



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, Eastertide, Sunday 7, 1/2 June 2019

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Saturday 1 June	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Stanley Wilson
Sunday 2 June	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Bridie Walsh Joe Sankey
Monday 3 June	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Tuesday 4 June	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Wednesday 5 June	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention (N.G)
Thursday 6 June	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sr Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Keith Pickard
Friday 7 June	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Debbie Lane
Saturday 8 June	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Jim Cunningham
Sunday 9 June	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Brian O'Connor Sarah, Billy & Will Kelly

This Sunday at our 10.45am Mass, prior to his up-coming Baptism, we present and pray for George Stephen Lomas, with his parents Matthew and Emily

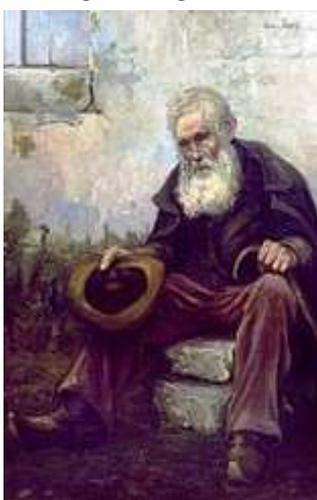


Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 9.30-10.30am
1st & 3rd of the month at St Joseph's 2nd & 4th of the month at The Sacred Heart
with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation otherwise by appointment with Fr Anthony

From Fr Anthony

There lived a king famous for his generosity. In the same city lived Peter, a simple beggar man. Peter's dream was to meet the king. He knew that if he could ask his help, he would receive a royal gift. One day, he heard that the king would be touring the city streets, so Peter felt his dream could come true. The day came and Peter made sure to be at the front of the excited crowd lining the streets. Soon there were soldiers, drummers and dancers and, in the centre, the king riding a fine horse. As the procession drew near, Peter ran into the middle of the street. Soldiers rushed to remove him, but the king called them back. Then the king dismounted and walked towards Peter. A hush fell on the crowd. Then there was a gasp of surprise as the king went down on one knee before Peter, put out his hand and said, 'Peter, what gift will you give your king today?'

Peter was confused by the king's action. He was also disappointed and angry, but all eyes were on him. He put his hand into his begging sack. In among the bits and pieces, he felt some grains of corn. He took out just one grain and put it in the king's hand. The king showed no displeasure at the small gift. He accepted it with grateful words and a smile; but also, without Peter noticing, he touched the top of his bag and then returned to his horse. Peter, disappointed and sulking, left the celebrations. He made his way home to his small hut, went in and threw his begging sack on the floor. As the sack hit the floor its contents fell out. Last to roll out were the grains of corn. As he looked, Peter saw something shining on the floor. He went over and among the grains of corn was a large, gold



nugget. He stared in disbelief and wonder. The silence in the hut was broken by the noise of the celebrations in the street. He remembered the king. He had given the king one grain of corn and now he had one nugget of gold. He stood there in deep thought and then said to himself, 'He is a most generous king. If only I had given him more.'

When the great day comes for each of us to stand before our king and when he shows us our heavenly home and says, 'All I have is yours', will we then regret our lack of gratitude and trust, while here on earth, and maybe find ourselves echoing the words of Peter the beggar man. Do any of us here and now give our Lord God near to the praise and thanks he actually deserves?

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



**Our Parish Pastoral Council
invites all our Parish Family
to its Annual General Meeting
in our Sacred Heart Hall,
Thursday 13 June, 7.30pm
Light Refreshments after**

Things happening in our Parish

Please Offer If your first language is not English or you are 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 for the **Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord**.



We hope that all will also bring food to share afterwards: please bring what you consider to be typical food for your nationality, and enough for your own group, but to put with the rest, for any to enjoy.



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 Reconciliation and First Eucharist, for which they can prepare after Confirmation.

Parents/Carers of eligible Children at one of our Parish Schools should have received a letter, via their child. If any have not received copy, they should please obtain one from Fr Anthony, after any of our weekend Masses.

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, 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.

Donations of M&S items for our Raffle Hamper for our Summer Fayre (6 Jul) are invited. Bring to either of our Churches, but check sell/use by dates, please.

Paulinus Lottery Recent draws have now returned one winner: B Palmer, with £360.

Pro-Life Today Copies should be at our Churches next weekend. Please take one home.

& In our Diocese

Calling Teachers An informal evening for any Catholic teachers interested in teaching/leading in a Catholic school, 20 Jun, Hinsley Hall, Leeds, 6.30 for 7.00pm. Email evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for booking, please (attention of Emma).

*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 the Applicants also, in our Sacred Heart Church,

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.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£253.60
Envelopes	£438.00
Priests Training	£190.78

Collections, etc



Saturday 6 July

Confession: Getting Our Stories Straight

Setting the Records straight

...My father was not what anyone would call a devout believer. He wasn't even sure that he believed in God. But I would gradually discern, over the course of years, that at that lonely moment when I was thirteen, my dad represented God's fatherhood to me, and he began to set my story straight. I was no longer revelling in my "successful" lies or thefts. I was exposed in my guilt; I was ashamed of myself and more alone than I had ever been before.

I wish I could say that this was the moment of my conversion to Christ—a dazzling and sudden miracle, like St. Paul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus—but that wasn't the case. Still, it was an awakening, a beginning.



My juvenile delinquency sets me apart, perhaps, from most people in their youth. Yet in the making of alibis, I am surely not alone. We've all done it, in every generation since Adam and Eve. Sometimes we do it in small ways, sometimes in bigger ways. We do it in our everyday conversation and in our private reveries. When we tell the tales of our troubles—at work or at home—do we include the details that might cast a shadow on our own responsibility

in the matter? Or do we instead portray ourselves as either the hero or the helpless victim in an ongoing office or domestic drama? If you and I think hard about the way we talk about the events of daily life, we'll probably find instances in which we exaggerate our victimhood and magnify the faults of others, even as we ignore our own. We find excuses and mitigating circumstances for all our own blunders; yet we're fairly merciless in recounting those of our neighbours or co-workers. Often our friends and family members will believe our side of the story. Often, we will begin to believe it ourselves.

All of this, some people will tell you, is—like the aversion to confession—"only natural." But that's not true. It's not natural at all. To falsify facts is actually to destroy nature. It destroys things-as-they-are, along with nature's delicate web of cause and effect, and replaces them with things-as-we-wish-they-were: castles in the air...

From: Lord, Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

O holy Father, who longs for the sinners' return and who promised to accept those who repent, look on me in my disobedience. I ask for your mercy and compassion. Grant me, O Lord, your blessings to strengthen my will to come closer to you in faith and hope, to confess my sins and detest returning to them. Let your Holy Spirit enlighten me, so that I can see the graveness of my sins, and have the will to obey your will and live for the glory of your name.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The Greek word *pentekoste* means fiftieth and Pentecost falls fifty days after Passover and also Our Lord's Resurrection. The number is not significant in itself, but fifty days after the Feast of Passover, the Jews traditionally keep the Feast of Weeks, the Jewish Harvest Festival. So, it happened, for Christians, Jesus' Resurrection superseded Passover and the Pentecost Descent of the Holy Spirit superseded the Feast of Weeks.

On what date is the British Harvest Festival now traditionally kept?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!



You can always tell a house with a five year-old in it?

You have to wash the soap before you use it.

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently** especially



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, Monica Lowe, Cynthia Potts
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year C, Eastertide, Sunday 7

Gospel: John 17:20-26



The final chapter of Jesus's sayings at the Last Supper is a prayer which both gives meaning to the sacrifice which Jesus is about to make and at the same time is a meditation on the Lord's Prayer. In today's portion Jesus speaks to his Father (also 'Our Father') with that perfect love which he will express most fully in his acceptance of torture and death on the cross. The story of the Crucifixion is not a story of rejection, but is the story of the most perfect union of Father and Son in love and willing obedience. It will make the Name, that is the love, of the Father fully known ('Hallowed be thy name'). It will also grant Jesus that 'glory which he had before the foundation of the world' ('Thy Kingdom come'). But the kingdom is not complete without those who believe in Jesus and belong to him. The completion of the Kingdom is the work of the Spirit which is to come upon the Church at Pentecost. The story of its completion is, with all its twists and turns, its failures, its chastisements and its recoveries, the history of the Church.

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

This reading fulfils a dual purpose. It reflects both on the position of Jesus after the resurrection. Seated at the right hand of God, and on his first martyr, Stephen. These are the two inspirations of the life of the Church, here combined. The martyrdom of Stephen closely reflects the passion of Jesus: just as Jesus proclaims to the High Priest that he will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of the Father, so Stephen now sees Jesus standing at the right hand of God. This image to describe the glory of the Risen Christ is drawn from Psalm 110 (Greek 109). In other writings of the New Testament, e.g. the Book of Reve-

lation, the exalted Christ shares the very throne of God: there is one throne and one godhead. It is fitting that on the Sunday before Pentecost these two inspirations of the life of the Church should be combined, for the Church relies upon this vision of the glory of Christ, and in that confidence bears witness to the truth of the Gospel even to the extent of martyrdom, a word which in itself means 'witness'.

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14.16-17.20

The hope of a speedy second coming of Christ was especially vivid in the first generation of the Church. Paul envisaged (in 1 Thessalonians 5) that in his own lifetime Christ would appear 'on the clouds of heaven' in a triumphal procession, to be joined by those Christians who were still alive. The final words of today's reading may be translated either 'the Lord is coming' or 'Come, our Lord', depending on how the words of the Aramaic expression Maranatha are divided; in either case the expectation of Christ's return is vivid and pressing. In the later writings of the New Testament the accent has changed, so that 2 Peter 3.8 says that for the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and the stress is on the suddenness and unexpectedness of the final coming, 'like a thief in the night'. The coming of the Lord which, in today's reading, is to happen very soon is the coming of the Lord in the Spirit at Pentecost, for which we need to make ready and 'have our robes washed clean'.



Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Feast of Pentecost

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading Romans 8:8-17

Gospel: John 14:15-16.23-26

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper + Proper of Saints

Tue + Seasonal Proper

Wed + Seasonal Proper + Proper of Saints

Thu + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper of Saints)

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat + Seasonal Proper + Diocesan Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

Tue

Wed St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Thu St. Norbert, Bishop

Fri

Sat St. William of York