



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 9 March	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Special Intention (KA)
Sunday 10 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 3.15pm Mass in Polish	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Stan Hodgson Parish Family
Monday 11 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Tuesday 12 March	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Foundation Mass
Wednesday 13 March	12.00nn Stations of Cross 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Thursday 14 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 11.15am Funeral Service 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Peter Gee James Dutch Taylor
Friday 15 March	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Stations of Cross	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Alban Ramskill
Saturday 16 March	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Stephen Tighe & Jasper Cotterill
Sunday 17 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	James G.E Johnson Jim Taylor



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

*Our Lent Project, this year, is to help raise funds for **Mary's Meals**.*

In 1992, a family in Argyll, Scotland, launched an appeal to help people in Bosnia-Herzegovina, who were suffering because of the war there. They did this from Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer, a Catholic retreat centre that they had opened after a family pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

It is claimed that the Virgin Mary has been appearing in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, since 1981, and it was to this same place that they delivered the first aid that was donated. What was meant to have been a one-off delivery grew into a charity called Scottish International Relief, that went on to deliver millions of pounds worth of emergency aid, and fund various other projects aimed at helping the poorest of the poor in several other countries around the world.

In 2002, as Scottish International Relief was delivering emergency food aid in Malawi, the Mary's Meals campaign was born, in response to



a realisation that so many children were missing school, as they had to work to survive. Attending this was a belief that the provision of a daily school meal could help break this cycle of poverty

and, at the same time, encourage children to attend school, to gain an education to help their future. This *meals* campaign soon became almost the sole focus of the Charity's work and grew rapidly around the world.

In 2012, Scottish International Relief officially changed its name to *Mary's Meals*, named after Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It is also a work assisted by, and that respects and reaches out to people of all faiths and none

About 64 Million of our world's poorest children do not attend school. To live, they have to work or beg. Even if they do make it to the classroom, hunger affects their ability to learn.

There's a long way to go, but Mary's Meals now works in 18 countries across Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and Asia. It costs just £13.90, per child, for a whole year, and Mary's Meals is now providing over 1,400,000 meals each school day.

From information provided by Mary's Meals.

Some of our Recently Confirmed are hoping many will sponsor them to walk/run, to help raise money for Mary's Meals. Please encourage them as they appeal at our Churches, this and next weekend.

If any have ideas about their raising money for this cause, they might wish to give notice to be included in our Parish Bulletin.

Things happening in our Parish

Altar Servers We would be much pleased to have more Altar Servers at both of our Churches. Any regular Communicants may join our Altar Servers' Group (adults also welcome). A Rehearsal is planned for Saturday, **16 Mar**, 10.30am, at St Joseph's Church.



Any who intend to come, please let Fr Anthony know, this weekend. If any wish to serve at our Sacred Heart Church but missed last week's rehearsal, they are invited too, to the St Joseph's rehearsal,

which will suffice to serve at either of our Churches.

Parish Pastoral Council is due to meet **Thu 14 Mar**, in our St Joseph's Rooms, 7.00pm. Any and all of our Parish Family are welcome to attend Council Meetings.

School Buses West Yorkshire Combined Authority subsidise many secondary school buses. Their budget has been cut, so they have to cut their spending. They have a consultation open until 15 March, about changing the rules as to when they might subsidise services: see www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/schoolbuses to find details. If the rules change, many school services will almost certainly be cut, including some between several areas of our Parish and St Wilfrid's. Services to primary schools may well also be under threat. Without these services, many will find it difficult or impossible to attend such as St Wilfrid's. The more people who complain the better - and soon! Please do make your voice heard and encourage as many people as possible to do the same.

Paulinus Lottery Following recent draws, one winner of £438, has been returned. Congratulations to L Allen.

Thank You from Stephie and Caroline, who wish to say a big thank you to everyone for their kindness and support, at the Quiz Night, last Friday. An amazing £400 was raised for Maidie's mini bus appeal. Many thanks!

Extras especially for Lent

Stations of the Cross **St Joseph's, 12.00nn**
Wednesdays: 13 Mar to 10 Apr
(except 27 Mar)

& alternating **St Helen's CofE: 6.30pm**
St Helen's CofE Fridays: 22 Mar, 5 Apr
& Sacred Heart Sacred Heart: 6.30pm
Fridays: 15, 29 Mar, 12 Apr

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reflections **St Joseph's, 7-8.00pm**
Thursday 21 March
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?

Shrove refers to the act of someone being *shriven*. So, it refers to those who have made their confession to a priest and received a penance and absolution. The ideal taught is for people to make a sacramental confession by *Shrove Tuesday*, so that they enter Lent with a new heart and mind, free of past sins and ready to take on a new resolve to follow the ways of Christ.

Why are pancakes so closely associated with Shrove Tuesday?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Teacher: What is a nitrate?

Boy: Much cheaper than a day rate!



Angels: When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a hurricane!

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£304.44
Envelopes	£473.20
Refugee Appeal	£293.46

Collections, etc

This Weekend Collection after our Masses towards our Lent Project, to help *Mary's Meals* - to provide school meals in developing nations - to help feed the children, so, too, to assist their education.

