



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 20 July	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Tony Sweeney
Sunday 21 July	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	George Quinn Shelagh Taylor
Monday 22 July	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	June Hinchliffe
Tuesday 23 July	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Edward Sweeney
Wednesday 24 July	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Thursday 25 July	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Tony Scott
Friday 26 July	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (Nov List)
Saturday 27 July	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Fr Funnell's Intentions
Sunday 28 July	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mas	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Kathleen & Joseph Smith Norah Gallagher

At our 10.45am Mass, today, prior to his up-coming Baptism, we present and pray for Jacob Noah, with parents, Lauren & Michael Palmer

On her Baptism into our Parish and Church Family, this Sunday, we pray for and congratulate Sienna Isabel May, with her parents, Patrick & Charlotte Needham



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

The Beloved Son, Jesus, looked at people with loving eyes. He was a master at seeing through people's disguises. What a variety of disguises he encountered: people disguised as thieves, drunkards, prostitutes, demoniacs, extortioners, atheists. This man of love was never deceived. He saw the unique beauty and wonder of each person, hiding under the mask. He was blind to the labels we might attach to each other. With his loving eyes he could always read the Maker's name and see the infinite value of each person. He wants to open our eyes that we may see with his loving eyes. He wants us to see with a love that looks past labels, disguises, to the wonder and beauty of God's image in each person.

A most baffling disguise worn by life is suffering. It is the most difficult and disturbing mask worn by the mystery, by love. When life dresses up as death, our faith vision might weaken and we can lose sight of beauty and of love. Calvary is God's most difficult hiding-place, but our Lord's loving eyesight was so strong, he could find his Father amidst the suffering and not lose trust. He could find love under the mask of Calvary and so, even then, not stop loving. He forgives those who nail him. He promises the thief he will enter paradise that day. He trusts that his Father is waiting to receive his spirit. He would not fall into the arms of death, but into his Father's arms.



This Father had sent him to share the secret with us, that love is at the centre. The secret is not simply information or knowledge, it is power. When our eyes are opened to find God present in suffering and death, we are empowered to follow where Jesus went, to walk with him, via suffering, all the way to glory. As the chorus of a folk hymn goes:

'And if you take my hand, my son, All will be well, when the day is done.'

Again we apply these words to the first-born Son, Jesus. He took his Father's hand and walked in trust right to the end of the day. It was a long hard day, that Friday on Calvary. But his trust was vindicated and all was well when the day was done. This Son comes to share his victory with us. He offers us his hand on our journey. In knowing him and walking with him we experience the power of his love and, hopefully, can at times even now taste a feeling so calming and joyful.

*From 'Give God a Chance' (Ch.25) (abbreviated) -
by Robert Kelly, SJ*

Things happening in our Parish

Westfield Foodbank When children are off school there are extra costs for families, but especially where children receive free school meals, on school days. This brings more requests for help, to foodbanks, during the school holidays. The Westfield Foodbank is accessed by those with a real need from most areas of our Parish. As always, donations of food and



toiletries can be left in the containers in the Entrances of both our Churches, or delivered direct to the foodbank, when open.

Please remember: items should be those with a long shelf life: eg cereals, pasta, tinned goods, tea . . .

Paulinus Lottery Our latest winner is J Coyle, who has won £510.

Any are welcome to join our Parish Lottery, at £1 per week. For more details or to join, please see - at 6.00pm Mass, Alf Howcroft - at 9.00am Mass, Barry Palmer - at 10.45am Mass, Margaret O'Brien or Paul Stuart.

Our Parish Prayer Trees are for any and all to use. If you have an intention you wish us all to pray for, write it on one of the cards provided and hang the card on the Prayer Tree, where it will remain for four weeks. If the need continues, after four weeks simply write another card and again hang it on the Prayer Tree. Whether any identifying names/details are given is completely up to the one who places the intention.

Quite a number of Parishioners read and pray for the intentions so placed and all are encouraged to do so. At both of our Churches, monthly on Sundays and weekly on weekdays, the intentions placed on our Prayer Trees are included in the Intercessions at Mass.

& In our Deanery

Week of Guided Prayer at Ss Peter & Paul, Wakefield, 6-11 Oct, led by Members of the Briery Retreat Centre. Members of our Deanery Parishes are especially invited. Some further details are on our Church notice boards, or visit www.briery.org.uk. Please note, all are welcome at the Monday to Thursday evening sessions, whether or not they are participating in the full 'Retreat' experience.

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 11 & 25 Sep**, 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 Meeting for *Applicants along with their Parents/Carers*, in our Sacred Heart Church and Hall:

Sat 14 Sep, 9.30-11.30am

First Eucharist Our *Children* who are now preparing to celebrate their First Communion, *and their Parents/Carers*, are to meet, in our Sacred Heart Hall,

Sat 21 Sep, 10.00am-12.00nn.

Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact, Fr Anthony.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

November is a time especially dedicated to the *Faithful Departed* and praying for their being in eternal joy, in heaven. December takes the Advent theme of *The Coming of Christ*, reflecting on both his birth on our earth, two thousand years past, but also his coming in glory at the end, to call the faithful departed home to heaven.

And so to January and February: what Devotions are specific to these months?

AND SERIOUSLY!

The Sixth Bishop of Wakefield when translated to be Bishop of Chichester, was making the practical arrangements for his move to Sussex by the Sea.

One of the last things he did was to visit the main Post Office in Wakefield to arrange for mail to be forwarded to him at Chichester.

At the Post Office the lady behind the counter asked what was the new address for forwarding. When the Bishop replied, "The Palace, Chichester", the lady then asked, "Is that a cinema or a dance-hall?"



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£280.18
Envelopes	£450.00
Jun Bank Orders	£1231.00

Collections, etc

This weekend Retiring Collection after each Mass, towards national costs of Catholic Evangelisation (ie Home Mission & Communications).

Acts of Contrition

The Deepest Roots of Penance A Mess to Confess

Imagine yourself, after recognising that you have sinned, preparing to make your confession and sacrifice. This could only be done at the Temple in Jerusalem, so you would have to plan your journey—perhaps several days on foot or horseback—over dusty, rocky roads that were infested with bandits and predatory animals.

Depending on the type of your sin and its gravity, you might have to offer a goat, a sheep or even a bull. You could bring one with you or, if you had the money, buy one from the merchants in Jerusalem. You would, of course, have to subdue the animal; in the case of a bull, that by itself would be quite demanding. Still, your penance would have only just begun.

Once in Jerusalem you would lead your beast uphill to the outer court of the Temple. At the inner court, At the inner court, you would tell the reason for your sacrifice.. Then, in front of the altar, someone would hand you a knife, and you—yourself—would kill the animal. You yourself would butcher the animal. You would do the cutting and the ripping. You would do the separating of the parts. You would de-



attach the bloody limbs and take out the organs and hand it all, piece by piece to the priest for burning. You would remove any waste matter from the intestines and purify those parts. You would also sing penitential psalms while the priest caught the animal's blood and sprinkled it over the altar.

All this made up an "Act of Contrition" that a sinner should never forget. Old Testament scholar Gordon Wenham has described these sacrifices in exhaustive (and exhausting!) detail on his commentaries on Leviticus and Numbers. At the end of it all, he concludes: "Using a little imagination every reader of the Old Testament soon realizes that these ancient sacrifices were very moving occasions. They make modern church services seem tame and dull by comparison. The ancient worshipper did not just listen to the minister and sing a few hymns. He was actively involved in the worship. He had to choose an unblemished animal from his own flock, bring it to the sanctuary, kill it and dismember it with his own hands, then watch it go up in smoke before his very eyes."

When you acted sacrificially in the Old Covenant, it was a deeply personal matter, yet it was also a public matter; it was also humbling and costly. You had to sacrifice cattle; and, in an agrarian culture, that's capital—that's economic power. Let there be no doubt: God called forth from His people godly sorrow for sins at least once a year, at Passover; the priests did so on the Day of Atonement.

From: Lord, Have Mercy — Scott Hahn

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

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 16

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary have become classic figures in the Church representing two different styles of life, the active and the contemplative vocation, an active apostolate or a life of prayer. Carried to an extreme, this opposition is, of course, merely silly. No active apostolate can thrive unless it grows out of a life of prayer, for we cannot draw others to the knowledge and love of a God whom we do not ourselves know and love. Nor can a life of prayer be genuine unless it leads to care for others and concern for the salvation of all those whom the Lord loves. Even a strictly enclosed community cannot claim to be a part of Christ's body unless its fabric is one of love and concern for all the members, and especially those in need, the elderly the sick and the young. In fact, Jesus does not present any such choice between two different religious ways of life. His speech is always in terms of absolutes. He does not use comparatives; he says that Mary has chosen not "the better" (as our translation has it) but "the good" part (as the Greek has it). Any 'good' life must be founded on listening devotedly to the Lord and responding to what we have heard.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

The splendid narrative of Abraham entertaining the three strangers is chosen by the Church to pair with the gospel reading of Martha and Mary as an example of hospitality. But the tale has many other important aspects to it too. In the story the three men shimmer between being one and three. Since they clearly represent God—in a delightfully human way—this has been understood from the time of the earliest Church writers to be a hint of the Trinity, though the Trinity is not revealed until the New Testament. Another vital element is that it features the beginning of the fulfilment of the promise of a great prosperity to Abraham. Abraham's faith has been tested by having to wait until both he and his wife are well beyond the normal age

of conception, and now at last the Lord shows his care for them. A charming scene occurs just after the end of the reading: Sarah laughs at the idea of giving birth to a child at her age which leads to word-play when her son is named Isaac—which means laughs or smiles in Hebrew; this pun recurs several times in the Isaac story. For the sequel to the story, Abraham's bargain with God, we must wait till next week.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

The Letter to the Colossians, begun last Sunday and read over four Sundays, is one of the latest of the Pauline letters. Some scholars think it was written not by Paul at all but by a disciple, thoroughly familiar with Paul's thought, applying his master's ideas to a new situation. In any case it is part of the inspired scripture handed down to us. The mystery revealed only at the end of time, which Paul was commissioned to proclaim, is that the salvation promised to Abraham and his kin now extends to all people. The author is also very aware that

Paul's own sufferings and tribulations in the apostolate mirror and complete those of Christ. When it says that Paul is 'completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions', the author does not mean that Jesus' Passion was somehow faulty or deficient. Rather he means that the Church (as the Body of Christ in every age) must be a suffering Church. His confidence rests in these sufferings, for they enable him to say that Paul is the Servant of the Lord Jesus in just the same way as Jesus is the suffering servant of the Lord. In 2 Corinthians, when others claim more authority than he has, Paul replies by saying that he has suffered more.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 17

1st Reading Genesis 18:20-32

2nd Reading Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 4

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Proper of Saints / Com of Wmn or Men Sts

Tue Proper of Saints + Com of Wmn Saints: Relig

Wed (or + Common of Pastors)

Thu Proper of Saints.

Fri + Proper of Saints

Sat Week 4

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Mary Magdalene

Tue St. Bridget of Sweden, Rel. & Patron of Europe

Wed St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

Thu ST JAMES, APOSTLE

Fri Ss. Joachim & Anne, Parents of BVM

Sat