



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 4 May	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Eileen Pickering
Sunday 5 May	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Peter Gee
Monday 6 May	<i>No Exposition today</i>	Sacred Heart	
Tuesday 7 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 8 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Thursday 9 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Friday 10 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Saturday 11 May	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	<i>No Exposition/Reconciliation today</i> Michael Liffey
Sunday 12 May	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Trevor Stones



This weekend, we welcome Fr Sean Durcan, with us to celebrate each of our Parish Masses

This week, Fr Anthony will also celebrate Masses for our Parish Family, Lol Wileman, Dean Hallas, Yorkshire Brethren (3), Faithful Departed (Nov List)

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, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a *Resurrection people*. We are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, bad habits or dangerous addictions. We have the Good News that no tomb can hold us down anymore - not the tomb of discouragement, doubt or despair, nor that of death. We really can come to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the presence of the Risen Lord in every aspect of our lives. *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* (Ps 118:24)



The living presence of the Risen Lord gives us lasting peace and heavenly joy in the face of the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. *Peace be with you!* was his greeting to his disciples at all Jesus' Risen appearances. For Christians, every day should be an Easter Day, lived joyfully in the company of the Risen Lord.

We are also meant to be seen as Christians, showing others, through lives of love, mercy, compassion and willing service, that the Risen Jesus is living in our hearts.

Awareness of the all-pervading, loving presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help us to *control our thoughts, desires, words and behaviour*. So, we are inspired to *honour our bodies, keeping them holy*, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the Risen Lord is present in our neighbours and in all those we encounter should then encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.

Easter reminds us that every Good Friday, or day of upset or suffering in our lives, will have an Easter Sunday and that Jesus will let us share the power of His Resurrection. We share in the every time we display our love of others. Each time we face a betrayal of trust with forgiveness, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations – but keep on trying to overcome them – we share in the Resurrection. Every time we continue to hope – even when hope seems unanswered – we share in the power of Jesus' Resurrection. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our Faith in him.

Courtesy of Vatican News, March 2018 (abbreviate)

Things happening in our Parish

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 8 May**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or to join them, please have a word with any present Member.

Open Heart Memory Café especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their family, friends and carers. The next gathering, in our Sacred Heart Hall, will be this **Fri 10 May**, 10.00-12.00am. Do come for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome

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.

Leave not on! Lights in and/or to the toilets, at Sacred Heart, and taps in the toilets, are still sometimes being left on. Sometimes they have likely been on 12, 18 or more hours. Please, all who lock up after any event, check that all lights (except the emergency lights) and taps are turned off. A check that all toilets have been flushed would be good, too.

& 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.

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.

Lent Project Monies resulting from the sponsored run and walk came to a total of £605. Many thanks to those who ran/walked and to all those who supported them. With the money from the weekly collections, our final total for Mary's Meals has come to £1688.23. A very worthy effort, indeed.



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?

St John's Gospel appears to conclude in chapter 20, but then we find chapter 21, as read on the third Sunday of Easter. Chapter 21 is also in a different literary style to the rest of the Gospel. We know John wrote his Gospel when he was an old man, so it is likely chapter 21 was added after his death, by one or some of his disciples, from what he had said to them.

Over the three year cycle of Sunday readings, for the third Sunday of Easter, it might be suggested that food is a common link between the three years. On the fourth Sunday, however, there is a much clearer link, which is?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

A father trying to encourage his dejected son by saying 'Don't ever give up! People who are remembered never give up. Think of Robert the Bruce, Madame Curie, Thomas Edison. They didn't give up. And look



at Jonathan MacPringle,' The boy looked puzzled. 'Who's Jonathan MacPringle?' 'See said his father, you never heard of him. He gave up.'

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:
Easter S Envelopes £255.72
St Joseph's Raffle £150.00
Last Sun Loose £252.55
Last Sun Envelopes £383.50

Collections, etc

Door Collection after each Mass, this weekend: 50% towards Holy Land Shrines and 50% towards the needs of the Vatican.

THE GOD WHO COMES

Conclusion

During my life I have had plenty of time to discover my poverty in body, in heart, in spirit.

At first it annoyed me; sometimes it scandalised me, as something incomprehensible. Then it made me think.

The meeting with Jesus in the gospel taught me endurance, resignation, acceptance of this poverty of mine.

But when He, Jesus, and the Father sent me the Holy Spirit, I understood and lived the beatitude of poverty—the loving and joyful understanding of my limits, the certainty that life is born of death, the contemplative experience that visible things are images of the invisible and that poverty on this earth is only thirst for heaven, which is thirst for the absolute.

