



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 5 October	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Christopher Greening
Sunday 6 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Edward Maddock Michael J.Walsh
Monday 7 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Tuesday 8 October	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday 9 October	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Deceased Clarkson Family
Thursday 10 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Thanks Sacred Heart
Friday 11 October	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Samuel, Kathleen & Pauline Foster
Saturday 12 October	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Wilfred & Winifred Taylor
Sunday 13 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Josephine Spencer Mary Oakley

At our Mass this Saturday, prior to his up-coming Baptism, we present and pray for Konrad Karol Wielgosz, with his parents, Emilia and Karol

Between our Masses next weekend, we will celebrate with thirteen of our Young Parishioners The Rite of Enrolment to Prepare for Confirmation



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 bungalows and houses through the Parish, the true entrance procession of the Mass gets into full swing; in places calmly, in places hectically. Some are putting on their church clothes. Some families are hurriedly finishing a bite to eat, to be sure not to be late. Some have chosen to fast longer than the required hour, but, as usual, can't find their keys. Some are asking their children to put down their games or toys and get their shoes on. Some, before leaving home, have caught up on the news, so as to bring the worries of the world to prayer. Others have purposely avoided catching the news, so as to be less world weary and unsettled in their prayer. All have their own ups and downs, joys and sorrows, disappointments and hopes.

In a surprisingly large number of households, but still a small minority, the Sunday Scriptures have already been read, a day or two before. In some just one or two have read them, perhaps using a missal or 'phone app. In others, with the family gathered, they have been read aloud, using such as *The Wednesday Word*. Then, some families are very well organised, readying themselves in good time, so they can arrive at church in a more leisurely and calmed mode.

When we think about preparing liturgy, we might first think of the priest preparing his homily, or maybe church cleaners ensuring all is clean and tidy. But liturgy is the work of all the assembly, of all gathered to share in it. The preacher is likely to preach better if, during the days before, he has prepared his words. We need cleaners to Hoover at some time before, not during a Mass. How each individual shares in a liturgy, and how each helps others gathered to share in a liturgy, can be much effected by what each has been doing beforehand and by how they have readied themselves in the hours or even days before.



So, the entry procession for such as a Sunday Mass starts hours or days before, is made up of all ages, several nationalities, ones of differing financial means and political outlooks. It will have members in various stages of preparedness and well-being. Still, and whatever ideals we ought to aim for, each is in the one great procession, the Church coming to their Family House. As we arrive, and dip a finger into the holy water of our common Baptism, and sign ourselves with the cross of Christ, we might well greet one another, but remembering none ought do so as being a host, none as a visitor, but all as equals and the most beloved children of the one God.

First Reconciliation/Eucharist Preparation
Sadly, in the last few years, a notable number of our Children have become eligible to prepare to receive the First Sacraments, but have not been brought to do so. *All* - please encourage Parents with Baptised Children in school years 3, 4, or above, who have not yet received the First Sacraments, to now obtain an application form, to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Forms can be got from Fr Anthony, at any weekend Mass, and should be returned directly to him, by the last Sunday of this month of October.

Things happening in our Parish

Our Parish SVP is to meet this **Tue 8 Sep**, 7.00pm (*NB day & time*), in our Sacred Heart Hall.

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.

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 11 Oct**, 10.00-12.00am.

All Invited South West Yorkshire NHS Partnership are seeking to develop Church and other community links, to better Healthcare/Spiritual supports in our region. Such matters concern all of us and all are invited to come and find out how, as a Parish and/or as individuals, we might add support. Members of the Partnership will lead the event, in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Wed 16 Oct**, 7.30pm.

M&S Food items wanted for our Christmas Fayre Raffle. Many items may be reduced just now, but please check for long use/sell by dates, preferably into 2020. Please also be making/gathering items (seasonal ones, too) for the Fayre, to be held on **Sat 23 Nov**.

& In the Diocese

Dowry Tour From Thu 7 to Sat 9 Nov, the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham (from the Shrine) will be at Leeds Cathedral. All are invited to a range of liturgies, including Mass and other devotions, talks, and a display telling the story of English Catholic history. This is part of a tour of our Catholic Cathedrals, leading up to a rededication of England to Mary, Mother of God. See details on our Church notice boards.

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.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

When Absalom got his head stuck in branches while riding on a mule, Joab, one of King David's nephew's and a leader in his army, thrust three javelins into Absalom's heart and killed him. This was against David's command, as while they were on opposing sides in war, Absalom was still David's son.

In the Second Book of Kings it is told that some small boys taunted the prophet Elisha with the words 'Go away, baldhead! Go away. baldhead!'

What was their fate?

AND SERIOUSLY!

When I stopped the school bus to pick up Chris for nursery, I noticed an older woman hugging him as he left the house.

"Is that your grandmother?" I asked.

"Yes," Chris said. "She's come to visit us for Christmas"

"How nice," I said. Where does she live?"



"At the airport," Chris replied. "Whenever we want her, we just go out there and get her."

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £218.66

Envelopes £429.20

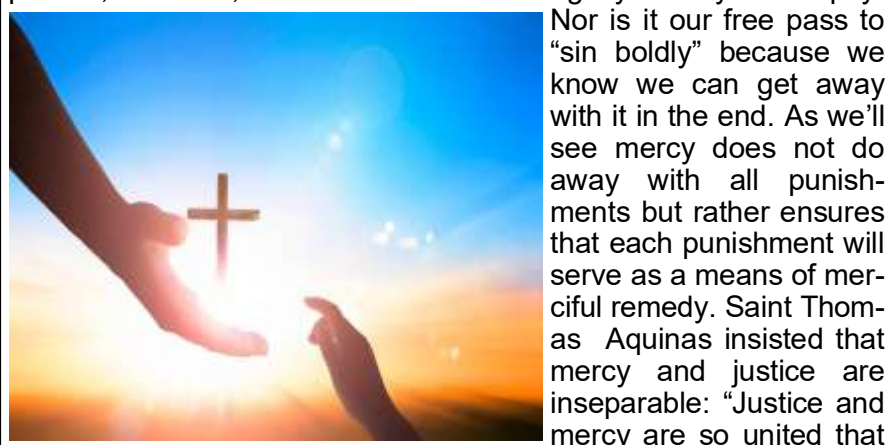
Collections, etc

Missio Red Boxes are due for the emptying. Those with a box, please bring it to Church next weekend.

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

We can distinguish the attributes that pertain to His might, His knowledge, and His goodness. But mercy is something more. Indeed, it is the convergence of all three of those attributes. Mercy is God's power, wisdom and goodness manifest in unity. God showed Moses that mercy was bound up with His very name, which to the Israelites meant His personal identity: "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you My name 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and show mercy on whom I will show mercy" (Ex 33:19).

Mercy has been fully revealed to us in Jesus Christ. It's important, however, that we understand it rightly. Mercy is not pity.



Nor is it our free pass to "sin boldly" because we know we can get away with it in the end. As we'll see mercy does not do away with all punishments but rather ensures that each punishment will serve as a means of merciful remedy. Saint Thomas Aquinas insisted that mercy and justice are inseparable: "Justice and mercy are so united that

they mutually temper each other: justice without mercy is cruelty, mercy without justice is disintegration."

The Catholic Encyclopaedia puts it succinctly: "Mercy does not override justice, but rather transcends it and converts the sinner into a just person by bringing about repentance and openness to the Holy Spirit."

TRUE CONFESSIONS SEALED WITH A SACRAMENT

Like All the rites of the Church, confession has changed its look and feel down through the centuries—adapting to the different needs, and different moral climates, of different cultures. But confession has always remained the same in essence. It has remained what Christ wanted it to be: the continuation through all time, of his ministry of forgiveness and healing..

The rite has varied in many ways. In some times and in some places, Christians confessed their sins publicly before the congregation; in times like our own, confession is a private matter between the penitent and a priest. In the early Church, some bishops permitted a baptized believer to confess no more than once in the course of a lifetime. In times like our own, the Church recommends that we go at least once every month and requires that we go at least once a year....

From: Lord, Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**, especially
Hilda Bailey, and her family



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 27

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The two sections of this Gospel reading appear at first sight to be entirely separate, the first about faith, the second about the reward of service; but they do fit together. The faith required consists not in reciting a creed but by hanging on by ones finger-tips, through thick and thin, to God's power and will to save. In nothing else is there any hope, not in my own power and ability. That is why, in the second section, we have no right to expect any sort of reward as our due from God. The value of our work in itself is secondary to our admission of helplessness and our trust in God's to save us. However, not all parables should be taken as allegories. The severe master here is not necessarily God, any more than the master who in another parable praises his crooked steward. When we hear the unyielding command of the master to the slave to expect nothing and to set about serving at supper, we cannot forget that at the Last Supper it was Jesus who put on his apron and washed his disciples' feet. We may be unworthy slaves, but Our Lord's action at the Last Supper gives us confidence that our Master ministers to us.



First Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2:2-4

This fascinating passage has two very different meanings; the first is the meaning of the original Hebrew prophet, the second is as a reflection on the meaning of 'faith' as mentioned in the gospel passage with which the Church pairs this first reading. The drift of the passage in the Hebrew prophet Habakkuk is endurance. 'Make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it' the original Hebrew reads—that is, as you whisk past, running your Marathon, you see an encouraging placard in the crowd, 'Keep going!' So the message in the last line is that, however tough and unpromising the course, the righteous person should live by endurance, perseverance, fidelity. The message was initially intended to keep up the spirits of the Jews as the Babylonian armies approached: it will be tough, but stick it

out, for the Lord will not desert you. However, the Apostle Paul is using the Greek translation of the Hebrew text—of course he is writing in Greek—which reads 'the righteous person lives by fidelity/faith'. Paul uses the text in Romans 1:17 and Galatians 3:11 to prove that justification is by faith. Luther adds a further complication by adding, 'alone': 'the righteous person lives by faith alone'. But for Paul, faith expresses itself in action.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

Today we start with the first of four Sunday readings from Second Timothy. The letters addressed to Timothy and Titus, those two central members of Paul's staff, are generally considered not to have been written by Paul himself. However, they are all part of the inspired word of God, and a handful of reputable scholars considers that Second Timothy is indeed by Paul. In 1 Corinthians 16:10-11 the Corinthians are urged to treat Timothy gently, and in today's passage the author seems to be encouraging Timothy himself against timidity; perhaps he was a naturally hesitant person. One of the principal emphases of all three letters to Timothy and Titus is the adherence to 'sound teaching': they are encouraged to think and act within the tradition of the teaching which they have received and to uphold its fundamental vision. This is, of course, already, implied by the laying on of Paul's hands, for a Jewish rabbi would learn much by heart, and at the end of his training was commissioned to carry on the tradition in the name of his own teacher. Such methods would have been important for the preservation of the teaching of Jesus during the Pauline period, before it came to be written in the gospels.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 28

1st Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Proper of Saints

Tue Week 3

Wed (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu + Common of Pastors + Diocesan Proper

Fri (or + Common of Pastors)

Sat + Common of Pastors + Diocesan Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Our Lady of the Rosary

Tue

Wed Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest /
Ss Denis, Bish & Comp. Mts /
St. John Leonardi, priest.

Thu St. Paulinus of York, Bishop

Fri St. John XXIII, Pope

Sat St. Wilfrid, Bishop