THE GOD WHO COMES

I believe there are few themes on which there has been so much rhetoric as on the theme of Jesus' mother.



Is that not so?

Well, Jesus, I would like you to speak to me about her, to tell me if she is with us as she was with You, as mother; if she comes close to us as she came close to You, when You were tiny and needed her.

"Well, yes. Let us begin by speaking about why you feel less close. Why you have so much difficulty reciting the rosary. Why you get bored with this prayer, so simple and childlike and tiny, and yet so profound and contemplative.

"You have become too intellectual, too cunning. By now you have become more followers of Descartes than sons of hers.

"Oh let's understand each other.

"It is not wrong to use intelligence or reasoning in scientific research: it is the most suitable instrument.

"It is not wrong to be dominated by reason in all that pertains to the visible. It is wrong to pretend to understand the mysteries of God or to pierce the invisible with that instrument.

"After so many centuries, you always return to the same point: confusing reason with faith, wanting to use something limited—such as human reason—to penetrate heaven.

"Faith has the dimensions of God, reason has the dimensions of man.

"Faith opens the secrets of heaven, reason opens those of the earth.

"Faith takes you into My presence, reason leads you into the presence of things.

"If reason could penetrate Heaven how could the little ones, who have such a small supply, come to Me?

"Even my mother would not have been able to come to Me. She was a housewife, simple, like the women of her time. She did not know whether the earth was round or flat.

"No, it is not reason that can penetrate heaven, that can understand the invisible, that can stand in contemplation before Me; it is only faith.

"And it was faith that helped my mother, sustained my mother, made her answer 'yes' even when she could not understand. Even when, by accepting My request, she faced no small difficulties.

"That is why you do not feel my mother near you: because you are not on the same wave length. You are afraid of living on faith, so you try to resolve your relationships with God by the pale light of your reasoning.

"And naturally you find the door closed.....

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, Brian Nolan, Antony Sweeney,
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
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year C, Lent, Sunday 1

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

To remind us that Lent is a time of testing, the gospel reading of the First Sunday of Lent is always about the testing of Jesus. Through our fasting (or whatever that extra offering we make to the Lord during Lent may be) we enter into solidarity with the hardship undergone by Jesus in his passion. Of course, Lent is not a matter of testing out how far we can push ourselves (a sort of macho self-torture). Rather it is a period of preparation for the Passion and Resurrection—just like the forty years of Israel in the desert preparing for the Promised Land, or like the prophet Elijah’s forty-day preparation before he encounters God on Mount Horeb, or like the forty days during which Christ prepared the apostles between Easter and the Ascension. The point of Jesus’ forty-day fast is to give some force in response to the devil’s first temptation. To each of the devil’s taunts Jesus replies with a word of scripture: if you rely on God’s word you are unshakably safe, for God has created and arranged everything. Matthew and Luke have a different order for the second and third temptations: Matthew climaxes with Jesus as the Second Moses, like Moses seeing all the territories from a high mountain. Luke ends the scene as he begins and ends his gospel, at Jerusalem, the turning-point of the gospel—the place where Jesus rises from the dead and ascends to the Father.



from slavery. In this version in the history of Israel the decisive moment was not the call of Abraham but the Exodus from Egypt. But in the readings over the next few Sundays we will work forward through the call of Abraham, the call of Moses, the first Passover in Canaan and the promise of a New Covenant after the People return from the Babylonian Exile. These readings provide a record of God’s constant presence as he prepares the People for the coming of his Son at the incarnation, and the revelation of God in the Cross and through the Resurrection at Easter.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

In these chapters of the Letter to the Romans Paul is struggling with the problem of the salvation of the Jews: how is it that the people so carefully nurtured for so long should refuse to acknowledge that Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s plan of salvation? To Paul, himself a fervent Jew, it was agonizing that so many of his own people should refuse to acknowledge Jesus. But he saw that their refusal opened the door to the gentiles. The Christian community at Rome was composed of both Jews and gentiles. It was important for Paul to show that even scripture proclaims that the door is open to all who profess their faith in Christ, not one party to the exclusion of the other: so no distinction between Jew and Greek. This is, however, a very different profession of faith from the profession in the first reading: that was a belief in a Lord God who rescued from Egypt. This is a belief that the Lord God raised Jesus from the dead, and raised him to the status of Lord. Paul never uses the word ‘God’ of Jesus, but he does call him ‘LORD’, the word Jewish people have used for God (then and now) instead of pronouncing His personal name.

Courtesy of ‘The Wednesday Word Trust’

The Word: Year C, Lent, Sunday 2

1st Reading Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18
2nd Reading Philippians 3:17 –4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

- Sun** + Seasonal Proper
- Mon** + Seasonal Proper
- Tue** + Seasonal Proper
- Wed** + Seasonal Proper
- Thu** + Seasonal Proper
- Fri** + Seasonal Proper
- Sat** + Seasonal Proper

This Week’s Feasts & Saints

- Mon**
- Tue**
- Wed**
- Thu**
- Fri**
- Sat**

