



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 19 October	6.00pm Mass	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
Monday 21 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 1.30pm <i>Rosary/Benedictn</i>	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Michael Murtagh <i>With Sacred Heart School - All welcome</i>
Tuesday 22 October	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention
Wednesday 23 October	12.30pm <i>Rosary/Benedictn</i> 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	George Eric Wilkinson
Thursday 24 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.45am <i>Funeral Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family Hilda Bailey
Friday 25 October	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Hilary Morris
Saturday 26 October	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Anthony John Tighe & Family
Sunday 27 October	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm <i>Baptism</i>	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Michelle Proctor Joe Sankey Mia Rose McElhatton

On the event of their Baptisms, this Sunday, we congratulate and pray for
Konrad Karol Wielgosz, with his parents, **Emilia and Karol**
Sebastian Owsiejczyk, with his parents, **Piotr and Anna**

All are invited to our Sacred Heart Church, with our Sacred Heart School, this Monday 1.30pm
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

Last Sunday saw the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman, by Pope Francis. While English men and women have been canonised in recent years, all our canonised saints to date lived before the eighteenth century. Thus, Saint John Henry (1801-90) is now the most recently living Englishman to be canonised. During his life, John Henry received much acclaim for his sermons and writings. Since his death, many of these have been read and appreciated by many people of different nationalities.

On the centenary of his being converted from an Anglican to a Catholic, Pope Pius XII wrote of Cardinal Newman:

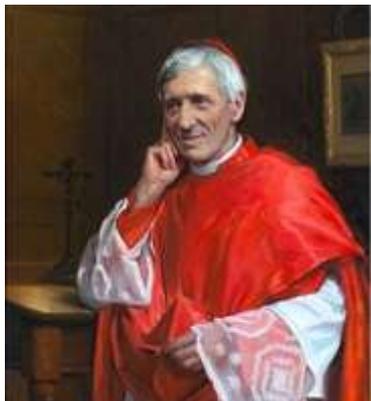
Newman 'gave up his whole life to the truth'; all his efforts, all his untiring labours, were dedicated to that end. A time came when the beauty of Catholic teaching revealed itself clearly to his longing eyes; with that, no obstacle of any kind - his old prejudices, loss of prospects, the protests of his friends - could hold him back; nothing must stand between him and full adherence to the truth he had now mastered. He held to it ever afterwards with unshaken consistency, made it the guiding principle of his whole life, found in it, as in nothing else, full contentment of mind.

At a press conference during his visit to England in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI (who then Beatified John Henry) said:

Cardinal Newman is a modern man, who took on all of the problems of modernity, he experienced the problem of agnosticism, the impossibility of knowing God, of believing; a man who throughout his life was on a journey, a journey to let himself be transformed by the truth, in a search of great sincerity and great willingness, to learn more, to find and to accept the path to true life...

He is a man of great spirituality, of a great humanism, of prayer, of a deep relationship with God and a relationship with himself, and therefore also of a deep relationship with the other men of his and our time...

So I would say these three elements: the modernity of his existence, with all the doubts and problems of our existence today; his great knowledge of the great cultural treasures of mankind; and his constant quest for the truth, continuous renewal and spirituality . . . give this man an exceptional greatness for our time. Therefore, he is a figure of Doctor of the Church for us, for all . . .



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.

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.

Things happening in our Parish

Prayer Group Meets weekly on **Mondays**, 7-8.00pm, at 40 Wood Street, South Hiendley. All very welcome.

Reminder Our SVP invitation Seniors' Liturgy and Lunch is to begin in our Sacred Heart Church, this **Wed 23 Oct**, with Rosary and Benediction, at 12.30pm, to be followed by the Pie 'n Peas Lunch, in our Parish Hall.

When did you last be with a member of your family, who does not much come to Mass, and invite them to come along with you the next Saturday/Sunday? A simple invite may often not be taken up, but if made from time to time, can one day be just the encouragement needed.

& 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.

Parish Christmas Fayre - Saturday 23 November
Knitters, sewers, cabinet makers,
and all our arty-crafty,
are you working on those
hand-crafted goods that make for
Christmassy stalls?



Also needed, goods for the **M&S Hamper**.
Festive items (& general: eg pkts/tins of tea, coffee, biscuits), but please check for longer sell-by dates.

NB Prize of a bottle of Scotch for the most **NB**
Festive looking stall and/or stall-holder of the day.

*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 16 Nov, 10.00am-12.00nn.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The First Book of Samuel reports that the prophet Eli was sitting by the city gate when he received



very shocking news. Eli fell backwards on his chair, his neck was broken and he died, 'for he was an old man and very heavy'.

Whose head did King Herod have served up on a platter, at a feast, and who called upon him to do this?

AND SERIOUSLY!

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, 'I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think that means?'

'You'll know tonight,' he said.

That evening, the man came home

with a small package and gave it to his wife.

Delighted, she opened it—to find a book entitled 'The Meaning of Dreams'.



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £298.19
Envelopes £357.87
Sep Bank Orders: £1231.00

Collections, etc

This 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

The Magnificent Seven



Before we begin discussing the sacrament of confession, however, we should discuss sacraments in general.

What is a sacrament? Before, we used a classic definition: A sacrament is an outward sign of inward reality. We can say further, as in another classic definition, that a sacrament of the New Covenant is 'an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.' Grace is God's life, which he shares with us through these actions that Christ has entrusted to His Church. The Church discerns seven such sacraments: baptism, Eucharist, confirmation, confession, anointing of the sick, marriage, Holy Orders. These seven are traditionally divided into sacraments of initiation (baptism, Eucharist, confirmation), sacraments of healing (confession and anointing of the sick), and sacraments of vocation (marriage and Holy Orders).

The sacraments of the New Covenant are certainly "new" with Jesus Christ, but not in the sense that they are novelties. For the New Covenant itself is not new in that sense. It is rather, a renewal of what the early Christians called the "eternal covenant," the covenant that transcends time. We might more accurately translate it as the "Renewed Covenant"—the consummate renewal of what God had done again and again in history.

He made a covenant. In the ancient world, a covenant was a legal and liturgical means by which two parties created a family bond. Marriage was a covenant; the adoption of a child was a covenant. Whenever God made a covenant with man, as with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David—He renewed a family bond between Himself and His people. The covenant was usually ratified by certain outward signs: an oath, a common meal, and a sacrifice.

All of God's work in the covenant did not vanish into irrelevance with the coming of Jesus Christ. There is no yawning chasm separating the Old Covenant from the New. The New is promised in the Old; the old is fulfilled in the New. Thus, the Old Covenant signs—the oath, the meal, the sacrifice—find perfection in the New Covenant sacraments. "Behold," said Jesus, "I make all things new" (Rev 21:5). He renews all things when He establishes His perfectly renewed covenant.

From: Lord, Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, in accord with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

**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, 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 29

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

We often think of prayer as mere asking, and this parable encourages us to pester God as the wronged widow pestered the unjust judge. But that is only one aspect of Luke's teaching on prayer. He also shows us what our attitude in prayer should be in the parable which immediately follows today's passage from the gospel: the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. The tax-collector wins approval because he just stands there, admitting his sins. Most instructive, however, is Luke's teaching on Jesus at prayer: he reminds us that Jesus is always quietly at prayer to his Father. He needs to slip away to spend the night in prayer. Especially he prays at the most important moments of his life: at his Baptism, when he chooses his team of disciples, before he teaches them to pray, at the approach of his passion, finally forgiving and comforting others at his death. Paul tells us we should pray continually. Prayer of asking must be built on a relationship of love and dependence, as the request of a child to parents is built on their loving relationship. It does not matter if the child is at times naughty; the deep relationship between parent and child is one of love. We do not need to be perfect to make requests to our Father.



First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

The battle scene in this passage seems to us nowadays a bit of odd to choose to reinforce the gospel lesson of perseverance in prayer. Can we still pray for the slaughter of our enemies? An important lesson of these bloodthirsty passages of the Old Testament is to remind us that revelation is gradual: we cannot take in everything at once. Look how long it took us to realise that the logical consequence of Paul's little letter to Philemon is the total abolition of slavery! Paul didn't realise it, and nor did most Christians for 1,700 years. Future generations may think our morality primitive too, as we or our successors come to understand Christ ever more fully. Moreover, although prayer can be exciting and uplifting, this reading reminds us that it can also be boring and wearying: we too may experience that sinking feeling of exhaustion, 'I can't hold

my hands up any longer'. That is when we really need to get on and hang on in there, thus expressing our belief that God is not just one Mr Fix-it among many others, but he is our only hope, the one on whom we can always depend. Cupboard-love alone will not do, nor a last-minute turn to someone about whose existence we had practically forgotten.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

The inspired writer of the letter seems to be devoting much of his space to the use of scripture in preaching and in discussion and argument with others, but most of all he stresses that the scriptures instruct us for salvation. We have to receive the message and take it into our own hearts before we pass it on to others. This we do by recognising the multiplicity of ways in which the scriptures shows us that God cares for us, revealing his ever-present forgiveness even in all those times when we mistrust him and shy away from him and search for happiness by ourselves. Only by immersing ourselves regularly in the scriptures and growing to love the varied glimpses of God contained within them can we then come to appreciate the richness and fascination of these writings. But there are also plenty of difficulties to be overcome when reading them: the strangeness of language and ancient ways of thought, the sometimes barbaric primitiveness of the God's Chosen People, the seemingly tedious instructions on sacrifice and purity. Don't rush your reading. Go at your own pace, and remember that it began as God's Word to Abraham, Moses, David and many others, or with Jesus helping his contemporaries to understand what God's Kingdom is all about, or with Paul responding to the queries of his half-instructed converts. But now it is God's Word to you.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 30

1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Week 1

Tue (or + Common of Pastors)

Wed (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu (or + Proper of Saints)

Fri Week 1

Sat (or + Common of Pastors)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon

Tue St. John Paul II, Pope

Wed St. John Capistrano, Priest

Thu St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Fri

Sat Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops