



# 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, Lent, Sunday 4, 30/31 March 2019

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<b>Saturday</b> 30 March	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Tony Sweeney
<b>Sunday</b> 31 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Bernard Gavins Clare & Ron Ventom
Monday 1 April	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Peter Gee
Tuesday 2 April	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday 3 April	12.00nn Stations of Cross 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Chris, Mark & Derek Jones
Thursday 4 April	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00-8.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Ronnie, Mary & Andrew Clarkson <i>With Guided Reflections</i>
Friday 5 April	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Stations of Cross	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Helen's CofE	Deceased Cochrane & Utting Families
<b>Saturday</b> 6 April	9.30-11.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
<b>Sunday</b> 7 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Fr J.P McGurk Deceased Conway Family

At 10.45am Mass this Sunday, prior to their up-coming Baptisms, we present and pray for  
Parker Andrew with parents Mark & Lisa Clarkson  
Kieran Ethan Kimball with parents Kerry & Paul Uttley

On account of some of our Children celebrating First Reconciliation next Saturday, 6 April, please note:  
Sat 6 April, at Sacred Heart - *Exposition & Reconciliation* - **Sat 13 April, at St Joseph's**

At both of our Masses next Sunday, 7 April, our First Reconciliation Children will celebrate the  
Rite of Receiving the Scriptures

**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

Maundy Thursday's evening **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, the Good Friday afternoon **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** and the **Paschal Vigil and Mass of Resurrection** on Holy Saturday night, should not be regarded as three separate events, but as one, on-going celebration, set over three days (thus the name *Triduum*), They merge into the one, awesome act of Jesus saving our world, and each one of us, from sin and evil. Through this redeeming act he makes us ever more able, in this world, to live lives close to him, and so to be with him in glory, in the next world. This is the most important of all our Church's celebrations. There can be no better way of thanking our ever loving God. than by sharing as fully as possible, in these Triduum Liturgies.

So, our sharing in our Lord's saving work begins with the Mass of the Last Supper. *At the Supper on the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, loving those who were his own in the world, offered his Body and Blood to the Father under the appearance of bread and wine, gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink, and then called his followers, throughout the ages, to do the same.*

That evening, we will give thanks for the gift of *Love*. As the Lord Jesus came to serve, so we too are called upon to serve our fellow men and women. We will therefore *re-dedicate ourselves* to the *ministries* we fulfil in our Church Family, which are many, from those seen at the altar (eg Servers), to others behind the scenes (eg Church Cleaners); and also those many more taken on out in the wider community (eg Parents, Nurses). The call to serve will then be dramatised. The priest will wash the *disciples' feet*; representing not just those of the Apostles, but also of all of us who take on Jesus's work in today's world.

We will then give thanks for the gift of the *Lord's Supper*. Whenever we celebrate the *Mass* we give thanks for both the Lord's Supper and for all God's gifts to us. But how wonderful it is if, on the *night of the Last Supper*, we make special effort to share in its celebration, by being at Mass.

Then will follow the *Watching* for any who can stay for a time or return later. This provides an opportunity to offer *thanks* on a *personal level*, and to quietly *prepare* for Good Friday and Holy Saturday - as, in preparing for those days, *Jesus prayed after the Last Supper, in Gethsemane.*

**Holy Thursday, St Joseph's, 7.00pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Good Friday, Sacred Heart, 3.00pm  
**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

Holy Saturday, Sacred Heart, 7.00pm  
Vigil & First Mass of Resurrection

## Things happening in our Parish

**Holy Week Art** All designs for our Holy Week Service Times Card and/or Poster need to be with Fr Anthony by this **Sun 31 Mar**. Remember, too, to put your name, age and contact details on the back.

**SVP** The meeting this **Wed 3 Apr**, following 7.00pm Mass and in our Sacred Heart Hall, will be a full District Council meeting, hosted by our Parish SVP.



**Bless Em All** Open Heart Memory Café invites *all* of our Parish Family and friends, to a live entertainment with Pocket Panto, in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Fri 12 Apr**, 10.15am-12.00nn. All your favourite songs and sketches from the 40s. Tickets £3, including tea and biscuits.

**Very much needed** Readers and Eucharist Ministers for our Holy Week ceremonies. We aim to have a mixture from *each* of our usual congregations to read/minister at *each* of our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Services. Please add names under any of the listed Services, but next to the name of the Church that you usually read/minister at.

**Also required** for our Maundy Thursday Mass, for the washing of feet, **six males** and **six females**, hopefully with some from all our usual weekend congregations.

**Please see lists** on our Church notice boards.

**Altar Servers** should please attend rehearsals: if they can serve Maundy Thursday Evening, then at **St Joseph's, Mon 15 Apr**, 4.30pm; if they can serve Good Friday Afternoon and/or Holy Saturday Evening, then at **The Sacred Heart, Wed 17 Apr**, 4.30pm.

**Lent Project** Those walking/running, for Mary's Meals, can still receive more sponsors. Any not already signed up may see the details and a sponsor form on the notice board, in the Entrance Hall, at either of our Churches.

Our **St Joseph's Easter Raffle** seeks many wanting a chance, or two, or ten to win an egg! Again for Mary's Meals (the money raised, not the eggs).

**Red Missio Boxes** are due for emptying. Any with a box please bring it to either of our Churches, next weekend.

### Extras especially for Lent

Stations of the Cross **St Joseph's, 12.00nn**  
Wednesdays: 3 Apr & 10 Apr  
*Soup & Roll available after*

*& alternating* **St Helen's, Friday 5 Apr**  
**St Helen's CofE** Sacred Heart, Friday 13 Apr  
& Sacred Heart Both at 6.30pm

Exposition & Sacred Heart, 7-8.00pm  
Guided Reflections This Thursday, 4 April

*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 12 & 26 Jun**, 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 Confessions** Our *Children* who have been preparing, will have a First Reconciliation, at pre-arranged times, in our Sacred Heart Church:

next Saturday, 6 April.

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

## Parish Monies

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

Loose £263.32  
Envelopes £500.20

## Collections, etc

**This Weekend** Collection after our Masses towards our Lent Project - *Mary's Meals* - to provide school meals in developing nations.

Last week's collections £134.11  
Total raised to date £504.83

## THE GOD WHO COMES

Mary, the Mother of Jesus was happy, even if the sword of her divine maternity pierced her heart constantly.



“She did not believe that she was the builder of history, as you do; she lived in her smallness and attributed to God—and God only—the possibility of guiding things.

“She believed herself to be nothing before God, so she never wanted to mirror herself in her own responsibility, as you do.

“Yes, you are afraid of what history will say about you, and it is your limitless pride which makes you think this way.

“She did not have this fear, and in her simplicity she lived day by day, as the poor of the earth live, the real poor, those who know they count for nothing in the balance of events.

“Do you want proof of the difference between your constant worry and the freedom of my mother in her extraordinary humility of life?

“One day during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem I hid, and she mislaid Me.

“Have you mislaid Me?

“No you have not mislaid Me.

“So as not to lose Me, so that history would not call you a distracted people, you have tied Me to your arms with a rope, and you have not left Me the least Freedom.

“My mother was capable even of mislaying Me, so free was she in her immense humility.

“It was this humility of hers, this smallness of hers, this lack of self regard, this not valuing herself for anything, that made Me love her.

No other creature was so capable of humility as My mother!

“And this is her greatness before God!

“There is why you do not feel my mother close to you. You will not be able to feel her until you have changed your hearts.

“My mother is the model of life and of humility; you are models of big words and vanity.

“My mother is the mistress of faith and total abandonment to God; you are models of frozen rationality and constant inconsistencies.

“My mother was poor and free as a bird in the sky; you are rich and slaves of your presumed culture and your sad, poisoned comfort.”



From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

There is evidence that the Romans occasionally nailed victims to a cross. St John also notes that when the soldiers pierced Jesus with a spear, to be sure he was dead, there flowed out blood and water. This happens when there is little blood left to bleed out. So Christ may have died of asphyxiation - or from loss of blood, on account of the earlier severe and prolonged beatings, and being nailed to a cross.

*When Jesus entered Jerusalem, days before his crucifixion, people threw palm branches on the ground before him. What did this action symbolise?*

### OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands.

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. “You’re running



around with other women,” she said. “You’re being unreasonable,” Adam responded “You’re the only woman on earth.” The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. “What do you think you’re doing?” Adam demanded.

“Counting your ribs,” said Eve.

**Please Keep  
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**, especially  
Dennis Bulmer (father of Fr David)  
Kathleen McQuinn (mother of Fr Michael)



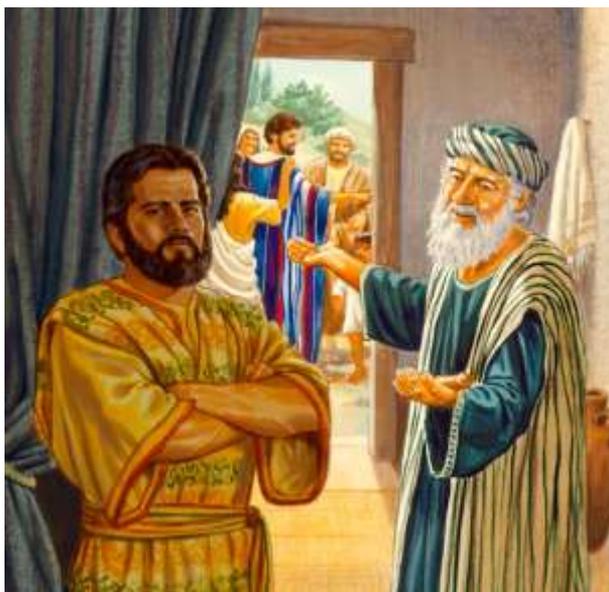
*Also:* All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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, John O'Brien  
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

**The Word: Year C, Lent, Sunday 4**

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-3. 11-32**

Who is the hero of the story? What should its title be? Some call it the parable of the Powerless Father, for the father is powerless to do anything but welcome his son. Clearly the principal message of the parable is that we can count on God's forgiveness, whatever we do. The contrast is also between the two sons. The younger insults his father: all he thinks about is his inheritance, as though he wished his father already dead. All the same, the father is eagerly on the watch, and forgets all his dignity to run and welcome his returning son. And to persuade the elder son to join in the party, the father even leaves his dinner-guests at table, going out into the field to urge the jealous elder brother to join in. Forgiveness and love is his whole motivation. The elder son responds to his father with insults ('That son of yours' he says), inventing guesses about sexual loose-living, of which there is no suggestion in the story of the younger son. It is a splendid example of Luke's delicate, witty and subtle characterisation.



research-history. So, manna (probably an edible honey-like excretion of a desert plant) is used in our passage as a symbol—the symbol of God's wonderful protection and feeding of Israel even in harsh and almost uninhabitable conditions (as here in the Sinai desert). The reading describes a double celebration, bringing together two festivals: the Passover in origin is a feast of wandering nomads, as they move at the first full moon of spring from their sheltered winter pastures to cooler summer pastures; the festival of Unleavened Bread, on the other hand, marks the beginning of the wheat harvest, a feast of a settled agricultural people. For Paul the celebration represents the newness of Easter, the freshness of the New Covenant.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

As we approach the commemoration of Christ's passion and resurrection our readings focus more on these events. The New Testament uses a variety of images to describe what is happening: Christ was glorified (using the idea of the awesome divine glory spoken about in the Old

Testament), he was raised to the right hand of God (using imagery from Psalm 110), he was exalted to heaven. In Christ we have been redeemed like freed slaves, ransomed like hostages, reconciled like estranged friends. In Christ God has reached out to us, to bring us back into true and full relationship with him. It is always God who does the reconciling.

**First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12**

In the first readings for the Sundays of Lent, we are working through the history of Israel as we move towards the promise of the New Covenant which is the central point of Easter. In this year's readings, the whole period between the Exodus from Egypt and the promise of the New Covenant at the time of the Babylonian exile (a period of some six hundred years) is represented by this one reading, the moment of arrival in the Promised Land of Canaan. This is the time when the provisional arrangements of the desert wanderings come to an end. The stories of the desert wanderings are folk-history and what happened there has a special meaning for the people; they are not modern

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year C, Lent, Sunday 5**

1st Reading Isaiah 43: 16-21  
2nd Reading Philippians 3:8-14  
Gospel: John 8:1-11

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter Week 4**

- 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** St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
- Wed**
- Thu** St. Isadore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Fri** St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
- Sat**