



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 20 April	7.00pm Solemn Vigil and Mass of Resurrection	Sacred Heart	Bill & Gladys Tyrell
Easter Sunday 21 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Margaret Mosley Waltrude & Joshua Swift
Monday 22 April	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>No Exposition today</i> 3.00pm Receive Body	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Patrick & Janet Byrne Lawrence Wileman
Tuesday 23 April	7.30am Mass 10.15 am Funeral Service 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family Lawrence Wileman
Wednesday 24 April	10.45am Funeral Service 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Dean Hallas Deceased Family of Eileen O'Reilly
Thursday 25 April	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Deceased Ventom . . . Ramskill Families
Friday 26 April	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Intentions of K & J
Saturday 27 April	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Brian Nolan
Low Sunday 28 April	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptisms	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	James McNally Mary McDonough Parker A Clarkson & Harvey M Callam

On the event of their Baptisms, this Sunday, we congratulate and pray for
Ebony Jade & Penny Amber Mullen, with parents Ashley & Jade
Arianna Lucia Vittoria & Rocco Santino Vincenzo Feliciello, with parents Jekaterina & Salvatore

Fr Anthony wishes each of our Parish Family, and their Families,
a truly happy and Christ-filled Easter

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

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. *Easter* literally means *the feast of fresh flowers*.

The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Faith, the greatest of the miracles. It shows that Jesus is God. St Paul wrote: *If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain - And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins - But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:14, 17, 20)*. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, the Church is a fraud, Faith is a sham. But if he did rise from the dead, his message is true! Except for the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained just a good person who met a tragic end. People might remember some of his teachings, and some might try to live according to them. But all the basic doctrines of Christianity rest on the Resurrection being true. *Jesus is Lord; he is risen (Rom 10:9)* was central to the preaching of the Apostles. John Locke, the philosopher, wrote, *Our Saviour's Resurrection is truly of great importance - so great that his being or not being the Messiah stands or falls with it.*"



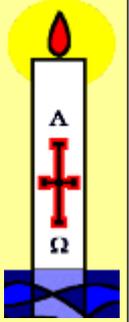
Easter is the hope of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha, at the tomb of Lazarus: *I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies. (Jn 11:25,26)* Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a way, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is now a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ.

Easter gives us hope and encouragement. In this world of pain, sorrows and tears, Easter reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our lives, in his Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations, to find hope and encouragement amidst difficulties, and freedom from unnecessary worry and fear. The prayer of St. Patrick is made truly possible and real because of Easter: *Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part.*

Courtesy Vatican News, March 2018 (abbreviated)

Easter Candles

All are invited to take home the processional candles they used today. It is suggested that those who can safely do so, should light them for a few minutes each day, during this Easter week, and offer a prayer for their families, living and deceased, or for any other causes they wish to pray for. Those who live with others might do this together, such as, for instance, if they gather together for a meal.



Things happening in our Parish

Your Easter Offerings, this weekend, are traditionally your gift to your Parish Priest.

Sponsored Run/Walk towards Mary's Meals. Any who have not yet paid their contributions are asked to please do so by next weekend at latest, so that our Lent Project can be closed and paid over. Monies may be given to those who ran/walked or direct to Fr Anthony.

Please Expect parking restrictions in our Sacred Heart grounds, this **Fri 25 Apr**, especially during the morning, while the dying ash tree is hopefully felled.

Gift Aid Please remember that if you pay anything more than a minimum amount of income tax, we can reclaim the tax you have already paid on the money you give to our Parish. If you do not already Gift Aid, all you need do is sign a Gift Aid Form and allow us to record what you give (eg by numbered envelopes or a bank standing order): and it won't cost you a penny more than what you are already giving. For more information, please consult Jackie Ventom, Margaret Whitehouse or Fr Anthony.

Please note: one off donations, favouring our Parish, can also be gift aided by income tax payers.

Forewarning Our *International Mass* was again much appreciated, last year, so plans are afoot to celebrate an **International Mass** on **Sat 22 Jun**, at **5.00pm**, in our Sacred Heart Church, with some music and prayers from different traditions, and a Shared (Faith) World Foods Feast after. Do book this as a date in your diary.

& In our Diocese

Lourdes 2019 The Hospitality Team desperately need volunteers (Doctors, Nurses, Helpers) for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 5-11 July 2019. If you are able to help please call Kim O'Connor (Medical) 07947-534989 or Angela Harvey (Helpers) 07939-262748.

Lent Project Many thanks to all who have contributed, with usual generosity. £1083.23 has been raised in our weekly Retiring Collections alone. That raised from the sponsored run/walk will be announced in the next week or so. All will go to *Mary's Meals*, to help provide school meals in some of the poorest areas of our world, to both feed the children and encourage and enable them to gain an education, to help their future.



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?

The word Pasch comes originally from the Hebrew word pesach which means passage or passing over. In many respects, the greatest festival among Jews is that of Pesach or Passover, when they commemorate the escape of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Christians also recall this, but we especially celebrate Christ's Passover from his Death to his Resurrection.

The Sunday immediately after Easter Sunday is commonly referred to as Low Sunday. Why so?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A father once told his wife he was certain that his son had taken money out of his pocket. When she asked how he was so certain, that it might, for example, have been her, he shook his head, 'No, there was some left.'



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£239.26
Envelopes	£437.50
Donation/Flowers	£100.00

Collections, etc

Lent Project From our collections, after each of our weekend Masses, *Mary's Meals* is to benefit -
Last week's collections £392.66
Total in collections £1082.66
But see also pg 2.

THE GOD WHO COMES

It is 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.

"How can such terrestrial reality be transformed into Heaven, such refined selfishness into generosity, such total slavery into freedom?"

"There is little that can be done: it is necessary to suffer, suffer a great deal, as mothers suffer for their ungrateful sons, as the innocents suffer for those who trample them, as the poor suffer for those who starve them.

"It is necessary to have a great ability to suffer, so as not to fall into the temptation of hatred and not accumulate, through violence, more dead bodies on the mountain already piled high.

"For if the mother rebels, perhaps without understanding, in front of her sinful son, who is to save him?"

"If the innocent strikes out at the one who has struck him, who is to stop the spiral of violence.

"If the poor man kills the master who despises him and starves him, who on earth will still be capable of being 'the poor man'?"

"Don't you know that if you are not poor, you cannot enter into the kingdom?"

"And don't you know that only "poverty" is the path which leads to the life of God?"



"And what is meant by poverty as a beatitude? As I said in the Sermon on the Mount: "How blessed are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs" (Matt. 5:3). It is the loving beatifying acceptance of one's own limits, one's own imprisonment, one's own sorrow, one's own infirmity, one's own death.

"Oh do not reduce poverty to something material, do not reduce it to not having money.

"For man, poverty is his own human nature, his 'state', his being.

"For man poverty is the thirst for life, the search for the Absolute while still living in the contingent, the hunger for God while not yet being God, the hope of the Resurrection while still immersed in death.

"This is poverty: such a tension is the only basis for relationship between man and God.

"Without poverty, man could not march towards God because he would not feel the need. Worse, without poverty man would believe himself to be God, adoring himself in a diabolical idolatry like a prolonged, radical curse.

"Without poverty man would become Satan.

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, Joan Aston, Denis Fricker
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year C, Eastertide, Easter Sunday

Gospel: John 20:1-9

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different



people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story in John's Gospel places emphasis on proving that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that the disciples will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen

Christ were simply ghost-appearance accounts. Apart from the proof that the risen Jesus was a real, living and bodily person, these encounters stress two other things—the power of the risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account of John's, Simon Peter is clearly a senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings Peter to faith.

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter was speaking to Cornelius. Cornelius was the Roman centurion who already revered God and had had a vision that he should invite Peter to come and instruct him. Peter emphasises that Jesus was a real human being; he went about bringing God's peace to everyone he could meet; nevertheless, he was executed as a criminal; so God responded by raising him from death to a life that was totally new. This was the fulfilment of all the promises made to Israel, bringing to completion God's plan in creation. Life moved into a new gear. Peter goes on to state

that God has appointed the risen Jesus to judge the living and the dead. The Jews expected that at the end of time, at the completion of all things, God would come to set everything to rights, to judge things according to their true worth. Now Peter says that Jesus is the one who will be this judge. Jesus is the Lord who completes all things and brings them to judgement. By his rising from the dead Jesus is given supreme authority over the whole world. Paul put it this way, that he was 'constituted Son of God in power' by the resurrection.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

This reading is like the visible tip of an iceberg, because much more lies below the surface! Paul here tells us that all our interest must be in heavenly things, the things of Christ, because we share Christ's life. What is more, that life is no ordinary life. What does all this mean? We share Christ's life because faith in Christ means we put all our trust and hope in Christ.

We have been baptised into Christ, that is, by baptism we have been dipped into Christ as into a river, and come up soaked with, dripping with Christ. I am growing into Christ, to share his inheritance, his status as Son of God. The well-spring of my life is no longer the ordinary, natural life which enables me to live, breathe, digest, feel, see, sing and play, love and hate. It is the Spirit of Christ which spurs me to generosity, service, kindness, self-control, peace and openness. This life, says Paul, is still hidden, and will be fully manifested only at the coming of Christ. But if I am to be true to my profession of faith in baptism, the principles on which I base my life must be those of this risen life of Christ, here and now.



Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

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1st Reading Acts 5:12-16

2nd Reading Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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
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Sat

