



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 7 March	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Eileen Pickering
Sunday 8 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Stan Hodgson Parish Family
Monday 9 March	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Faithful Departed (November List)
Tuesday 10 March	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention
Wednesday 11 March	12.00 Stations of Cross 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 4.00pm <i>Receive Body</i> 7.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Colin Stevenson Alma & Ignacy Dumka
Thursday 12 March	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> 10.30am <i>Funeral Mass</i> 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Colin Stevenson
Friday 13 March	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 6.30pm Stations of Cross	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart <i>St Helen's CofE</i>	Alban Ramskill
Saturday 14 March	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Sunday 15 March	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Constance Cockroft Eileen O'Reilly



Next Saturday, 14 March, at our 6.00pm Mass, we will celebrate with our Recently Confirmed Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Confirmation

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

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From Fr Anthony

The Lord's Prayer, Sign of Peace and Breaking of the Bread both lead us to and prepare us for Holy Communion. They are together a transition from one high point - the Eucharistic Prayer - to another - the sharing in Communion. The action of the Breaking of the Bread may not always be observed by many of those at Mass, but it is still a key moment. It is so because it reminds that while we are many, and although we have our different backgrounds and circumstances, we are still united as one Family, as we all receive of the one Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Communion of the priest and congregation is preceded by a prayerful saying, or whenever appropriate and possible singing of the 'Lamb of God'. This helps express the union, in mind and heart, of the communicants, as they unite in their voices. All are together as the Family of God, and are together to receive the one Lamb of God given to each. This is necessary for us not despite of, but because we are sinners.



The procession of those gathered, up to the altar, coming to Communion is, in itself, symbolic. It expresses the humble patience of the poor, moving forward to a place to be fed. It reminds of the alert expectancy of God's people of Israel, gathering to share the Paschal meal,

as they readied themselves to escape slavery in Egypt, and begin their journey to the promised land. In England and Wales, where orderly queues are common-place, it is through this action of walking solemnly in procession that the faithful give a sign of reverence, in preparation for the receiving of Communion.

When Communion is completed, all of those present may observe a period of total silence. In the absence of all movements, words, actions, or music, moments of deep peace, contemplation and stillness may be experienced. This will not necessarily be felt by all those gathered, every time, or by all on the same occasion. However, such silence is important to the rhythm of the whole celebration and is welcome in a busy and restless world. On many occasions a hymn might be sung by all present, but when so, this should here always be reflective and relate to the event of Communion: to again reflect the awesome event that has just occurred, the receiving of our Lord in the wondrous Sacrament of Communion.

In a final presidential prayer that brings to a close the Communion Rite, through the words spoken by the priest, the community of faith asks that the spiritual effects of the Eucharist be felt in its members' daily lives, to which all say 'Amen'.

Things happening in our Parish

Offertory Envelopes for the coming Financial Year are now available, at our Churches.

All who **now use envelopes**, please ensure that you have your new box. If you are unable to find your box, or you find an error, please inform Jackie Ventom, Margaret Whitehouse or Fr Anthony - or have a word with the same if you -

wish to **transfer to Banker's Order** giving, or to **start using envelopes**.

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.

Open Heart Memory Cafe Especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their family, friends and carers. Will next gather in our Sacred Heart Hall, this **Fri 13 Mar**, 10.00-12.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome.



Wednesday Mass This Mass has been kept, through the past years, to provide a weekday Mass especially for any who are not able to make a morning Mass. In recent months, however, there has been a significant decline in the numbers attending. During Lent especially, it would be good if many made it their observance to share in an extra Mass, each week. During Lent, Wednesday Mass will continue at its present time, but during the coming spring, it's time may be reviewed.

Red Boxes If you have a *Missio Box*, please bring it to Church next weekend, for emptying.

SYCAMORE For those who have booked, our Sycamore Course continues this Thursday 12 March, 6.30pm, in our Parish Hall.

Some further details of Sycamore can be found at www.sycamore.fm.

Our Lent Project this year, is for a place that a number of our Parishioners have or have had contact with. It is to help fund a *Minibus for the Burntwood Nursing Home*. A minibus would much enhance the lives of residents, enabling them, for instance, to attend local events.



