



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 30, 26/27 October 2019

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Saturday 26 October	6.00pm Mass	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
Monday 28 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Tuesday 29 October	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday 30 October	12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Tony Sweeney
Thursday 31 October	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Intentions Eileen O'Reilly
Friday All Saints 1 November	9.30am Mass <i>No Exposition today</i> 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	John Lawrence Michelle Proctor
Saturday 2 November	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Hilda Bailey
Sunday 3 November	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Deceased Finn and Horsley Families Debbie Lane

On the event of her Baptism, this Sunday, we congratulate and pray for Mia Rose McElhatton, with her parents, Adam and Kay

This Friday is the Feast of All Saints and a Holyday of Obligation. See Mass times above.

At our Parish Masses, Saturday/Sunday 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.

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

Facts to Concern Us

It is normal enough in Parishes that are not in a holiday resort, such as ours, to have a dip in the offertory collections, in August, and then recover during September. Regrettably we did not, this year, see a recovery in our collections. Our September offertories, last year and this (to the nearest £ below), were as follows:



		2018	2019
Week 1	Loose	248	240
	Envelopes	570	366
	Total	818	606
Week 2	Loose	229	292
	Envelopes	389	486
	Total	618	778
Week 3	Loose	211	278
	Envelopes	531	418
	Total	742	696
Week 4	Loose	315	250
	Envelopes	484	358
	Total	799	608
Week 5	Loose	317	258
	Envelopes	428	419
	Total	745	677
September Total		3722	3365

There is some good news in that bank/standing orders, during the first six months of this financial year, have run at around £150 per month more than during the last financial year - most of which previously came in the offertory loose/envelopes.

In effect, it seems that we are **down by around £200** comparing September to September. This - might - be an unusual blip - but October has not yet shown any sign of a recovery in our offertory collections. Also, personal tax allowances have risen, during recent years, so some who could previously *Gift Aid* their offerings no longer can, as they now pay insufficient or no income tax.

Some measures have already come about, over the summer, to hopefully reduce some costs in coming months. However, as overall costs for all of us generally rise rather than fall, it is important that we do our best to ensure our Parish income rises rather than falls.

Three simple questions might help with this:

- 1) If you donate via envelopes or a bank order, have you reviewed the amount you give within the last 3 or 4 years? (*It is appreciated that the income of some has also gone down.*)
- 2) If you give in the loose plate, can you transfer to a bank order or using envelopes?
- 3) If you pay income tax, are your donations *Gift Aided* (for us to reclaim tax you have paid on it)?

First Reconciliation/Eucharist Preparation
All - please encourage Parents with Baptised Children in school years 3, 4, or above, who have not yet received the First Sacraments, to return an application form, to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Forms can be got from Fr Anthony, at a weekend Mass, and should be completed and returned to him, at latest, by Sunday, 3 Nov.

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. Chat, refreshments, entertainments, all the order of the day.



When did you last be with one of your family, who does not much come to Mass, and invite them to come with you the next Saturday or 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.

Loyola Certificate The Diocese is offering lay people - especially any involved in such ministries as Catechists, Parish Council - the opportunity to study for a Certificate in Pastoral Studies with Loyola University, Chicago. The teaching is primarily delivered online, across a two year programme, covering a range of topics including Biblical Studies, Church History, Parish Community Building and Catechesis. *Information Session, Sat 9 Nov, Hinsley Hall, 2.00-3.30pm.* Any wanting more information or to attend, please contact: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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?

When her daughter danced at a feast with the promise from Herod that she could have anything she wanted, Herodias, whom Herod had taken to himself though she was his brother's wife, caused her daughter to ask Herod to execute John the Baptist and serve his head on a platter.

The Bible continues to be the most sold book in the world, but how many copies are sold each year, and which country prints the most each year?

AND SERIOUSLY!

Andrew came home from school one day, cut, bruised and blood stained. His father asked him what on earth had happened.

"Well, Dad, it's like this," Andrew began. "Stephen challenged me to a duel and you know how that goes...we have a choice of weapons."

"Uh huh," said his father. "That seems fair."

"I know... but I never thought he'd choose his sister!"



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£227.42
Envelopes	£399.87
Education/Youth	£104.80

Collections, etc

Paulinus Lottery Winners Recent draws have returned four winners with each to gain £125: H Duffield, G Potts, J Ingle. and J Coyle.

TRUE CONFESSIONS: SEALED WITH A SACRAMENT

The Magnificent Seven



All the sacraments of the New Covenant are ordered toward the Eucharist, which is both a family meal and a sacrifice. All the sacraments invoke the sacred name of God, and so all have binding power as oaths. Moreover, in the New Covenant, as in the Old, "the liturgy of the renewal of the covenant" has "a particular link with the remission of sins." It is in the New Covenant, however, that the power is made perfect and the forgiveness complete.

(The Latin word for *oath*, incidentally, is *sacramentum*, from which we get the English word *sacrament*. The Church's usage of *sacramentum*, meaning simultaneously "a sworn oath" and "a sacred rite," is recorded as early as A.D. 110.)

Confession prepares us to receive the Eucharist more worthily. It makes us a purer vessel to hold the divine life given us in the grace of the sacraments. Confession gives us the right dispositions for our renewal of the covenant, our family bond with almighty God. Without this forgiveness, we might approach Him as slaves approach their master, with our eyes cast down to the ground. But with the words of absolution, we are empowered to look upward with the eyes of innocence, as children look up to a loving father.

Tradition's Conditions

How does confession do this? The details of the rite have sometimes changed; but, says the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), "Beneath the changes in discipline and celebration...., the same *fundamental structure* is to be discerned (n. 1448). The sacrament of penance is made up of two equally essential elements. On the one hand, there's our work, the work of the repentant sinner; and, on the other hand, there's the work God does through the Church.



It's all God's work, in a sense, because even the works we do are the actions of a sinner "who undergoes conversion *through the action of the Holy Spirit*" (CCC, n. 1448), italics added). We however, must give consent and struggle to fulfil God's will. What actions, then, make up our part of the sacrament? Tradition names three: contrition, confession and satisfaction. In other words, the sacrament demands (1) that we should be sorry for our sins, (2) that we should state our sorrow clearly by naming our sins, and (3) that we should complete the work of penance or restitution assigned to us by our priest-confessor....

From: Lord. Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

Please Keep
in Prayer

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



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 30

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

These two figures in today's Gospel are stock characters, sketched with Luke's brilliant wit and sensitivity. The gospels invariably give the Pharisees a bad press: after the destruction of Jerusalem they were the only surviving branch of Judaism and so, for the evangelists, they represent the vigorous opposition of Judaism to Christianity at that time. The Jewish historian, Josephus, paints a sympathetic picture of them, and Matthew's picture of them, as the personification of hypocrisy may be a caricature of their scrupulosity concerning the observance of the Law. Jesus played them at their own game in his careful interpretation of scripture, presenting them with a rich and profound understanding of God's Word. The question must be asked: was Jesus a Pharisee too? Pre-occupation with exact observance of rules can often appear to outsiders as hypocrisy. In Jesus' time a tax-collector was the epitome of malpractice and the abandonment of all decent standards: he worked for the hated Roman occupying power; he had to make his own living by extorting excessive tax. So this parable is one more example of Jesus' reversal of expected values, and his outreach to those generally despised: to the woman notorious in the city as a sinner, to the woman taken in adultery, to Zacchaeus and to the "good thief". It beautifully fulfils the first reading, demonstrating that the prayer of the humble 'pierces the clouds'.



First Reading: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 35:12-14. 16-19

The Book of Sirach was translated into Greek by the grandson of the author. The grandfather wrote in Hebrew. He was a wise, witty and sometimes cynical teacher in Jerusalem, who gathered and built on the pithy sayings of the sages. The first part of this reading, about the widow's persistent appeal to the Lord, may well be the basis of last Sunday's parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Did Jesus build his parable on this piece of wisdom of the ancients, or did Luke use the Book of Sirach to expand Jesus' teaching? So also the second part of the

reading, which prepares us for today's parable of contrasting suppliants (proud and humble) in the Temple: did Jesus build on the ancients or did Luke? Jesus certainly heard and learnt from the holy books of Judaism. Whether Jesus directly used Sirach or not, the message of the two parts of this reading is clear in the phrase which joins them together: whoever whole-heartedly serves God will be accepted. There is no pretending in prayer. As a wise old priest said to me, 'In prayer you can stop pretending to be Queen Victoria or a poached egg.'

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

This is the last Sunday reading from the 'Pastoral Letters', addressed to Paul's assistants, Timothy and Titus. Fittingly, it is a summing-up and defence of his mission, according to the literary conventions of the time. We do not know where the trial he mentions took place, not the eventual outcome, though the tradition holds strong that he was martyred in Rome (and his severed head bounced three times, giving rise to three fountains, the famous 'Tre Fontane' in Rome). In his letters Paul several times mentions imprisonment, but nowhere a formal trial; so we can only guess. Did he set out on further journeys, even to Spain, after his confinement in Rome? We do not know. The sporting images of the 'good fight' and the 'race' are typical of Paul, and also the image of a libation, the first few drops from a cup of wine, offered in homage to a divinity. But most of all we are reminded that Paul had long yearned for death and to be fully united to the Lord: 'Life to me, of course, is Christ and death would be a positive gain' (Philippians 1:21), but he remained fully aware of the Lord's call to provide energetic guidance in the early Church.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 31

1st Reading Wisdom 11:22. 12:2

2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:11. 2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon Proper of Saints

Tue Week 2

Wed Week 2

Thu Week 2

Fri Proper of Saints

Sat Proper of Saints + Office of the Dead

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri **ALL SAINTS**

Sat All Souls (The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)