



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 6 April	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Sunday 7 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Fr J.P McGurk Deceased Conway Family
Monday 8 April	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00-10.30am Exposition 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Patrick Rogers <i>Individual Reconciliation available</i>
Tuesday 9 April	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Thomas Senior
Wednesday 10 April	12.00nn Stations of Cross 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass 7.30-8.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	James Taylor <i>Individual Reconciliation available</i>
Thursday 11 April	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Friday 12 April	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Stations of Cross	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Claire & Ron Ventom
Saturday 13 April	9.30-11.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	<i>Note change of venue</i> Sylvia Oldroyd
Sunday 14 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Constance Cockroft Doreen Daniels

At both of our Masses, this Sunday, we celebrate with our First Sacraments Children
The Rite of Receiving the Scriptures
We also congratulate them on their recent First Confession and continue our prayers for them

At Masses, next Passion Weekend: please collect a hymn book and palm, and gather
at Sacred Heart, in the Hall - at St Joseph's (weather allowing), outside Main Door

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

Good Friday, day two of the Holy Triduum, sees the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**, which is the middle act of the one Triduum Celebration or Holy Week Drama. This will begin at 3.00pm, the accepted time of Jesus' death. For Catholics, the Liturgy of Good Friday has an unusual style, but also a simple beauty.

The Celebration will begin with a procession *in silence*. The Priest will then lay before the altar as all others kneel, in silence. Yet while this is a solemn celebration, there is no room for gloom. The Collect will remind us of how Jesus suffered and died to *free us from sin and death*: and then it will point us towards the *Resurrection*.

Central to the Liturgy is the *Reading of the Lord's Passion, told by John*. Interestingly, the 'Ritual' next notes: *there may be a brief Homily*. Beware the Priest, if he thinks he can add much to what all have just heard in the greatest Homily of all times: the awesome love of Jesus, seen in his suffering and dying for us, so to rise for us. This, too, is the greatest prayer of all times: with very few words, but a giving to the Father of his whole Being, *and, again, for us*.



The Intercessions, for the needs of our Church and our world, are followed by a simple, yet very moving *Adoration of the Cross*. We will together and then individually adore Christ in his dying for us. How many of us, especially those suffering an illness, turmoil or upset, might feel the warmth of the healing Christ. All with sorrow for their sins - *whatever their sins* - should also know and trust in Christ giving them healing. Emphasising how Christ took on suffering to *free us* from sin, and *bring us* through death to heaven, Jesus will then give himself to us in Holy Communion.

*But the death would have had no purpose
- if all had ended there.*

The most colourful event of our Christian year - one yet more important than Christmas and that completes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday - we then come to on **Holy Saturday Night** with the **Easter Vigil and Mass of Resurrection**.

**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

Extras especially for Lent

Stations of the Cross St Joseph's, 12.00nn, Wed 10 Apr
Soup & Roll available after
Sacred Heart, 6.30pm, Fri 13 Apr

Things happening in our Parish

Do please take with you a *Holy Week Service Times Card* or two, to pass on to others whom you might be able to encourage to come to some of those services.

Also, if you have a window or sheltered spot close enough to a footpath, please take a *Holy Week Poster* to display for any passers-by to see - and maybe some can ask local business keepers to display a poster in their pub, shop, club, office . . . ??

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.

Sponsored Run/Walk Towards Mary's Meals: Cassidy and Frankie have walked their walk, and Jennifer has run her run. They would be grateful if those who have not yet paid their contributions would please do so, this or next weekend. Monies may be given to any of the three or Fr Anthony.

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

Thank You and well done to our artists for their designs: for the Holy Week Poster, Jennifer Smith; for the Service Times Cards Michal Manka, Oliwia Simeonowa, Joseph Byrne and Kuba Pluta.

In our Diocese & Nationally

Revelation This monthly youth event, for any in Years 8-11, will next occur Thu 11 Apr, Hinsley Hall, Leeds, 5:30-7:30pm. Prayer, music, games, and more. For details email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

World Youth Day at Home 7-9 Jun: A weekend festival bringing those aged 15-25 together. In prayer, worship, catechesis, and fellowship, the weekend promises to provide a wonderful experience of God's love for young people. See details at www.wydathome.com.

*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, within our Deanery, January/February 2020 - for Baptised Catholics now in *school year 5 or older*. An information meeting will occur, for Parents/Carers and Applicants, in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Sat 15 June**, 9.30-10.30am.

First Eucharist Our Children who this year celebrated a First Reconciliation and their Parents/Carers are due to next meet, in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Sat 22 June**, 10.00am-12.00nn.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

In ancient times, palm branches represented goodness and victory. They might be thrown on the ground if such as a king was entering a town or city, for him to walk or ride over - if he had been victorious in battle and brought a new reign of peace - or if he was otherwise seen as a great peace-maker.

The Easter Vigil begins with the lighting of a fire. How does this link Christ with Moses and the Exodus?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

'God doesn't love me,' cried the little girl.

'Don't be silly,' said her father, 'of course he does!'



She refused to be comforted. 'I know he doesn't because I tried him with a daisy.'

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £311.50
Envelopes £412.43

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 £140.10
Total raised to date £644.93

THE GOD WHO COMES



"But let us come to the secret of my mother, Mary's being.

"What was My mother?

"What did My mother inaugurate?

"What did My mother live?

"It was the kingdom of God.

"She inaugurated the kingdom of God on earth.

"She lived the kingdom of God.

"For the first time in time, the eternal desire of God to live under the tents of men was fulfilled in her.

"Mary was the first tent under which the Absolute lived as though in His own home, conversing with men, living in peace with men.

"Always Yahweh had had the desire of setting up His tent among men. To live with them in perfect

union, to establish with them an ideal kingdom of peace, where war would be banished and happiness would be at home.

"He had never succeeded.

"No creature had ever accepted becoming God's tent, absolutely under His domination.

"Too many idols filled up the space of their freedom.

"The first creature who knew how to say and wanted to say her unconditional yes to God's desire was My mother: "'I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say"' (Luke 1:38)

"It was the first time that God had heard such a sweet word from men. Everyone had only worried about questions and denials, as though the kingdom of God were less interesting than the kingdom of the earth, as though living with men more pleasing than living with God.

"My mother was capable of an absolute act of abandonment, of radical humility, and of a perfect vision of reality.

"And she conceived Me.

"I lived in her womb as in Paradise at my ease.

"My mother's womb was truly a piece of Heaven. It was Heaven.

"In her, God's dream was realised: to make a heaven on earth, 'on earth as it is in heaven' " (Matt. 6:10).

From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

Open Heart Memory Café invites you to our Sacred Heart Hall, Fri 12 Apr
10.15am-12.00nn for
Bless Em All

a live entertainment with Pocket Panto
All your favourite songs and sketches
from the 40s.

Tickets £3, including tea and biscuits.



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

The Word: Year C, Lent, Sunday 5

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Why this reading from John in the middle of the Year of Luke? All other gospels during this Lenten season have been from Luke. The answer is that it is an independent, floating story which does not even fit in to the Gospel of John. In early manuscripts of the gospels this story moves around and is found in various places before it becomes anchored as an example of Jesus' teachings just after he says 'Our Law does not allow us to pass judgement on anyone without first giving them a hearing' (John 7:51). It is appropriate for this Year of Luke because the tone of

the story and the theme of welcome for the repentant sinner are both thoroughly Lukan and a theme constantly stressed in Luke's Gospel (for example, in the Parable of the Prodigal Son). What did Jesus write on the ground, or was it that he was just doodling to allow the accusers time to reflect on their self-righteousness? The latter is certainly one of the main concerns of St. Luke's Gospel, where it is made clear that you cannot be a follower of Christ without admitting your sinfulness: when Peter meets Jesus, he tells Jesus to go away, as he (Peter) is a sinner; Zacchaeus recognises he is a sinner and promises to make multiple restitution for his embezzlements; the woman at the supper weeps for her sins at Jesus' feet.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

During Lent we have been working through the story of Israel preparing—or being prepared—for the coming of Christ: we have heard of Adam, Abraham, Moses, the monarchy, and now we hear of the promise of a new beginning. For that is what Easter is. This part of Isaiah was written during the Exile of the Jews in Babylon, a traumatic event which seemed to them to be the end of all their hopes; it seemed to be permanent condition of exile and slavery, far from their beloved Jerusalem—'There we sat and wept,' says the Psalmist. But the prophet (whose work is attributed to Isaiah) set out to re-invigorate them with the promise that they would return to Jerusalem, and

that the wonders of the Exodus from Egypt would be renewed. There would be a new road across the desert and miraculous supplies of water for the travellers. The desert would bloom afresh (for the slightest supply of water brings the withered plants to life in the spring), and the curious beasts of the desert, jackals and ostriches, would praise the Lord. There is a lesson for us too. Out trust in God teaches us—and our own experience eventually grudgingly reinforces this—that seemingly total disaster can become source of strength and instruction.



Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

As we prepare for the celebration of the Passion next week, we read of Paul's own struggle in this letter to his special friends at Philippi in Northern Greece. He is tired, probably already quite elderly, and longs to finish his race and be with Christ in tranquillity. The games and athletic contests were the football tournaments of the ancient world. Corinth, where Paul spent so long, was the centre of the Isthmian Games (more important at the time than the Olympics) and Paul often uses imagery of running and even boxing. He knows the thrill of the contest, but at the same time he recognizes that all our power comes from the Resurrection of Christ. Christ endured and was raised by the Father. Often for us Christianity consists of also enduring—enduring slights, insults or neglect and replying with a cheerful word or gesture which dissolves the hurt and seeks to renew friendship and genuine relationship. There is no need aggressively to turn the other cheek; it needs more of the courage of Christ to reply with a positive advance. If I can bring myself to ask, 'What would Jesus have done?' I am already sharing in his strength. In this way, the aggression of the athlete is redirected.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Holy Week, Palm Sunday

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4–7

2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Passion Luke 22:14—23:56

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 St. Stanislaus, Bishop

Fri

Sat St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr