



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 16 November	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Michael Liffey
Sunday 17 November	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Norman & Paul Duffield / Bill Wagstaff
Monday 18 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Tuesday 19 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 20 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Thursday 21 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Friday 22 November	12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart	
Saturday 23 November	<i>No Exposition today</i> 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	<i>No Reconciliation today</i> Parish Family
Sunday 24 November	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Edward Czajko Charlie Oakley

This weekend, we thank Fr Sean Durcan, for celebrating with us our recent Parish Masses

This week, Fr Anthony will also celebrate Masses for:
Private Intention (21/11). Hilda Bailey

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

It is baptism that makes us one with Christ, members of his Body, the Family of the Church. This unity is constantly renewed and sustained by our sharing in the Eucharist, which we do not as individuals but as members of Christ's Body. Eucharist, the Mass, can never be celebrated alone - always we celebrate together - not only with those visibly present in a particular place, but us together with the whole Church, on earth and in heaven.

This spiritual union is something more than eyes can see. Yet, how we are when we are physically together in the Church matters a great deal. The way we gather and greet each other, the way we listen and pray together, being conscious that we are a community at prayer - such things are of great importance, they are a full and integral part of the Mass itself. Our human togetherness is part of our common prayer.

The simple greeting at the beginning of Mass is not just an outward sign, but when we give it prayerfully, in Christ, what we do both fosters and brings about the communion of the Church. Likewise our other actions in the Mass - our standing, our kneeling, our sitting - we do them together (so far as physical health allows) and what we do is not of little matter, but a powerful sign of our unity. The movements and actions we do together are to help us to express and have a deeper appreciation of what is happening, and to deepen our inner desires. Already we are one in Christ, but at Mass, together, we seek to grow into deeper union with him and one another.

Our society is sometimes so fragmented - broken by racial, cultural, religious divides. In the Gospel of John we read how Christ prayed that all might be one. At Mass we are invited to pray as one - and for all our diversity, by and large we manage to do this. Can we bring this experience of unity to bear on the lives we live outside Mass? Can we work for unity there too, serving our society by being a people who are dedicated to healing hurts, to overcoming fears of difference, and who seek to build up community?

Of course, for it all to work, we need to respect the differences between us: the parent struggling with a fidgety child, the elderly man who coughs and splutters, those who want more quiet, those who want things more or less formal, those who want to sing more or less. But how much more we show Christ's own love, when we still speak and act with unity.



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Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 23 November in our Sacred Heart Hall, starting 10.00am

Boxes await quality gifts at both of our Churches. We much need helpers for the stalls - and/or help to set up - and/or to clear up after. Please see lists in our Church entrances.



Also needed, goods for the M&S Hamper. Much wanted - a lotta bottles - full, of course.

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

Santa's coming: be sure you come, too. And bring Family, Friends, and all others you can.

Things happening in our Parish

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.

Send your Christmas Greeting to all our Parish Family and also help raise funds towards our Advent Project for **Cafod**. Write on an envelope *Christmas Card* and add your Family name (Christian name/s, too, if you wish) - add at least £2 as a donation - put the envelope in the offertory basket at any of our Weekend Masses, by no later than **Sun 1 Dec**. Your name/s will then be listed on a Parish Card, to be distributed to all our Parish Families, at our Masses, on the 3rd and 4th weekends of Advent.

First Reconciliation If Parents of any Children who are eligible to prepare for their First Confession (school year 3 or older), have not yet applied, they need to do so by early December. Fr Anthony will have application forms at each of our Masses, **next weekend, 23/24 Nov**.

Parish Council is to next meet **Thu 5 Dec**, 7.00pm, in our St Joseph's Rooms. Please give any items for the Agenda to Janet Ward, Elizabeth Smith, or Fr Anthony by **Sun 1 Dec**, at the latest.

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.

Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries are now available at our little shops, at both of our Churches.

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 14 Dec, 9.30-11.30am

First Sacraments Our *Children*, who are now preparing for **First Eucharist**, will meet for the First Communion Day Rehearsals on **Sat 30 Nov**,

at St Joseph's, 9.30-10.30am
at Sacred Heart, 11.00-12.00am

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Judaism, Christianity and Islam each have strong roots in the Bible, for their thinking and beliefs. Judaism, of course, accepts most of the Old Testament works, but not the New Testament. Muslims believe that people have corrupted the Bible and hold to what they consider the corrected version, the 'Qu'ran'.

Who were the first to translate the Bible into the English language?

AND SERIOUSLY!

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £
Envelopes £

Collections, etc

Next Weekend Retiring Collection after each of our Masses, to help fund our Leeds Diocese Mission in Lima, Peru.

**TRUE CONFESSIONS:
SEALED WITH A SACRAMENT
Tradition's conditions**