Then I walked with faith on the path of my poverty to meet with Him, the Invisible, the Eternal One, Life, Light, Love, the Merciful One, the Personal God, the God of Abraham, the God of Moses, the God of Elijah, the God of Jacob, the God of Christ.

The meeting has not always been easy: darkness, nausea, dryness, desire to escape.

But I have remained, sustained by hope. I have understood that God is the God Who Comes. And I have waited.

For me to pray means to wait.

On the frontier of my limits, in the tension of my love, to have the strength to wait.

He always came, even if His manner of coming was always new, because He is always new and He is eternal multiplicity, though in the infinite unity of His nature.

I tell you little when I say I have gotten on well with Him, though He has nearly always offered me a painful love, in the image and substance of Jesus crucified, and He has strongly invited me to identify my love with the sorrow of the whole world and the suffering of my brothers.

And I expect—if His grace sustains me, as I hope it will—to return every dawn and every evening of my life to that meeting place.

And even if I foresee that my poverty will grow as I approach death, and that the waiting will be always more bitter, I no longer wish to break the appointment.

By now the God who comes has conquered me, and my eyes, tired of seeing only things here below, are happy to smile at Him.

And I should like them to be well opened and ready to smile before His marvels when He comes to the last time to break through the veil of my limits and to introduce me—with all His people' which is the Church—into His invisible kingdom of light, life, and love.

In order to hurry that day, from now on I'm taking for myself the most beautiful prayer, expressed in the last words of Revelation and placed like a seal on revealed things:

"Come Lord Jesus".

How I embrace as mine the joyful hope contained in the reply:

"Yes, I am coming soon." Amen!

From : The God Who Comes—Carlo Carretto



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

The Word: Year C, Eastertide, Sunday 3

Gospel: John 21:1-19

The epilogue to the Gospel of John shows an extraordinary link with Luke's version of the Call of the Disciples: the same unsuccessful fishing all night transformed into success at Jesus' command, and then the commission to proclaim the Gospel. As with so many encounters with the risen Christ, he is an awesome figure, the same person but mysteriously changed, so that the disciples have difficulty recognising him. In addition, here in John's Gospel, we have the touching scene of Peter's restoration: a triple declaration of love and loyalty is extorted from Peter to compensate for his triple denial, and a triple commission is given to him, concluding with the repeat of his call, 'Follow me' - as the prophecy of his martyrdom still echoes in his ears. While Matthew's Gospel concludes with a promise that the risen Christ will be always with his Church, this Gospel illustrates what this will look like in practice: Jesus feeds his followers at the picnic breakfast. Why the 153 fish? For the Venerable Bede it is too obvious: put together the numbers from 1 to 16, to this add 10 for the commandments and 7 for the days of creation, and you get 153. There may be more to it than that!



First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

By the time this hearing before the Sanhedrin (the supreme Jewish Council in Jerusalem) occurs, the apostles have already been arrested twice for proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. The first time only Peter and John were arrested, interrogated and given warning. Now it seems to be a whole group of the apostles. They were

arrested, delivered from prison by angel—another sign that God looks after his own people—and voluntarily went to face the Sanhedrin. The task of the apostles is first and foremost to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus and his new life, a positive message of encouragement. Is our message of Christianity to those whom we meet always a message of encouragement? Does it always set out to inspire new life? All the way through the Acts of the Apostles we see the interplay of the harassment of Christ's messengers and God's protection of them. Peter is arrested and is about to be executed when he is delivered from prison by an angel. Later on Paul is imprisoned and delivered from prison by an earthquake. It is no surprise that the same harassment, mockery and persecution continue throughout the history of the Church.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

This reading shows us a scene in the heavenly throne-room, the Lamb sacrificed enthroned. In fact this is the second half of the scene, the first half of which describes God enthroned in glory. Now we see the triumphant Lamb on the same throne, being accorded the same honours by the 24 elders and by all living creatures as were earlier accorded to the LORD God. Note the sevenfold acclamation! Then there is a fourfold acclamation from the four animals, four-square, who (as in Ezekiel's vision of the divine throne) represent the solidarity of the universe. The surest indication, already in the early Church, that the risen Christ was seen as fully equal to the Father is the equality of worship accorded to them both by the whole of creation. It is precisely as the sacrificed Lamb of God that Jesus enters into the sanctuary, seated on the throne of God and presenting the very sacrifice which we present in the Eucharist. There is no time in God, and this sacrifice is 'once and for all'. The sacrifice on our altars is no new sacrifice but is the sacrifice of obedience which Christ presents in permanence to his Father.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Eastertide, Sunday 4

1st Reading Acts 13:14. 43-52

2nd Reading Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper

Tue + Common of Pastors + Diocesan Proper

Wed + Seasonal Proper

Thu + Seasonal Proper

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue St. John of Beverley, Bishop

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat