



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, Holy Week, Palm Sunday, 13/14 April 2019

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Saturday 13 April	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Sylvia Oldroyd
Palm Sunday 14 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Constance Cockroft Doreen Daniels
Monday 15 April	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	<i>With SJ School</i> Brian Nolan
Tuesday 16 April	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention (AF)
Wednesday 17 April	9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition <i>No evening Mass, today</i>	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>With SH School</i> Tony Sweeney
Maundy Thursday 18 April	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Watching to 10.00pm	St Joseph's St Joseph's	Parish Family
Good Friday 19 April	3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 6.30pm Stations of Cross	Sacred Heart St Joseph's	
Holy Saturday 20 April	<i>No Exposition today</i> 10.00am Polish Food Bless 7.00pm Solemn Vigil and Mass of Resurrection	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>Reconciliation by appointment only, today</i> Bill & Gladys Tyrell
Sunday 21 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Margaret Mosley Waltrude & Joshua Swift

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



At our Holy Saturday Vigil, all will gather first in the Hall
Please collect a candle as you enter
Do stay a little while after Mass
for Light Refreshments and to exchange Easter greetings



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

The **Holy Saturday Celebration of the Paschal Vigil and Mass of Resurrection** is rightly the most colourful among our Christian liturgies. It is the climax and highlight not only of the *Three Act Drama* we are about to follow, this coming week, but of the *entire* Christian year.

The Paschal or Easter Vigil follows the quieter, but joyful and hope-filled Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, and the deep sadness of the day of the Lord's Death (though even here there are clear hints of what is to follow).

Holy Saturday (that should not be confused with Easter Saturday, the Saturday immediately after Easter Sunday) begins with an empty tabernacle its door open, reminding of our world seeming to be empty of Christ's presence and activity. But as dusk comes, a fire is lit. The Paschal Candle and then more and more candles slowly but surely fill the Church with light, as we enter in.

We recall that Christ is our Light, or our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

We go on to recall how the history of Israel, through the Old Testament times, especially the Exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land, was a lead up to the coming of Christ into our world.

We give thanks for the gift of our Church, our brothers and sisters in Christ, those in heaven and those still with us on earth, in the Litany of the Saints, Blessing of the Font, and the Baptism of new members into our Church Family.

With a full Easter joy, we then follow on with the great Thanksgiving or Eucharist of the *Lord's Death and Resurrection*; the sign that we can have a new life here on earth, dead to sin, and one day be brought to eternal joy in heaven.

This is, indeed, the awesome celebration of all celebrations, not to be missed. Going on the national popularity of Church attendance, a visitor from outer space might be forgiven if he concluded that many are stuck with worshipping a baby. Or he might conclude that some of these many worship a dead Jesus (as was thought by some early Romans and Greeks). It is pleasing to note how well attended have been our Parish Holy Week Ceremonies, in recent years. For one of the greatest signs of a truly alive parish is in how its Family come to *celebrate the great, Holy Triduum Ceremonies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.*

Do be sure to be with us.



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: Jennifer has now run her run and Cassidy and Frankie have walked their walk. They would be grateful if those who have not yet paid their contributions would please do so, this weekend or as soon as possible. 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 as soon as.

Easter Candles All are invited, next Easter weekend, to take home the processional candles that we will use. It is suggested that those who can safely do so, should light them for a few minutes each day, during Easter week, and offer a prayer for their families, living and deceased.

Easter Offerings Tradition has it that your offerings next weekend are your gift to your Parish Priest.

In our Diocese

Foundations in Faith A Catholic Formation Course for catechists, teachers and any interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. The course incorporates the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies and begins at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, Sep 2019. An information evening will be held at Hinsley Hall, Tue 11 Jun, 7.00-8.30pm. To book or for details: contact Emma - tel 0113-261-8040 - or at evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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?

As Moses led the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt to the promised land, they were guided by a cloud by day and a *pillar of fire* by night. The fire lit at the very beginning of the Easter Vigil reminds of this, but then all follow into the Church the Easter Candle (lit from the fire), representing the one who supersedes Moses, Christ, the Light of the World.

We speak of Pasch or Paschal referring to Easter, but what does the word Pasch mean?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A very rich man died. He was famous for his collection of art treasures, antiques and silver. After the funeral, a journalist whispered to the vicar, 'How much did he leave?'

'Everything', whispered the vicar.



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£297.00
Envelopes	£458.25
Mar Bank Orders	£1073.00

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 £135.64
Total raised to date £780.57

THE GOD WHO COMES

"Do you want to become heaven?"

"Do as my mother did: accept Me to dwell with you."

