



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, Feast of Pentecost, 8/9 June 2019

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Saturday 8 June	6.00pm Mass	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
Monday 10 June	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Tuesday 11 June	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday 12 June	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Lol Wileman
Thursday 13 June	<i>No Morning Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Deceased Farrell, Hope & Byrom Families
Friday 14 June	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Tim Doody
Saturday 15 June	<i>No Exposition today</i> 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Sunday 16 June	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Kathleen & Joseph Smith Malcolm & Rita Stuart



International Mass, in our Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 22 June, 5.00pm

*Any who wish are invited to wear what they regard as their national dress.
We hope all will bring some food to share afterwards, so please, bring what you consider to be typical food for your (original) nationality, and enough for your own group, but to put with the rest, for any to enjoy.*



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

Within the circle of life, besides the wonder and beauty, there is much suffering and sorrow. We are vulnerable and fragile. Some of life's blows can be hard and our weak flesh will cry out in complaint. Now this 'complaint' is quite different from the grumbling complaint of those who felt they were badly treated, in Jesus' parables, like the early workers who were paid the same as those who started later, or the brother of the prodigal son. I believe the kind of complaint that comes from our wounded and confused human nature, is wholly compatible with strong faith and trust. Christian faith is not the same as stoicism. I wish to say that people of great faith have often been people of complaint in this other sense, and God can cope with that.

Listen to some complaints from God's friends. 'Is Yahweh with us, or not?' (*Ex 17:7*) This was the complaint of God's chosen and loved ones, as they wandered thirsty in the desert after being delivered from the slavery of Egypt. Has not this cry often been repeated in pain by God's people through the years? 'Yahweh has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me.' (*Is 49:14*) So Isaiah records the complaint of these same people in misfortune in later years. The Psalmist complains eloquently to Yahweh, 'Lay your scourge aside, I am worn out with the blows you deal me.' (*Ps 39:10*) What terrible cries come from the heart of that just man Job when God seems oblivious to



his suffering. 'May the day perish when I was born, the night that told of a boy conceived.' (*Job 3:3*) As sorrows pile up on this God-fearing and faithful man, and as God seems not to notice, he prays 'I cry to you, and you give me no answer; I stand before you, but you take no notice.' (*Job 30:20*) We recognise these cries of this good man who, despite all his suffering, did not abandon trust in God. His cries have found an echo in our hearts, in our own dark days. But surely the greatest cry that ever came from a faithful and trusting believer, the cry that must have pierced the heart of God, came from the Beloved Son in whom the Father was so well pleased, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' (*Matt 27:47*) Today we ourselves, who believe and know we are his beloved children, might cry 'Why me, Lord? Where are you, Lord? Do you care?' God hears our cry and understands our human heart. He does not blame us. Indeed, our cry calls him so close that he suffers with us, in our brother, Jesus Christ.

*From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.24) (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 if you would offer to read a reading or an intercession, *Sat 22 June*, at our *International Mass*, in our Sacred Heart Church. Intercessions can be provided in an English text for translation or as otherwise agreed with Fr Anthony. *If you can help, please have a word with Fr Anthony, as soon as possible.*



Confirmations Our baptised Children who have not yet been Confirmed, and who are **now in school year 5 (or above)**, are eligible to begin to prepare to receive this Sacrament, so to be Confirmed early in 2020. Any Parents/Carers of eligible Children, who have not yet got a letter about this, might ask Fr Anthony for a copy. Parents/Carers should please come, with eligible Children, to an Information meeting, next **Sat 15 Jun**, in our Sacred Heart Church, 9.30-10.30am.



Open Heart Memory Cafe Especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their family, friends and carers. Next gathering in our Sacred Heart Hall, this **Fri 14 Jun**, 10.00-12.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome.



Hopefully all have in mind our Summer Garden Fete and are now gathering items for the stalls
M&S items also wanted for the raffle, pleaseeee!
Be sure you have the date in your diary
Saturday 7 July, 10.00am
in our Sacred Heart Grounds

Pro-Life Today Copies are available at our Churches, this weekend. Please take a copy 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).

Fountains Abbey Annual Mass, Thu 11 July, 12.00nn. See notice board in our Church Entrances for details.

*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.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

In more recent times, the British Harvest Festival has been celebrated on the Sunday nearest the Harvest Moon, (the full moon nearest the Autumn equinox, 21-24 Sep). Harvest Festival was re-introduced as a Church celebration, in this country, by Rev Robert Hawker, at Morwenstow, Cornwall, in 1843. Anglican Church Ministers especially then promoted the Church Festival, to try to discourage some of the more raucous aspects of the secular events.

In our Isles, when was Harvest Festival celebrated by medieval and earlier Christians?

OR MAYBE NOT SO!

Though no longer part of Sunday congregations, sheep dogs are still very much of the Highland life. During lambing season they will often finish the day exhausted, but not a single sheep will have been lost. A poetic highland preacher elaborated on this fact.

'The Lord is my shepherd and more than that, he has two collie dogs, named Goodness and Mercy. With the shepherd before, and them behind, even poor sinners like you and me can hope to win home at the last.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£183.59
Envelopes	£378.94
Apr Bank Orders	£1369.00

Collections, etc

Next Weekend Second Collection after each of our Masses, to assist the Retired Priests of our Diocese.

Confession: Getting Our Stories Straight

Forgotten, Not Forgiven

One of my favourite philosophers, Josef Pieper, wrote that this "falsification of memory" is among our greatest enemies, for it strikes "at the deepest root" of our spiritual and moral lives. "There is no more insidious way for error to establish itself than by this falsification of the memory through slight retouches, displacements, discolorations, omissions, shifts of accent."

Once we do this—and we all do—we begin to lose the true narrative thread in our lives. Things no longer make sense to us. Relationships grow cold. We lose our sense of purpose and our sense of ourselves.

I'll say it again: This is something we all do, though we must never think it is natural. Thus, those symptoms of unease are, perhaps, just as familiar to us all. How, then, can we overcome this malaise, when it's pandemic and yet so subtle that it eludes diagnosis? Even Josef Pieper found the task daunting. "The peril," he said, "is the greater for its being so imperceptible.... Nor can such falsification be quickly detected by the probing conscience, even when it applies itself to this task. The honesty of memory can be ensured only by a rectitude of the whole human being."

That's a tall order. It is, however, achievable, as we can see in the lives of the saints. What's more, such total rectitude is what God has asked of each and every one of us. "Be perfect," Jesus said, "as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). If God has commanded this, He will certainly give us the power to carry it out. Moreover, in that command, He even revealed the source of our power: It is the Fatherhood of God. "Be perfect...as your Father."



If in my teen years I had spent all my time in the sight of my earthly father, I would never have shoplifted; I certainly would not have lied to my dad.

Yet God is our Father, and we live every moment in His sight; and still we sin. We act like toddler children who

think that Mum can't see them as long as they can't see Mum. So they turn their back to Mum and reach for the forbidden cookies.

We live always in the presence of our Father, who wishes us to be perfect. If our earthly fathers wish us to complete a task, they will make sure we have all that we need to do so. Our heavenly Father—Who owns all and is all powerful—will surely do the same.

What is essential is that we recognise His constant presence, so that we realise that we are always, in a sense, under judgement. Yet God does not preside in our lives like a magistrate in a court. He judges as a father judges, with love. That's a double edged sword, of course, because fathers will demand more from their children than a judge will demand from the accused; but fathers will also show great mercy.

From: Lord Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

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, Feast of Pentecost

Gospel: John 14:15-16.23-26

In Jesus' final speech to his disciples after the Last Supper he is preparing them for life after the Resurrection. He several times mentions a mysterious figure called the 'Paraclete'. 'Paraclete' is Greek for 'Advocate', that is someone who is called to your side to help, to guide you through a tricky patch. In Hebrew teaching about the Last Judgement there would be an Accuser and an Advocate on either side. In the gospel Jesus asks the Father to send this Advocate to his followers to be his own presence when Jesus is no longer there and to guide the Church into all truth. That is the inspiring situation which Jesus speaks of: the Church and every one of her members will continue through the power of the Spirit to grow in understanding of the mysteries of God, as a people over the centuries and as individuals over the years of life. Before the Spirit was given, even the disciples who had been with Jesus throughout his ministry failed to understand his real significance, and certainly lacked courage to proclaim it. The coming of the Paraclete was the booster which set off the Church on its course and keeps it on course. Now it is the duty and privilege of each of the members of the church to fulfil the prophetic office of the Church, understanding more deeply and declaring more clearly the truth about Christ in the world.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The ministry of Jesus starts with coming of the Spirit at his Baptism. In the same way, the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. There can be no witness to Jesus or to his message, no spreading of the Kingship of God, without the Spirit of Jesus. Another lesson from his parallel between Jesus' Baptism and Pentecost is that the task of the Church and the life of the Church are the same as those of Jesus himself: to bring God's kingship to its fulfilment by pouring out healing, love and joy through the message of the risen Christ. The rushing wind and the tongues of fire are an allusion to the Old Testament when God's Spirit descends



upon Moses and the elders of the people. So the message of Pentecost is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, breaking out beyond the borders of Judaism to include all peoples of the world. The union of all these peoples (all understanding one language in their own way) is a deliberate contrast with the Old Testament scene of the Tower of Babel, when the LORD split up all the peoples of the world (as symbolised by their inability to understand one another's languages). The list of unpronounceable people is itself a witness to the universality of the Church.

Second Reading: 8:8-17

Paul's letter to the Romans is all about the process of salvation. What difference did the death and resurrection of

Jesus actually make to me and my condition in the world? This message is the climax: it plants the flag on the summit and leaves us to live a full Christian life in peace, tranquillity and hope. There have been three stages in this process of salvation. First came the work of Christ: Jesus' loving, obedient death on the Cross undid, washed away, healed the disobedience of Adam, that is, the disobedience of the whole human race (Romans 5:12-21). What is that to me? So, stage two: by Baptism I express my faith in Christ. By myself I am helpless and hopeless, so I put all my trust in Christ. In Baptism I am plunged into Christ, plunged into Christ's death, and emerge from the waters soaked and dripping with Christ's risen life (Romans 6:1-11).

Stage three: permeated with, or vivified with, this risen life of Christ, I am adopted into the sonship of God and can cry out 'Abba Father' with the voice of Jesus himself. The inheritance of Jesus as Son of God is now my inheritance too. So Pentecost is the celebration of the Spirit of Jesus alive and active in every Christian.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Feast of The Holy Trinity

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 2

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon + Common of the BVM

Tue + Proper of Saints

Wed Week 2

Thu Week 2

Fri Week 2

Sat Week 2

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Our Lady Mother of the Church

Tue St. Barnabas, Apostle

Wed

Thu OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL
HIGH PRIEST

Fri

Sat