



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 28 September	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Min Walker
Sunday 29 September	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	John Gill Pamela Ann Marshall
Monday 30 September	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Michael Murtagh
Tuesday 1 October	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Wednesday 2 October	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Intentions of Eileen O'Reilly
Thursday 3 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Intentions of Janice Coyle
Friday 4 October	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Daniel Kirwan
Saturday 5 October	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Christopher Greening
Sunday 6 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Edward Maddock Michael J.Walsh

At each of this weekend's Masses



we celebrate the Rite of Anointing and Healing
As the gospels relate, the sick came to him for healing; moreover, he loves us so much that he died for our sake. Through the apostle James, he has commanded us: "Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and



the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them." Let us therefore commend our sick brothers and sisters to the grace and power of Christ, that he may save them and raise them up.

From the Introduction in the Rite of Anointing and Healing

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

Those who *minister* in Liturgy are first members of the assembly and the purpose of ministry is to serve the Assembly, to help the participation of all. It is important that ministers understand their role and are well prepared. A good reader, for example, will have prepared the reading so that it is read well, to better convey an understanding to others of what the reading is about. Others, too, need to be well prepared for their ministries, to help enable a more meaningful Liturgy for all.

The Assembly are all who come to celebrate. We become entitled members through Baptism. It is the whole Assembly that enacts a Liturgy. At a Mass, for example, parts are lead by ministers, such as the assisting at the altar by servers and the Eucharistic Prayer by the priest, but they are then acting on behalf of the whole Assembly. Other parts are taken, by rights, by the entire Assembly: the *Gathering or Entry Hymn* and the *Holy, Holy*, for instance.

The Assembly enacts Liturgy in a *full, conscious and active participation*: it is not meant to be at all passive, it is not watching a performance. This is not to say that everyone has to do, or be able to doing everything that happens. There needs to be, however, a real inter-action between all the members of the Assembly.



By *full participation* is meant *with our entire being*. So there are times both for praying out loud and times for silence and inner reflection; also times for a symbolic use of

standing, sitting or kneeling. We also participate through our senses, in what we see, at Mass our taste of the bread and wine, the smell of incense at some Liturgies. Then, by *conscious participation* is meant that we have some *real idea of what we are about and desire to be part of it*. Our *amens*, a tiny word packed with meaning, are statements of faith in what is done or said, not an automatic response.

In a well enacted Liturgy, that all participate in, we can better understand and appreciate what is happening and why. It is an excellent teacher. It draws us towards an ever better understanding of Jesus as our Saviour, of God as our Father always loving us in and through his Holy Spirit. Very importantly, too, it helps us to respond not just in movements and words, but in our minds and hearts and spirits, with our whole being. It enables us to appreciate that *we belong to God* and, resulting from his over-whelming love and affection, that *he belongs to us* - and being his Children, that *we much belong to one another*.

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.

Gift Wrapping Demonstration, for about 45 mins, in our Sacred Heart Hall, 10.00am, **Fri 11 Oct**. All will be very welcome. A free event, in conjunction with the Memory Cafe. Tea, cakes and raffle available.

Many Thanks to those who in any way supported the recent *Race Night* and those who came along to enjoy the chase. £300 was raised for our Parish SVP Funds.

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. 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.

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.

Seniors' Liturgy & Lunch

All aged 55+ are invited to join our Parish SVP, **Wednesday 23 October, in our Sacred Heart Church** for Exposition and Benediction, at 12.30pm; then for a Pie 'n Peas Lunch (vegetarian option also), in our Parish Hall.

All who wish to come along, please ensure that you complete and return a booking form, that can be got in the Entrance Hall of either of our Churches, asap.

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 4 & 11 Dec**, 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 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.

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £258.73

Envelopes £419.90

Collections, etc

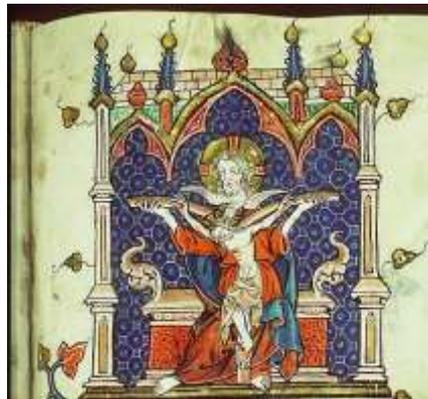


A New order in the Court: The Full Flowering of the Sacrament Lapse-Sided Development

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 Saint 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 all but 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).

This summons could only come with the fullness of the revelation of God. For mercy is God's greatest attribute. Why is it the greatest? Not because it makes us feel better, or its much more attractive to us than His power, wisdom and goodness. It is His greatest attribute because it is the sum and substance of His power, His wisdom, and His goodness.

From: Lord, Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb of God;
you take away the sins of the world.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit
restore me to friendship with your Father,
cleanse me from every stain of sin in the blood you shed for me,
and raise me to new life for the glory of your name

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Whatever of the quality of St Paul's talking at the time, on one occasion he was talking at great length, while a boy called Eutychus was sitting in a third story window and fell asleep. The boy fell out of the window and when found on the ground was taken for dead. Paul came to him and the boy revived and was taken home OK. (As told in the Acts of the Apostles.)

The Second Book of Samuel tells that when King David's men were fighting in the forest of Ephraim, an opponent was riding a mule and got his head stuck fast in some branches. Who thrust three javelins into his heart and who was the victim?

AND SERIOUSLY!

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"



The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out!'"

Please Keep
in Prayer

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



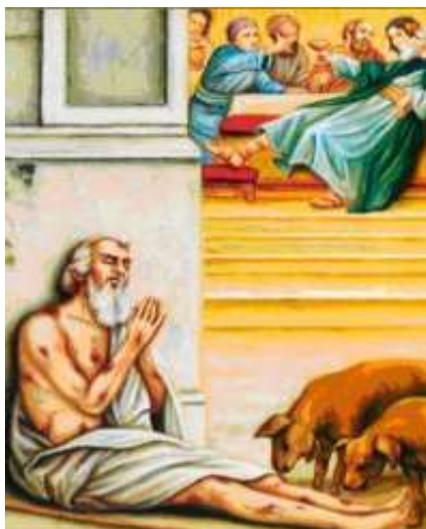
Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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, 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 26

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

This story told by Jesus occurs only in Luke. It is another of those dreadful warnings about the danger of wealth, for Luke's Gospel is often known as the Gospel to the Poor. Luke shows us those who blithely turn down their invitation to the banquet of the Kingdom in order to try out their new holiday cottage, their latest Porsche or the re-fitted yacht. Through the Crafty Steward he reminds us that those who want to make money are often sharper than those who want to make the Kingdom. Through the Rich Fool he teaches us that well-stocked barns are no remedy against death. For me there are three particularly horrible features of this parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man: firstly, the flea-ridden dogs licking Lazarus' sores: there are no pets in Palestine—dogs are either bristling guard-dogs or mangy curs. Secondly, the Rich Man's continuing self-absorption even after death: he still does not recognise Lazarus' existence and thinks only of his own burning tongue. Contrast this with Abraham's gentleness it almost looks as though he would cross the chasm if he could. Thirdly, the obdurate brothers: they are just not willing to listen, even to the most startling news; nothing will distract them from their own selfish pre-occupations.



First Reading: Amos 6:1. 4-7

'Alas for those who lounge in front of the telly, munching their crisps and slurping their lager. Alas for those who zoom the streets, singing raucously along with their blaring radios.' Is Amos simply a middle-aged spoil sport, castigating the evils of his time? The real question is whether such 'sprawlers' would even manoeuvre themselves off the couch for the sake of the needy person at the door, whether they spring out of the car to help the blind person across the road. Following on from this: what about our own society? What can I do to help remedy the fundamental ills within society? What can I helpless and half-hearted

as I am, do to build on the ruins? How far can Jesus push me? One thing is sure, it is always one step further than my comfort zone. The Lord may not be calling me to be a Charles de Faucauld, and Oscar Romero, a Mother Teresa, but he always wants me to go one step nearer him, whatever my state of life, one step at a time out of my comfort zone in response to his challenge. I can never say I have done all I need to do.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

The letters to Timothy contain several little hymns of praise to Christ. After his final exhortation to Timothy to perseverance and to witness, the author gives a concluding doxology (after he mentions the appearing of the Lord as an inspiration for his—and our—devotion to Christ, enumerating seven titles of Christ's pre-eminence. In this egalitarian world, where TV has almost abolished the mystique of royalty, the first three titles of royalty (Ruler, King of kings and Lord of lords) may not move us too much. But who would absent themselves if even a 'minor royal' was coming on a visit to office or factory? So how would we respond if it were to be the Lord of all lords himself arriving? The other awesome titles used for Christ cannot fail to move us. Christ possesses as his own the immortality for which we crave. He dwells in the sphere of faultless light which lies beyond our comprehension. He is beyond our sight, our understanding, even our imagination; his are power and honour without end. We can only be amazed at how far he is beyond us, and yet that he walked beside the Lake of Galilee with his chosen friends, and allowed himself to be humiliated in suffering and death before his exaltation.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 27

1st Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Proper of Saints

Tue + Proper of Saints

Wed + Proper of Saints

Thu Week 2

Fri + Proper of Saints

Sat Week 2

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Tue St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux), Virgin
& Doctor of the Church.

Wed The Holy Guardian Angels

Thu

Fri St. Francis of Assisi

Sat