"Do you want to become God's tent? Accept Me within you, as My mother did."

"Here is the summary of the whole plan of salvation; here is God's secret; here is the sign of His infinite mercy; here is the greatness of the human vocation. To be God's dwelling place yourselves, to live union with the eternal, to make heaven in man, to make the kingdom of the Creator out of creature."



My mother is the origin of all this; she inaugurated this divine reality in her flesh.

"Whoever wants to enter this divine reality must follow her."

"That is how My mother is your mother."

"Accept her and you will be holy, because holiness is nothing more than God dwelling within you and the conscious

acceptance of being God's dwelling place. That is what my mother did fully.

"Then you will understand everything, for your understanding will come from within, as a fruit of life and as a reply to intimacy with the eternal truth of God. Then you will be in peace, because peace is the fruit of the order I have established between heaven (which is God) and the earth (which is you)."

"Nothing will ever be able to make you afraid again, since you carry God Himself and His omnipotence within yourselves."

"Nothing will ever be able to upset you again, since, being God's Heaven, you already have the kingdom within yourselves, unailing and eternal, since time began and forever by My Father."

"One more thing my mother can teach you a precious thing in these secular and difficult times: the strength to suffer lovingly."

"In her such strength was limitless and came from her vocation to generate life."



"Oh it was not easy to generate life in a land of death, to generate life in an inhospitable desert, such as the heart of sinful man. What anguish to be faced with the horrible chaos of a man dominated by the demons of power, money, libido."

From: *The God Who Comes*—Carlo Carretto

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Lawrence Wileman, Dean Edmund Hallas,
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, John O'Brien
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year C, Palm Sunday

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40



This reading announces the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the end of his long journey. In Luke the cheers are concentrated not merely on the Kingdom, but on the King himself, who comes in the name of the LORD.. Their cries of the people echo (and excel) those of the angels at the nativity, 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!' For Luke, Jerusalem is the hinge: it is the turning point where the gospel ends and the Acts of the Apostles begins, and the Good News is spread to the ends of the earth. During the previous ten chapters of the Gospel all the concentration has been on this journey up to Jerusalem, where Jesus is to suffer and so rise again. There has been an air of tragedy about the journey: Jesus' death has been constantly in mind, for it has been stressed that no prophet can perish away from Jerusalem. As Jesus enters the city, he weeps over its refusal to accept him, just as he had done earlier on his journey (13:34-35) and as he will do as he leaves Jerusalem for execution.

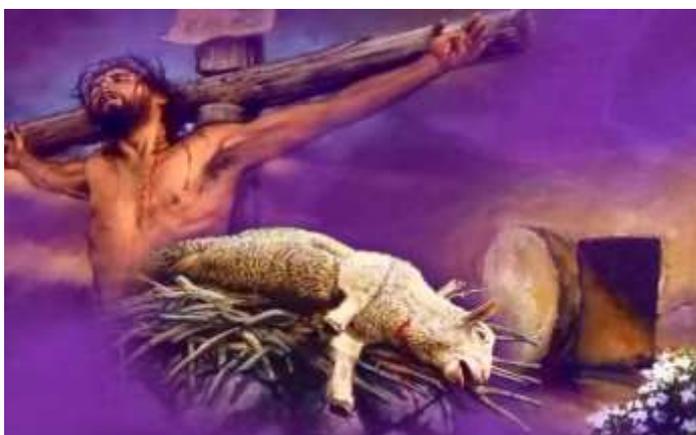
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In the Book of Isaiah there are four songs (of which this is the third), sung by a mysterious servant of the Lord. It is not clear who this Servant is, but he is totally dedicated to the service of the Lord, a disciple who listens devotedly to God. Through suffering, this Servant brings to fulfilment the salvation which the Lord intends for Israel and for the world. Jesus saw himself in the terms of the language

used of this Servant, and the four songs in Isaiah feature throughout the liturgy of Holy Week.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

This part of the letter is a hymn; it was probably not written by Paul himself, but quoted by him as he writes to the Philippians. It is a very early Christian hymn. It celebrates the triumph of Jesus through his selflessness. The assertions at the end of the hymn are staggering. The hymn claims for Jesus the titles and the worship which are due only to God. What is more, this acknowledgement of Jesus does not detract from the glory of God, but is precisely 'to the glory of God the Father'. This is perhaps the fullest statement in Paul of the divine glory of Jesus himself, a glory which is won by Jesus' humiliation in death.



*And being found In appearance as a man,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name.*

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Easter Sunday

1st Reading Acts 10:34.37-43

2nd Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Passion Luke 22:14—23:56

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

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 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Fri GOOD FRIDAY

Sat HOLY SATURDAY