



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 12 October	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Wilfred & Winifred Taylor
Sunday 13 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Josephine Spencer Mary Oakley
Monday 14 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 1.30pm Rosary/Benedictn	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's	Faithful Departed (November List) <i>With St Joseph's School - All welcome</i>
Tuesday 15 October	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Wednesday 16 October	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Deceased Clarkson Family
Thursday 17 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 4.00pm <i>Receive Body</i>	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's	Michelle Proctor John Paul Lawrence
Friday 18 October	8.30am Mass 10.15am <i>Funeral Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Tony Sweeney John Paul Lawrence
Saturday 19 October	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention (A.H)
Sunday 20 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm <i>Baptisms</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Peter Gee James Cunningham Konrad K Wielgosz & Sebastian Owsiejczyk

Between our Masses, this weekend, we celebrate with thirteen of our Young Parishioners
The Rite of Enrolment to Prepare for Confirmation
Please keep them and their families especially in prayer, during the coming weeks

All are invited to St Joseph's Church, with our St Joseph's School, this Monday 1.30pm, for Gospel Reflections, Rosary (2 decades) and Adoration with Benediction

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

We each share in the ministry of the assembly when we gather for Mass. This ministry is about two things. It is about our worship of God, giving thanks for his love - and it is about our ministry to each other.

At Mass, we first praise and worship God. Much that happens at Mass, happens to remind us of God's presence and God's love for us. We come together to experience his abiding presence. In the Scriptures, and most especially the Gospel, we hear the word that is *Christ with us*, talking with us, and wanting us to talk with him. We then offer praise and thanksgiving, joining with Christ offering himself to the Father. We receive Christ within the form of bread and wine: he gives us himself as food and drink.

Again and again, in celebrating Mass, we have the opportunity, in word, song, and in silence, to offer our prayer and worship to God. In parts the priest leads the prayer, others speak the reading, others carry forward the offerings, but it has real meaning for an individual only if that individual listens, responds, takes their part, and takes all the words and actions to heart.

Our second ministry is to each other. This might be called the ministry of good example. How we take part in Mass can serve as an action helping others towards God and each other. As we see prayerfulness, friendliness and unity in others, it helps us to enter into that spirit of prayerfulness and unity which is proper to the Mass.

Coming together for prayer makes demands on us all. Anyone can at times, or maybe often, be distracted with thoughts outside of the Mass, that keep creeping in to disturb prayerfulness. The sounds or actions of infants, children, grown-ups



with the on-set of dementia can cause attention on the prayers or readings to be *varied*. But they, too, are very much part of the Parish Family and have a rightful place among the Family. *Let the little children come to me*, Jesus said, when the apostles saw them as a distraction to his talking to the adults. Then, also, a favoured hymn to one might be far from being a favourite of another, or a particular homily might speak much to one and say little to another: we have much in common, but have our differing desires and needs also. All such things we can see as distractions, or we can view them as the *varied and rich colours* of our Catholic Family, from which each of us needs to receive, and to which each has much to give.

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

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**.

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

& In our Diocese

Dowry Tour Thu 7 to Sat 9 Nov, the Walsingham Shrine statue of Our Lady will be at Leeds Cathedral. All are invited to 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.

At our Parish Masses, Sat/Sun 2/3 November *we will remember our Deceased Relatives, Friends & Parishioners*

Any who wish may add names of their Faithful Departed to marked sheets, in our Church Entrances, to form a Book of Remembrance for each Church.

Note: this is separate to the November Faithful Departed Mass Intentions, to be taken soon.

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 9 Nov, 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 some small boys taunted the prophet Elisha about his baldness, calling out, 'Go away, baldhead!' the Second Book of Kings reports that two she-bears came from the woods and mauled forty two of them.



In the First Book of Samuel the prophet Eli came by a rather unusual way of death. In what manner did his death come about?

AND SERIOUSLY!

English novelist William Golding tells with delight of the policewoman in a Wiltshire town, near his home. who gave him a parking ticket the day after he won the 1983 Nobel Prize in Literature. "Can't you read?" she demanded.



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £219.22
Envelopes £401.15

Collections, etc

Next Weekend Retiring Collection after each of our Masses, 50% to Catholic Youth Services and 50% to Catholic Education Services.

TRUE CONFESSIONS: SEALED WITH A SACRAMENT

Another element that has varied is the severity of the penances imposed by the Church. In the early days, those who confessed serious sins—such as murder, adultery, or apostasy—were readmitted to communion only after a long time spent in the Order of Penitents. These sinners might spend years in rigorous prayer, performing works of penance and almsgiving before they could again receive the Eucharist. Indeed, they were not even permitted to stay in the church building for the entire Mass; they were dismissed, along with any unbaptized people, before the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The monks of the Eastern deserts usually get credit for developing the practice of frequent, private confession. In the West, these practices found zealous promoters in Irish monks who travelled as missionaries throughout Europe. By the seventh century, the sacrament had, for the most part, assumed the appearance by which we know it today.

Even now however, the sacrament can shift its shape. The Church permits more flexibility for this rite than for almost any other. The ordinary and "Proper place to hear sacramental confessions is a church or an oratory," in a confessional booth with a "fixed grille," or screen. Sometimes the penitent prefers the anonymity of confessing behind a screen to a priest who cannot see his face; at other times, he may prefer to make his confession face-to-face, as between old friends. Sometimes men make their confession on a battlefield amid mortar fire; at other times, the spiritual healing comes at a hospital bed during a long last illness. I can testify to the varieties of confessional experience. At moments when no confessional was available, I've received the sacrament in many different ways: while walking along city streets, while riding in a car, and while waiting at an airport gate.

Yet the more things change, the more the sacrament remains the same. In the next chapter, we'll look first at that essential core of the Church's teaching and then at the doctrine in action, as the Church celebrates the sacrament today.

From: Lord, Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have
sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance,
to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.*

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**, especially
Hilda Bailey, John Lawrence, 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, Kazia Andruszko, Ann Pearson, Joan Aston
David Olbison, Liz Allen, John O'Brien, Dennis Fricker, Monica Lowe, Cynthia Potts, Janice Coyle
Nicola Glew
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 28

Gospel: Luke 17:1-19

We see why the story of the cure of Naaman the leper has been chosen as our first reading today: in the Gospel reading we find another cure of a foreigner, and not an ordinary foreigner, but a hated foreigner. There was a cordial hatred between Jews and Samaritans: for the Jews, the Samaritans were a wretched hybrid race, who accepted only part of the Jewish Bible, and had their own ideas about the coming Messiah. Yet Luke has already recounted the story of the Good Samaritan, who succours the wounded traveller who had been neglected by Jewish priest and Levite. Now only a Samaritan comes back to thank Jesus for the cure from leprosy. Samaritans are the foreigners geographically nearest to Jesus, but hated by the Jews. If the Samaritans can set an example to the Jews, so can many other foreigners. In his initial proclamation Jesus promises salvation to the gentiles, and Luke misses no opportunity to show us gentiles ripe for salvation: the centurion of Capernaum who built the synagogue and whose son is cured, the guests for the banquet called in from highways and byways. Luke is preparing for his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, where the Good News will spread to the ends of the earth even Rome itself.



First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

This little excerpt is the stub-end of one of the most delightful stories in the Bible (read it). It pairs with the Gospel reading. In his opening proclamation in the synagogue at Nazareth Jesus declares that he has come to save the gentiles too, just as Elisha did, citing Naaman as an example. Today we read about the cure (the saving of Naaman) itself. The odd bit about two 'muleloads' of earth is the result of the belief, still persistent at that time, that the God of Israel could be worshipped only on the soil of Israel—so take some soil with you! Naaman wants to express his gratitude to the Lord at his home too. At the time attributed to Elisha and Naaman (mid 9th century BC) the Lord was accepted as God of Israel, the Sovereign and

Protector of Israel, but this implied nothing about other nations. It was not until the Babylonian exile when Israel was confronted with the multiple Gods of Babylon, that Israel came to believe that the Lord was the God of the whole earth, the whole universe, and that all the other deities, such as those of sun and moon and stars, were simply timing-devices plugged into the vault of heaven by the Lord himself. God reveals himself to Israel, and to us, gradually.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

If Paul is chained as a criminal, at least he gives the grounds for his hope and his security: 'the saying is sure'. The kernel of the Good News is the Resurrection, and that is enough for Paul. If Christ is risen from the dead, nothing

more is required; this in itself is the fulfilment of the promises to David. Paul quotes a little symmetrical hymn ('if we have died with him...') which was no doubt sung by the early Christian congregations. The earliest external evidence to the Christian liturgy is a letter from Pliny, governor of a province in what is now northern Turkey, in the early second century, written only after a few decades after the Second Letter to Timothy. He has examined Christians under torture and sends his findings to the Emperor. Christians, he says, meet on a set day (presumably Sunday), make oaths of loyalty to one another, sing a hymn 'to Christ as to a God', and then have a meal (presumably the Eucharist). The hymnic phrases in today's reading could be part of just such a hymn mentioned by Pliny, sung under the pressures of persecution, celebrating the union of Christ with his followers, and Christ's fidelity to his own people, whatever they do to him: if we are faithless, he remains faithful.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 29

1st Reading Exodus 17: 8-13
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 4

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon (or + Proper of Saints)

Tue + Proper of Saints

Wed (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu + Proper of Saints

Fri Proper of Saints

Sat (or + Proper of Saints)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

Tue St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin & Doc of Ch

Wed St. Hedwig, Rel / St. Margaret Mary

Alacoque, Virgin

Thu St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Fri St. Luke, Evangelist

Sat Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests

& Comp Martyrs / St. Paul of the Cross, Priest