



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 2 November	6.00pm Mass	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
Monday 4 November	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	George Eric Wilkinson
Tuesday 5 November	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention (E.O'R)
Wednesday 6 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Thursday 7 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Friday 8 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Saturday 9 November	<i>No Exposition today</i> 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	<i>No Reconciliation today</i> Eileen Pickering
Sunday 10 November	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Joe Sankey

The November Books of Remembrance will be by our Parish Prayer Trees, at both our Churches, throughout this month.

This week, Fr Anthony will also celebrate Masses for:
Our Parish Family, Michelle Proctor, Faithful Departed (Nov List)

November Faithful Departed

Envelopes, for Masses, are available in our Church Entrances, or you may use your own envelope (but please write on *November Faithful Departed*). These may be returned via the Offertory Basket. Masses will be celebrated, through the year, for the various families/friends listed in/on each envelope and all listed will be included in a monthly Mass for the Faithful Departed. It is usual for those who can afford it to include a donation.

Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 9.30-10.30am
1st & 3rd of the month at St Joseph's 2nd & 4th of the month at The Sacred Heart
with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation otherwise by appointment with Fr Anthony

From Fr Anthony

During the month of November we, of course, in our Catholic tradition, remember and pray for our Faithful Departed. Such prayer is a sign and act of our love for them and, even though God does not need us to persuade him, it is a sign that we, his beloved children, also seek the best for them.

God our Father,
your power brings us to birth,
your providence guides our lives,
and by your command we leave this earthly life.

Lord, those who die still live in your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the faithful departed.



In company with Christ,
who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in your kingdom,
where all tears are wiped away.
Unite us again in one family,
to sing your praise
forever and ever. Amen.

Immortal God, holy Lord,
Father and protector of all you have created,
I raise my heart to you today for those
who have passed out of this mortal life.

In your loving mercy, Father of all,
forgive the failings and faults
they may have done from human frailty, and be
pleased to have them in your heavenly company,

Your only Son, Christ, our Saviour,
suffered so cruelly that
he might deliver them from death.
By his merits may they share in the glory
of his victory over sin and death.

For all the faithful who have died I pray,
but especially for those dear to me,
family, relatives and friends.

Nor do I forget all who did good to me,
who helped me along the way.
I pray also for any who may have done me harm,
and any who stand in need of your forgiveness.

May the merits and
prayers of our Virgin
Mother, Mary,
and those of all the
Angels and Saints,
speak for me and
assist them now.



This I ask in Christ's name. Amen.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen
And may the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*

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.

Things happening in our Parish

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 6 Sep** - note 7.00pm -
in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or
to join them, please speak with any present Member.

Open Heart Memory Cafe Next gathering in our Sacred
Heart Hall, this **Fri 8 Nov**, 10.00-12.00am.

All Our Children of Primary School age are invited to
design a picture, for use on a Card to be given to all our
Parishioners, for Christmas. A prize will be given for any
picture used. The pictures must have a religious/nativity
theme (no Santas or reindeers), on A4 white paper, may
be coloured or line drawings, and must be returned by
Sun 24 Nov (and please do not fold). Also, write on the
back your name, age, which of our Churches you mostly
come to and an email or telephone number. Designs may
be handed to Janet Ward, Stephanie Knowles, Hazel
Duffield, or Elizabeth Smith.

Please Note If Fr Anthony is away, be it a day or several
days, it is important that requests for funerals, at either of
our Churches, go via our **Sacred Heart Presbytery**.
Daily checks are made for messages and arrangements
are in place to assist Funeral Directors and, importantly,
to avoid a double booking of either priests or Churches.

Facilities In our Sacred Heart disabled toilet there are
now two bins. The larger bin is for incontinence pads and
nappies only. Please first put these in one of the small
(biodegradable) plastic bags from the dispenser above.
The smaller bin is for female sanitary items only. Please
do not put any other items in either of these bins.

& 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. See details on our Church notice boards.

Loyola Certificate The Diocese is offering lay people the
opportunity to study for a Certificate in Pastoral Studies
with Loyola University, Chicago. The teaching is mostly
delivered online, over two years, with such topics as
Biblical Studies, Catechesis, Parish Community Building,
Church History. **Information Session, Sat 9 Nov, Hinsley
Hall, 2.00-3.30pm**. Any wanting more information or to
attend, contact: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

*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?

It is estimated that each year, 100 million bibles are sold through the world. In a way oddly, the country that prints the most bibles is China, where Christianity and religions in general are not favoured by state authorities, and where Christianity is a growing but still much of a minority religion.



What is the meaning and origin of the word 'bible'?

AND SERIOUSLY!

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my e-mail?"



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £289.24

Envelopes £438.92

Donation £100.00

Collections, etc



TRUE CONFESSIONS: SEALED WITH A SACRAMENT

Tradition's conditions

We must be sorry for our sins. The technical word for this sorrow is *contrition*. Without such sorrow we cannot receive this sacrament; for the essence of the sacrament, on our part is our apology to God, Whom we have offended. Our contrition need not be perfect; it need not spring from a motive of pure love. We might, for example, be motivated by fear of God's punishment. That's a good start, and God's grace will complete the work in us and make up for what is lacking in our sorrow. We must, however, offer some resolution to change our lives and to avoid, in the future, the sins we have confessed from our past. We should even resolve to avoid the company or places that might tempt us to sin. Tradition calls this resolution a "firm purpose of amendment," and it is formulated well in many of the prayers we call Acts of Contrition: "I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the occasions of sin."



Some people think, "Well, as long as Catholics tell their sins to the priests, they can go on committing sins, whenever they want." And this is not just a Catholic issue; it's true of any religion that emphasises repentance. The repentance has to be genuine, and so does the firm purpose of amendment. Harvard philosopher William James once said, "I would sin like David, if only I could repent like David" (see Ps 51).

That, however, is a total delusion. The truth is, unless the sinner is truly sorry—unless that sinner approaches the sacrament with contrition and confesses all known serious sins sincerely, humbly, and completely—the sacrament does not confer the absolution—the sins are not forgiven. What's more, the sinner has committed the added sin of sacrilege.

Jesus himself insisted upon a change of life when He pronounced absolution. He faced the woman caught in adultery and told her He would not condemn her, but added, "Go, and do not sin again" (Jn 8:11). Today through His Church, He asks no less.

From: Lord, Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

A Prayer of Absolution, said by the priest, following a Confession.

God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his Son,
has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins.
Through the ministry of the Church
may God give you pardon and peace;
and I absolve you from your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
and all those commemorated in our November
Book of Remembrance



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

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, 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 31

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

The story of the little rich tax-collector of Jericho is always favourite. It was a constant complaint of defenders of the Law and its prescriptions that Jesus kept dishonourable company –tax-collectors, lepers, Samaritans and prostitutes! He took part in their carousals and seemed to enjoy their company. Tax-collectors are never popular, and everyone thinks they are over-taxed. Under Roman rule the tax-farmers were moral outcasts, especially because they worked for the hated foreign dominators, and surely many added their own percentage to the tax demanded; Jesus does not seem even to mind that they were considered unclean. He does not wait for them to repent and approach him, but positively goes out to them and summons them into his company. Zacchaeus had given no sign of good intentions. This unpopular little man was simply inquisitive, wanting to see what Jesus looked like, not even trying to get near him. One can imagine his open-mouthed and delighted amazement, perched in his sycamore-tree, as Jesus invited himself to supper over the heads of the intervening crowd. 'Why should Jesus choose me?' he might be thinking. No conditions are attached; he provides no immediate guarantee of good behaviour or repentance! Yet he is changed fundamentally and responds with generosity. So Jesus draws out our good intentions before we are really aware of them ourselves.



for God must be free, so that it is possible not to choose God. If our choice of God must be free, rejection of God must also be a possibility. And yet, would God have created anyone who did not choose God? We do not know that anyone actually has rejected God. Hell must be a possibility, but is it empty? We have no right to judge the consciences even of the monsters of history, and it is hard to say that anyone has been without some spark of generosity or gentleness or goodness.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

The earliest Christians were confused about the final coming of the Lord. Jesus proclaimed that the Kingship of God was imminent. Did this mean that the world was coming rapidly to an end? How rapidly? Was the gist of his teaching principally that his death and resurrection changed everything, even the whole constitution of the world? Then Paul taught that this world was passing away, that Christ would soon come in a great triumphal procession. Some saw the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD as an urgent sign of the end. The Book of Revelation seems to teach that there will be a reign of Christ for a thousand years after the first resurrection and before the final struggle with Satan and then the second resurrection; today's reading suggests that some thought the Day of the Lord had already arrived. Each year, as the cycle of readings draws to an end, the

Church reminds us of this final coming of the Lord. When will it be? All we know is that it will be imminent, in the sense that we must live in the spirit that God's final reckoning is urgently impending, and 'it is not for you to know the times and dates the Father has decided' (Acts 1:7).

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 32

1st Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3.5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Proper of Saints

Tue Week 3

Wed Week 3

Thu (or + Common of Pastors)

Fri Week 3

Sat Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Tue

Wed

Thu St Willibrord, Bishop

Fri

Sat The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica