



# 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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 25, 21/22 September 2019

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<b>Saturday</b> 21 September	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Darren Potter
<b>Sunday</b> 22 September	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Noreen & Mary King Norah Gallagher
Monday 23 September	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 24 September	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Wednesday 25 September	10.30am <i>Funeral Service</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Wayne Langman Hilda Bailey's Intentions, Family, Friends
Thursday 26 September	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 4.30pm <i>Academic Mass</i>	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Michelle Proctor <i>With Parish Schools' Staff/Councillors</i>
Friday 27 September	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Eileen O'Reilly's Intentions
<b>Saturday</b> 28 September	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Min Walker
<b>Sunday</b> 29 September	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	John Gill Pamela Ann Marshall

This Sunday, between both of our Masses, we celebrate with 20 of our children  
The Rite of Enrolment to Prepare for First Eucharist



Sacrament of Anointing & Healing  
Any with a *serious* (but not necessarily life threatening)  
physical or mental illness or infirmity, whether short term or on-going  
are invited to receive this Sacrament, at any *one* of our Masses  
next Saturday/Sunday, 28/29 September  
If any are at all unsure whether they qualify, please ask Fr Anthony



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

## From Fr Anthony

In recent years, small towns as well as big cities have gained a diversity of people from different countries and continents, Our parishes also have people of different backgrounds, cultures, ages and experiences. Diversity can present us with challenges, but can also enrich our parishes. The challenges can be much greater, if our Liturgy is almost always exactly the same. If, however, parts that can be adapted, participation and a sense of belonging can be increased, albeit that we will, at times, find some things included that might not be to our personal choice (such as this or that hymn).

A principal reason our Church celebrates Liturgy is because it fulfils needs. It offers us a place to meet with God, and a source of grace. Liturgy is, in part, our work, as we should give praise and thanks to God. The word *Eucharist*, that we use for our most common Liturgy, the Mass, means *Thanksgiving*. Liturgy is also one of the principal ways in which God works to bring about the well-being of his beloved Children. There is much in our human lives in need of God's love. Whatever our age or background, we each have our joys and sorrows, weaknesses and qualities.

Some things are more private and we might bring them to the tenderness of God in the privacy of our own heart and mind. Liturgy, however, is about something we do *together*. Often we will know there are things we ought to acknowledge in prayer. Sometimes we might do this in a simple



way: we might give mention to a thing in a single intercession, such as maybe for the well-being of our Parish Family, or for people caught in a natural disaster. At other times, a celebration will be a concern of the entire Parish Family, so the Liturgy will be more

especially adapted, to bring all together in the event, and to God in prayer, such as with a Funeral or a First Communion Mass.

Sensitive ministering in the liturgy provides a way of building up a Parish Family. Some aspects of a Liturgy might well serve particular individuals, with their preferences and needs. Other aspects may not immediately seem to serve them, but in their still participating, they will help serve the needs and preferences of other individuals. Our Liturgy is not meant to and cannot make us all the same. Rather, as we meld together in Liturgy, we can much help one another to appreciate that we each belong to the all-embracing and most beautifully colourful Family of God, within which every individual is loved and wanted.

Parish aim of the Month: September  
We need at least three people, men or women,  
**one for St Joseph's and two for The Sacred Heart.**  
*Please talk with Mick Moran for The Sacred Heart or Bernadette France for St Joseph's, or Fr Anthony for either, to help keep our Church Grounds well kept.*

## 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.

**First Reconciliation 2020** Application Forms for those eligible to join the next Programme of Preparation for the First Sacraments (Baptised Catholic Children in School Year 3 or above), should be available during **October**, to be collected after a weekend Mass, from Fr Anthony.

**Please, please** unless you wish to burn down a church (and hopefully you don't), on the votive candle stands, do **not** leave matches on the slats for lit candles nor on the drip trays. Matches may be left below, with the new, unused candles to be bought. **!! Think safety first !!**

**Our Parish Hall** may be hired for a variety of events with usual hourly rates at £16 per hour (£12 Parish Family rates). More details can be obtained from Fr Anthony.

### & 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](http://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.

### & In the Diocese

**Day for Catechists** Hinsley Hall, Sat 5 Oct, 10.00am-1.00pm, to meet other catechists and discuss plans our Diocese has to provide support and training. To book a place or for details contact Gregory Stacey: tel 0113-261-8043 / email [gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

**St Wilfrid's Way** Annual diocesan walk, Leeds to Ripon, Fri/Sat, 11/12 Oct. See details on the Diocesan website, to join all or any part of the walk, or any of the Pilgrims' Masses and Devotions at historic sites along the way.

## Meet the Bkcat Chairman

Charles Gillott, Chairman of the Bishop Konstant Academy Trust (which includes our Parish Schools and St Wilfrid's), has kindly accepted an invitation to our **Sacred Heart Hall, this Thu 26 Sep, 7.00pm**, to talk of how the Trust works and answer questions. **All members of our Parish Family will be welcome.**

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

## Sacraments

**Baptism** Our Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, will continue in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Wed 25 Sep**, 7.30-9.00pm. To join the next 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 12 Oct**, 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 19 Oct**, 10.00am-12.00nn.

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

John Henry Newman was beatified in his beloved City of Birmingham. During his State Visit, a great admirer of Newman's writings, Pope Benedict XVI, announced him 'Blessed', on 19 September, 2010, at Crofton Park, at an open air Mass.

Cardinal Newman will be canonised (declared a saint), by Pope Francis, at a Mass in St Peter's Square, Sunday 13 October.

*In the Acts of the Apostles, what occurred when a boy, called Eutychus, was listening to St Paul, at Troas, while sitting in a third story window?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

During the minister's prayer one Saturday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Gary's



mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence, and after church, asked: "Gary, whatever made you do such a thing?" Gary answered

soberly: "I asked God to teach me to whistle.... and He just did!"

## Parish Monies

**Thank You** very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £250.12

Envelopes £358.20

## Collections, etc



### A New order in the Court: The Full Flowering of the Sacrament

#### Lapse—Sided Development

In reading the fathers of the Church, we find that, wherever people professed Christ, they confessed their sins to the priests of the Church. We see this in the writings of St. Irenaeus of Lyons, who served in France from A.D. 177 to 200. We find it in Tertullian, in North Africa, around A.D. 203; and Saint Hippolytus of Rome, around A.D. 215. The Egyptian scholar Origen, around A.D. 250, wrote of the "remission of sins through penance...when the sinner...is not ashamed to make known his sin to the priest of the Lord and to seek a cure according to the one who says, 'I acknowledge my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; then You forgave the guilt of my sin' " (Ps 32:5).

#### The Best Seat in the House

It all comes together. God wishes our confession because it is a precondition of His mercy. This is his constant message from the days of Adam and Cain through every generation of the Church of Jesus Christ. He was merciful from the beginning but that mercy was revealed only gradually over time. Thus, in the Old Testament, He commanded the Israelites to build a 'mercy seat'—the throne of God Himself—and place it in the Holy of Holies, over the Ark of the Covenant. There the seat was inaccessible to everyone except the high priest, and even he could only approach once a year, on the Day of Atonement, when he would sprinkle the blood of a sacrifice for the sins of the people.



In the Old Covenant, the mercy seat was inaccessible and it was empty. In the New Covenant, the seat is occupied at last, and by a high priest, Jesus, Who is able to sympathise with those who are weak (see Heb 4:15). Moreover this high priest wants us not to stay away in fear and trembling but to come forward. "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16)

From Lord, Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

Father God, I need you. I humbly call upon you.  
Through your Holy Spirit, enable me to truly know your Son, Jesus,  
and to follow his way.

When I fail, as I so frequently do,  
I ask you to help me remember that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour,  
who calls me to trust wholly in your mercy and compassion,  
and that your Holy Spirit  
is ready to raise me up from temptations, to a life lived for you.

**Please Keep  
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**, especially  
Wayne Langman, Mary Veronica Kelly, 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, Dennis Fricker, Monica Lowe, Cynthia Potts  
Nicola Glew, Janice Coyle  
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

**The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 25**

**Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

This parable can be deeply disquieting if we take it as an allegory, that is, if every element in the story is meant (as in Matthew's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares) to have an equivalent in reality. We can't have God praising the steward for his frauds! No, the point of the story is simply the steward's energy and inventiveness, his shrewdness as a 'child of this age'. A lot more thought often goes into how to make money than in how to spend it to the best advantage of others! The danger and encumbrance of wealth is such that skill and imagination is needed in using it to live just here on earth and to prepare ourselves for life in heaven. The full brilliance of the story is even more subtle: Jews were forbidden to lend to Jews at interest. The steward cuts off the interest from the bills of his master's debtors, for oil was commonly lent at 100% interest, and wheat at 25%. It was easy to return olive oil adulterated with cheap sesame oil, but if I scatter handfuls of chaff in the grain I give you back, you will spot it immediately. So the steward makes his master obey the Law! The sayings added at the end hit the nail on the head: no slave can serve two masters, God and money.



**First Reading: Amos 8:4-7**

Amos is one of the first of the prophets whose sayings were gathered together and written down. He was peacefully pasturing sheep in the southern hill-country near Bethlehem, when the Lord summoned him to trudge northwards and denounce the racketeering of rich against poor in Samaria. Archaeologists have shown us the traces of these practices. The capital of the North was moved westwards to link with Mediterranean trade: marriage alliances with merchant princes, grand palaces displacing slum dwellings, expensive (and idolatrous) ivory inlays on the furniture. The fat-cats would not listen to Amos, told him he was not welcome in their country, sent him packing and continued to fleece the helpless poor, for they con-

trolled the money supply and the means of exchange—till the mighty power of Assyria swept down and destroyed them all. For us today perhaps the equivalent would be the rich nations profiteering from poor, unequal business deals, unfair trade, 'international aid' packages to dispose of excess production, the rich growing richer, the poor growing poorer in a thousand ways. The message of Amos is linked to the Gospel by the final sentence: use wealth to make friends in heaven by your generosity.

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

As the gospel message was proclaimed beyond the restricted world of Judaism, in the larger world of the Greco-Roman Empire, new questions arose for Christians. The first question addressed here was relationship to the civil authorities, and the answer: accept them and pray for them, particularly in their attempts to provide a worthy framework for human life. The second question, a pressing one in our post-Christian society: can non-Christians be saved? Here the scripture tells us that God wills all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth, and that there is one mediator, Christ Jesus. How is this so? Is it enough to grope towards a God 'in signs and symbols' (Vatican II), accepting a power outside ourselves, to which all are indebted for existence itself, the ultimate authority in human life? And what about the Mediator? How can people be saved by Christ if they do not know him? Is it enough for them to acknowledge their human deficiencies and failures and lay them before God? What responsibility do we have to express our Christian values in such a way that others may come to share them?

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 26**

1st Reading Amos 6:1. 4-7  
2nd Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16  
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter Week 1**

**Sun** + Seasonal Proper

**Mon** + Common of Pastors

**Tue** + Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wed** Week 1

**Thu** (or + Proper of Saints)

**Fri** + Proper of Saints

**Sat** (or + Proper of Saints)

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

**Tue** Our Lady of Walsingham

**Wed**

**Thu** Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

**Fri** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

**Sat** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr / St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs