgiveness. Most of all, we must be compassionate. Whereas Matthew ends his instructions here with a general, 'Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect', Luke focusses on compassion, 'Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.' It is an affair of the heart: we must be emotionally involved with those in need.



dent! David was a fantastic leader, the sort of person whom anyone would follow anywhere. He was also a great sinner, committing adultery and murdering the cuckolded husband to make his own guilt seem less. But he was a great penitent too, a lovable and very human figure.

Above all, he was the real founder of the Israelite monarchy and of the 'line of David' from which Jesus would come. To him were the promises made that God would be a father to the Son who would reign for ever on his throne.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

This is the third of the four Sundays on which Paul is explaining the meaning of the Resurrection of Christians. The Resurrection of Christians follows the model of Jesus' own Resurrection. As the firstborn from the dead, Christ is the founder of the new humanity, just as Adam is the founder of the fallen humanity. 'Adam' means 'man', and the story of the fall in the Book of Genesis is not so much a story of an event long ago as the story of every human temptation and sin. However the obedience of Christ, the Second Adam, undoes the disobedience of the First Adam. Paul has previously explained that in the resurrection we will be changed, transformed into the heavenly sphere, in the image of the Risen Christ. What was weak will be strong with the strength of God, what was contemptible will be glorious with the glory of God. He refuses to say what sort of bodies we will have, but he sums up the other changes by saying that whereas the life principle was the soul, in the Resurrection it will be the spirit of God.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 8

1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 3

Tue Week 3

Wed Week 3

Thu Week 3

Fri Comn of Men Saints + Former National Proper

Sat Week 3

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri ST.DAVID, BISHOP & PATRON OF WALES

Sat