



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 18 May	6.00pm Mass	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
Monday 20 May	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Patrick Rogers
Tuesday 21 May	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Wednesday 22 May	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Deceased Finn & Johnson Families
Thursday 23 May	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 4.00pm Receive Body	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's	Deceased Kennedy & Clarke Families Michael John Murtagh
Friday 24 May	8.30am Mass 10.30am Funeral Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Decd Jones, McArdle . . . Shelton Families Michael John Murtagh
Saturday 25 May	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Brian Nolan
Sunday 26 May	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Celia King Parish Family

This Sunday, on his Baptism into our Parish and Church Family, we congratulate and pray for Kieran Ethan Kimball, with parents Kerry and Paul Uttley

LOVE *one another....*
just as i have **loved you...**
JOHN 13:34

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

Jesus says our lives are a gift from God, a gift in which God delights and which he hopes we will love and enjoy. When we take care to choose a gift for a friend, we hope they will appreciate it. A gift touches the heart and is a sign that someone cares. It is not a reward for work done, but says someone is seen as special, not because of what they do, but because of who they are. When we become aware that God has gifted us with life and love and wants to share all he has with us, must we not know great joy? Jesus experienced great joy in being the messenger of this good news. How disappointing it is if we do not receive the gift with a corresponding joy. *'I have told you this so my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete,'* Jesus says (Jn 15:11).

Jesus told a story of a farmer who hired workers for his farm (Mt 20:1-16). At the start of the day, he hired men and agreed a fair wage. As the day went on, he found other men unemployed and he hired them, at different times of the day. At the end of the day, he paid each the same wage. Those who started work at the beginning of the day complained when they saw the latecomers



getting the same pay. They thought this 'unfair' treatment of the early workers, but it is rather a peep into mystery, the mystery of God's heart. In fact, the early workers were not treated

unfairly as they got the fair and agreed wage. However, the later workers were treated very generously. But the very heart of the story is that we are the late workers! In the final judgement, will we really be able to say that we have grafted hard all of our lives, without ever slipping into sin? When it comes to serving God, we are among the late workers and yet, God gives us his all. We do well to pause and ask, *Do I really believe this?* and allow this basic truth to overwhelm us. When we 'see' this, the door is open to a new sense of joy, a share in Jesus's joy, and the door is open to a new sense of trust.

God is generous beyond all our imagining. His generosity is not as ours. He is not a man. He is God. We have earned nothing, but we are given everything because that is what God is like. Let us rejoice in what we have received and in what others have received. Let the gifts we see in others move us not to envy but to praise of God. God is at the centre of everything, the source of all being, of everything good, beautiful, joyful. And he is at the centre as the God of love, in control of everything, holding all together and sustaining and directing all in love.

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.

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 22 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.

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

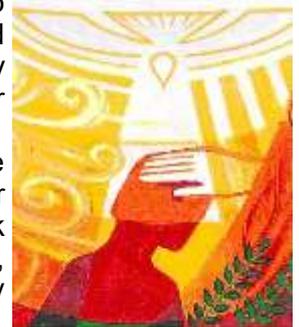


can be provided in an English text for translation or as otherwise agreed with Fr Anthony. The readings will be those for the *Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord*.

Confirmations Please note that our baptised children who are *now in school year 5 (or above)*, are eligible to soon begin to prepare for Confirmation, so as to be Confirmed early in 2020. This includes any who have not yet received First Reconciliation and Eucharist, for which they can prepare following Confirmation.

Parents/Carers of Children who are eligible and who are at one of our Parish Schools, should receive a letter, this week, via their child. If any do not receive a copy, they should please obtain one from Fr Anthony during the next week or two, after any of our weekend Masses.

Any Parents/Carers of eligible Children who are not at one of our Parish Schools, should please ask Fr Anthony for a copy of this letter, in the next week or two, after any of our weekend Masses..



An information meeting will be held **Sat 15 Jun**, in our Sacred Heart Church, 9.30-10.30am. Eligible Children are also asked to attend with their Parents/Carers.

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.

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 Matthew's Gospel ends with Jesus meeting his apostles, as arranged, on a mountain, and Jesus instructs them to go and make disciples of all nations. However, unlike Mark and Luke, Matthew does not state that Jesus then ascended to heaven.

Luke tells that Jesus ascended to heaven forty days after his resurrection. Should we take this as a definite number of days?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

To get real enjoyment out of a garden, put on a straw hat, dress in old clothes, hold a towel in one hand and a cool drink in the other, and tell the man where to dig.



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £249.35
Envelopes £394.09

Collections, etc

Door Collection after each Mass, next weekend, to help towards the cost of training priests for our own Diocese.

CONFESSION GETTING OUR STORIES STRAIGHT

I have a confession to make. In my early teens, I ran with the sort of crowd that is every parent's nightmare. We did some minor mischief before moving on to petty crime. For a while, shoplifting at the mall was our Saturday afternoon pastime. One day, I got caught stealing record albums. I won't tire you with the details just now. I'll only say that I was more skilful as a liar than as a thief.

Two store detectives, both middle-aged women, hauled me off to the department store's interrogation room. I must have looked pitiful. I was the smallest kid in my eighth-grade class. I was thirteen, but I looked about ten. One of the detectives looked at me and said, "You look too young to steal.... Did you steal those albums for yourself?"

She didn't know it, but with those words she had given me my alibi. Working from her mere suggestion, I fabricated a story about a group of local kids—known delinquents and drug-users—threatened to beat up my friend and me unless we stole albums for them.

The interrogator's face flushed with a motherly indignation. "How could they do such a thing? Why didn't you tell your mum?"

"I was afraid," I said meekly.

A police officer soon arrived, and in short order I managed—with the store detectives' help!—to [persuade them that the real guilt lay elsewhere than with me. The police, in turn, helped me to make the case convincingly for my mother.

Soon I was, literally, home-free. When mum parked the car in our driveway, I mumbled something about being tired. She was sympathetic. I went directly to my room and closed the door.

Immediately I heard muffled conversations from downstairs. I couldn't make out the words, but I knew that the soft voice was my mother's and that the voice gradually rising in volume and pitch was my dad's. This didn't bode well.

Soon the sound of heavy feet came padding up the steps and then down the hall to my room. I felt more than heard the knock at the door. It was Dad of course, and I let him in.

He fixed his eyes on mine, which immediately shifted to a distant point on the carpet.

"Your mother told me what happened today." I nodded.

He kept staring at me. "You were *made* to steal those record albums?" "Yes."

He looked at me hard and repeated, "You were *made* to steal records?"

As I nodded again in reply, I could see his eyes shift towards the towering stack of records beside my stereo.

He looked back toward me. "And where do you drop the records off, after you stole them?"

"At a tree stump, in the woods near the mall." I replied.

"Can you show me the tree stump?" I nodded again.

"OK, Put on your coat, Let's go for a walk.".....

From: Lord Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently** especially
Michael John Murtaugh, Tim Doody, 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, Sunday 5

Gospel: John 13:34

From now until Pentecost the readings from St. John's Gospel are taken from the great final teaching of Jesus at the Last Supper about the future of his Church and his disciples. From the sayings of Jesus the evangelist has composed a great discourse of Jesus about the obligations, duties and dangers which will come upon his disciples after his own death and resurrection. There were probably slight different versions of this discourse, which were handed down by word of mouth; the impression of repetition in the discourse probably results from the evangelist recording three versions one after another. As we approach the Birth of the Church at Pentecost we need to listen to how Jesus envisaged his community. Today's readings gives the essentials. At the head of the Christian community stands the glorified Son of Man, in whom God is glorified. But this Son is no distant figurehead, for he will come to be present among his disciples. How will this happen? Answer: in the love which his disciples show for one another. One is reminded of the legend about the aged St. John, wheeled into church at Ephesus. When asked for the message of Jesus, all he would say was, 'My little children, love one another.'

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Antioch was a big city, one of the largest in the ancient world. On the Mediterranean coast on the Roman province of Syria, it was at the end of the trade-route from the east. So it had a busy commercial life with a large colony of Jews among the traders. A considerable group of them accepted Jesus as Messiah and Lord, and it was at Antioch that the followers of Jesus were first called 'Christians' or 'Messianists'; other Jews thought that the Messiah had not yet come. It was at Antioch that the well-trained and eloquent Paul was appointed to accompany Barnabas (who at this stage was the leader) in spreading the Good News about Jesus as the Messiah. At the end of their journey they reported back to the community at Antioch. It is significant that Barnabas and Paul appointed elders in each community they visited; this was the normal way in

which a Jewish community was constituted. A synagogue is still today ruled by a body of elders, one of whom is chosen to preside at services. Obviously, in spite of the bad reception Paul and other Christians sometimes received (as we read last Sunday), these Christian communities felt themselves to be like the other Jewish communities, though accepting Jesus as the Messiah, and living by his Spirit.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Like so much of the Book of Revelation, this prophecy of the New Jerusalem is heavily dependant on the prophets of the Old Testament. In the dark days of the Babylonian Exile the prophet Ezekiel had foretold that God would rebuild Jerusalem as a new city where God would dwell, a city named Hephzibah, that is, 'My pleasure is in her'. The prophets had long spoken of the relationship of Israel to God as that of a bride to her husband, a bride who was often unfaithful. Isaiah, however, had foretold a joyful marriage feast in which God would be the bridegroom and Jerusalem the bride, the final wedding of God to his people. God's bride, Israel, who had so often been unfaithful, would at last be wedded to him for ever in fidelity and happiness. This was the intended meaning of the marriage-feast at Cana and of the parables of Jesus about a wedding-feast of the great king, to which the poor and the outcasts would be invited. Here the Book of Revelation promises just such a festival to those who have sustained the grimness of the Roman persecution. Now as we celebrate Christ's triumph over death at Easter, we look forward to this same unalloyed happiness experienced in God's presence and his love.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Eastertide, Sunday 6

1st Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

2nd Reading Apocalypse 21:10-14

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper of Saints)

Tue + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper of Saints)

Wed + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu + Seasonal Proper

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat + Seasonal Proper + Former National Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Tue Ss Christopher Magallanes, Priest &
Companions, Martyrs

Wed St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Thu

Fri

Sat St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the
Church