



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 11 May	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Michael Liffey
Sunday 12 May	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Trevor Stones
Monday 13 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Tuesday 14 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 15 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Thursday 16 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Friday 17 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Saturday 18 May	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Derek, Mark & Chris Jones
Sunday 19 May	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm <i>Baptism</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	James McNally Jim Taylor Kieran Ethan Kimball Uttley



This weekend, we thank Fr Sean Durcan, for celebrating with us our recent Parish Masses

This week, Fr Anthony will also celebrate Masses for our Parish Family, Jim Taylor, Tony Sweeney, Yorkshire Brethren (3)

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

It is part of our human state to crave security. We are, most of us, prey to anxiety. We would like to be able to foresee and control the future, and to guarantee a secure future. True faith invites us to place our security in God. This is not easy. We want to trust God, but we fear. We say we trust him, but how confused and perplexed we might be when a 'good' person meets tragedy and a 'bad' person enjoys prosperity.

Jesus invites us to see a God of unconditional love, the God who gives freely and generously because he is love and we belong to him. This God gives all as pure gift. Jesus invites us to see everything as gift and invites us respond with our gratitude. Gratitude is a happy, joyful experience and can lead us to true faith and real trust. *Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. (1 Thes 5:17-18)* Jesus' teaching is so simple and yet so profound. He tells that the life we have is God's free gift to us. Now as God gives the gift of life, he is also concerned about the food to nourish that life. *Surely, life means more than food!* Your Father feeds the birds and clothes the flowers. Are you not worth much more than they? So, do not worry about tomorrow. (See Mt 6:25-34)



If we find it hard to trust, we should ask if we have a sense of gratitude. Gratitude suggests we are aware of a gift received, are aware we have something to be thankful for. The more we have this awareness, the more joyfully grateful we will be and the more we will be inclined to trust. In the story

of the Prodigal Son, the elder brother thought he had 'slaved' for whatever would come to him: he failed to see all that the father had done for him. His sense of gratitude was missing and so, too, was the spirit of joy. He was not a happy person. It's hard to imagine him laughing. He was blind to the beauty and wonder of his real condition, that everything the father owned was for him. It was all his and he did not have to earn it, and his because his father loved him. *My son, you are always with me and all I have is yours. (Lk 15:31)*

Jesus came to open the eyes of the blind, to open our eyes to the incredible, joyful wonder that we belong to God's Family. We are children and heirs to all God's beauty and glory. *All I have is yours*, Jesus said. The monk Thomas Merton beautiful added, *Everything is mine, precisely because everything is his. If it could not be mine, he would not even want it for himself.*

From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.23) (abbreviated) - by Robert Kelly, SJ

Things happening in our Parish

Prayer Group Meets weekly on **Mondays**, 7-8.00pm, at 40 Wood Street, South Hiendley. All very welcome.

Seniors Group Meets weekly on **Wednesdays**, in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 2-3.30pm. All aged 55+, both males and females, most welcome. Chat, refreshments, entertainments, all the order of the day.

Please Do Offer If your first language is not English or you are reasonably fluent in a non-English language, Fr Anthony would be pleased to receive from you an offer to read a reading or an intercession, **Sat 22 June**, at our **International Mass, 5.00pm**, in our Sacred Heart Church. Intercessions can be provided in an English text for translation or as otherwise agreed with Fr Anthony. The readings will be those for the *Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord*.



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.

God Never Stops thinking of and caring for us; and being away from home, on holiday or otherwise, is no reason to stop thinking of him. The location of many Churches, at home and abroad, and Mass times, can now so easily be found via the internet, especially if the name of the local Diocese is known. If you are to travel and need help to find such information, or you do not have access to the internet, Fr Anthony can try to help, if you ask him a week or two before you go. Local tourist information offices, and also hotel and holiday complex receptions, usually have information of this sort to hand.

Car Parking Any parking cars in our Sacred Heart Grounds, daytime on weekdays, please ensure that your car is at least a few inches away from any grassed area, not overhanging it, to allow for grass cutting.



All Volunteers with or without trades' qualifications, are always welcome, to help with general maintenance and/or the grounds of our Churches. To offer help, please have a word with Mick Moran at our Sacred Heart Church, Barry Palmer at our St Joseph's Church, or with Fr Anthony for either.

Through coming months, help with grass cutting and more besides is especially needed at our Sacred Heart Grounds - and litter collection, at both our Churches, is a year round requirement.

Notices for the Bulletin need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.