



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 2 March	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Eileen Pickering
Sunday 3 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Peter Gee Mr & Mrs V Wileman
Monday 4 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Deceased Brogan & Paine Families
Tuesday 5 March	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Deceased Pyta & Hill Families
Ash Wednesday 6 March	9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Martin Moran Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Thursday 7 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Czajko, Tickle ... Woodall Families
Friday 8 March	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Stations of Cross	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Helen's CofE	Deceased Smith & Denton Families
Saturday 9 March	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Special Intention (KA)
Sunday 10 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Stan Hodgson Parish Family

Lent begins this Ash Wednesday, 6 March: please see Mass times above
Ashes will be distributed at both Masses

Wednesday is also a day of fasting (any aged 18-60) and abstinence from meat (any aged 14+)



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

We may feel like we never have enough; enough money, time, love, status or anything else that seems to be the focus of our lives. We live lives that are packed with activities, events and obligations - and maybe keeping our hearts distracted from our relationship with God, from our families and from others in our lives who need our love.

In these last days before Lent, we can prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us - and, importantly, we can ask *what the Lord wants for us* this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real and of lasting value? How will I be with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I feel and experience the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love? And during Lent, we might begin each day sitting for a short time alone, but in the presence of God, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering, in occasional quiet moments, what we are seeking.



To prepare for the rest of Lent, it can be a great help to set aside some time, this week, to think about what Lent can mean and how we can let it soak into our hearts. A key is not to be sombre or severe, but to know that this is a time of great grace. The forty days of Lent are a gift. We are not trying to save ourselves by Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us. The next days are important for choosing some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But we can choose what else we can fast and abstain from. What practices get in the way of being open to hearing God's Word and responding freely? Giving up such as a need to always be in control, fasting from impatience, abstaining from daydreaming will open our hearts to God's grace. None of this takes extra time - just desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to still greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor. Then, we might plan to end each day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.

Courtesy of Creighton University Online Ministries: adapted.

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.

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.

Our Parish SVP is to meet this **Wed 6 Mar**, 7.45pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall.

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 next **Sun 10 Mar**, at latest.

Our Lent Project this year, will be to help raise funds for *Mary's Meals*. The Charity effectively encourages and enables children, in several developing countries, to gain a good education, by feeding them well at their schools.

Please take home a copy of the information leaflet. Through Lent, there will be collections after our weekend Masses. Other ways to help raise funds will be welcome and can be advertised in our Parish Bulletins.

On the next two weekends (**9/10, 16/17 Mar**) some of our recently Confirmed are to collect sponsors, to help them raise money for this. Please encourage them!

Extras especially for Lent

Stations of the Cross	St Joseph's , 12.00nn Wednesdays: 13 Mar to 10 Apr
<i>& alternating</i>	St Helen's CofE : 6.30pm
St Helen's CofE	Fridays: 8, 22 Mar, 5 Apr
& Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart: 6.30pm Fridays: 15, 29 Mar, 12 Apr
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Joseph's , 7-8.00pm Thursday 21 March
& Reflections	Sacred Heart, 7-8.00pm Thursday 4 April

Watch out, also, for extra times for Reconciliation

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 30 Mar, 10.00am-1.00pm; their *Parents* should return on the same day, to meet at 11.30am; and they should please bring some food to share, 12.30-1.00pm.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

While we no longer use the term, the Mass of the Catechumens was what we now call the 'Liturgy of the Word'. In the early Church, Catechumens would attend Mass up until the end of the Liturgy of the Word. As the gifts of bread and wine were then prepared for the Eucharist, the Catechumens would go to another place, to continue their instruction in our faith, while the Baptised continued with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This coming Tuesday is commonly called Shrove Tuesday, but what does the word shrove refer to?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A group of people huddled in a bus shelter during the war. The bombs fell dangerously close.

'Everyone pray!' ordered a Salvation Army captain. Each person prayed out loud, except for one.

'Pray!' shouted the captain.

'I - I don't know any prayers,' faltered the man.

'You must know at least one.'

As the bombs screamed overhead, the man murmured: 'For what we are about to receive may the Lord make us truly thankful!'

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £330.26
Envelopes £435.23

Collections, etc

This 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

"You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, as I have kept my Father's commandments, and live in His love" (Jn 15:10)

"Leave your idols, which cannot help you."
"Do not believe in the strength of money, do not rely on the powerful. Rely on Me, who am God."

"Live on in my love", and rest in peace. "I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33).

"Do not place yourselves with that world that I have overcome, which is power, money, sensuality, a world that I shall crush because it is a damned thing "under the evil one" (1 Jn 5:19), a world for which I do not pray. (cf. Jn 17:9).

"Do not begin the day by reading the newspaper; that will make you slaves of public opinion, even though involuntarily. Rather begin your daily labours waiting for the dawn in prayer, as the psalm suggests to you: "Awake, O my soul; awake, lyre and harp; I will wake the dawn" (Ps. 108:3). All those who have signed the story of my presence in the world have done so.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest... "(Matt. 11, 28-29).

"And in order to come to Me, you do not need to walk, because I am within you, at your centre, in the most hidden place within you. That is Heaven, My Heaven and your Heaven. That is the meeting place between you and Me, between you and the Father in the Spirit, who, as He makes unity of our trinity, makes unity with you."



*"Rejoice, O highly favoured daughter!
The Lord is with you. " (Luke 1:28)*

Jesus, I dare to ask you one thing: speak to me about Your mother. When I look at her, I feel I am unable to think.

When I was small, my mother used to make me say the rosary. This practice still was common in the Church, and, even if it was a prayer that made me go to sleep, it filled my heart with so much peace, I felt truly satisfied.

Then came the time in which we learnt 'to think'. We no longer went off to sleep while we said our prayers, but the satisfaction, the peace, the joy disappeared.

How many of us no longer feel her near us, no longer know what to say to her. Some people are even afraid to introduce her into their relationship with You, as though there were some element of exaggeration, of sentimentality, of something less serious.

Not to mention those who speak coldly about her, those who are motivated only by the fear that if they do not speak about Your mother, they are not good Christians!.....

From: The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially James Taylor, and his 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, Brian Nolan
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 8

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Matthew gathered together the teaching of Jesus on the basic requirements of Christian morality into the Sermon on the Mount; that formed a sort of manifesto for the Kingdom of Heaven, starting with the eight Beatitudes. Luke gathers many of the same teachings into his "Sermon on the plain", starting with four Beatitudes. This has provided the gospel readings for the last three Sundays. Matthew writing for Christians of Jewish origin, stressed Jesus' teaching on law, and how Jesus made it more interior and often more demanding. Luke, always aware of the needs of the poor, stresses more our social obligations. As he draws to a conclusion, he gives us two of Jesus' warnings, expressed in the vivid language and with the fierce exaggeration and wit that is so characteristic of Jesus' teachings. The first the splinter and the log, warns us to use the same standards in judging ourselves as we use in judging others. The second, the sound and rotten fruit, is perhaps a double warning. You can judge people only by their actions. More profoundly, it is also a challenge: don't flatter yourself on your achievements until you are good through and through, until the store of goodness in your heart is really overflowing.



First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

The wise sage of Jerusalem collected many proverbs and pithy sayings. Most of them are severely practical, as in this short reading. Here he presents us with four images

of testing someone by their speech. He does not deny that there are other ways of proving a person's worth and generosity, but these four aspects of testing by speech are as clear as any. This reading is chosen to introduce the sayings of the gospel reading on discerning people by their fruits. There is no way of telling what people are, except by how they act. In fact the Book of Sirach is rather a favourite with Luke. He takes at least two of his sayings and transforms them into parables to illustrate two of his special emphases in Jesus' teaching. Luke is the evangelist of prayer, and a saying on a widow's earnest prayers (Sirach 35:14) illustrates the need to persevere in prayer in Luke 18:1-8 (the Parable of the Unjust Judge), and the Rich Fool (Sirach 11:19) is used to illustrate the acute dangers of hoarding wealth in Luke 12:16-21.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

For most people death is terror: the one thing certain about life is that it will end in death. For Paul, death is a triumph which he awaits eagerly, longing to be fully united with Christ and to share fully in Christ's victory. This Christian attitude, totally at variance with the view of those who do not know Christ, and with our natural human instincts, is the reason why the Church has given the last four Sundays to meditation on the transformation that will take place at Christian death. Paul is so convinced of the overwhelming power of Christ and his victory over sin that there is no hesitation: this mortal body will put on immortality. Quite how this will be is still not entirely clear: Paul says it is foolish even to ask what sort of body the dead will have. But he insists there is continuity: the seed that dies is transformed, but 'each kind of seed has its own kind of body'; the risen person is in continuity with the person in this life. There are no conditions attached, no threat or fear of hell, being cast into outer darkness 'where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth', as in so many of Matthew's parables.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Lent, Sunday 1

1st Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

2nd Reading Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 4

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon (or + Proper of Saints)

Tue Week 4

Wed + Seasonal Proper

Thu + Seasonal Proper

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Casimir

Tue

Wed ASH WEDNESDAY

Thu Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Fri St. John of God, Religious

Sat St. Frances of Rome, Religious