More extras especially for Lent

Stations of the Cross

St Joseph's, 12.00nn

Wednesdays: 11 Mar to 1 Apr
(Soup & Roll available after)

& alternating

St Helen's CofE

St Helen's CofE: 6.30pm

Fridays: 13, 27 Mar

& Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart: 6.30pm

Fridays: 20 Mar, 3 Apr

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 11 & 18 Mar**, 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 There is to be a Parish Thanksgiving, with those of our Parish Family newly Confirmed:

Sat 14 Mar, at 6.00pm Mass

First Reconciliation Our *Children and their Parents* are next due to meet at our Sacred Heart Hall:

Sat 21 Mar, 10.00-12.00am

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The brothers Peter and Andrew, also James and John (both sons of Zebedee), and Philip, each of whom Jesus called to be his apostles, were all from Bethsaida, in Galilee.

The other James, often called James the Less (being smaller than John's brother) might also have been brother to another apostle - which?

AND SERIOUSLY!

After tucking their three-year-old child, Sam, in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room. Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He told them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking helped.

His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sam's ear. Sam was delighted.

He snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed it, then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"



Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose	£316.94
Envelopes	£463.20

Collections, etc

This Weekend We continue with our weekly collection towards our Lent Project, for *Maidie's Minibus*.

Collections last week	£162.90
Total to date	£162.90

Sacramental Confection:

What's So Sweet About Sinning? Goodness Gracious

This is the part that scandalises some Christians. How can he say that sinners do not choose evil when they sin? Augustine counters that human beings can only desire good things. We want what's sweet to the taste, what's comfortable, what makes us more free, what removes difficulties from our lives. Moreover, all the things we desire are good because God has created them that way. "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gen 1:31). All the things in the world share, in some way, in God's glory. Every artwork bears the distinctive mark of its artist, so every creature is a manifestation of a natural sacrament of the creator. And it is that sample of divine glory that makes the things of this world so attractive to us.

What is it then, that takes the desire for something good and transforms it into a sin? Augustine puts it beautifully: "Sins are committed when, out of an immoderate liking for things—since they are the least goods—we desert the best and highest goods," which are God, His truth and His law. "These lower goods have their delights," he continues, "but none such as my God, Who has made all things; for in Him the just man finds delight, and He is the joy of the upright of heart."

Augustine concludes that he stole the pears for the sake of his friends' companionship and for the laughter they would share. The friendship, the camaraderie, and the laughter were all good things, gifts from God, and good to desire for these things before the desire to please and obey the Lord God.

We, too, sin not because we want what is evil, but because we want what isn't good enough. We give our hearts, our bodies, and our souls to trifles and passing sensations when we should go, instead, to the summit of all pleasures, the eternal creator of all joy. In fixating on God's gifts, we turn our backs to the giver.

A New Whirled Order

The problem. Then, is not that we find creatures attractive, but that we find them more attractive than God. The problem (in Augustine's words) is our "immoderate liking for things," for pleasure, and for earthly glory. This was the problem for Adam and Eve. For the forbidden fruit in Eden—like the fruit in Augustine's neighbourhood orchard—was not evil. Indeed, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was good in every way. Eve saw immediately "that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise" (Gen 3:6)....

From Lord, Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

Covid-19 / Coronavirus, 'Flu and Any Virus

At Mass and parish gatherings, the best way of effectively disrupting the spread of this, and any virus, is to maintain good hygiene practices.

Catch it – sneeze into a tissue –|- Bin it – bin the tissue –|- Kill it – wash your hands with soap and water –|- Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands.

In addition, it is asked that any who have cold or 'flu like symptoms - refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace - refrain from taking Communion from the Chalice - receive the Host on the hand only.

Ministers of the Eucharist are always advised to sanitise their hands before and after distributing Communion.

The full document, issued by the Bishops of England and Wales, can be found on our Diocesan Website.

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Colin Stevenson, and his family



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

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing
George Potts, Cynthia Potts, Sheila Jordan, Peggy Heneghan, Kazia Andruszko, Liz Allen, David Olbison
John O'Brien, Dennis Fricker, Monica Lowe, Janice Coyle, Nicola Glew
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

The Word: Year A, Lent, Sunday 2

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Each year on this second Sunday of Lent we read the account of the Transfiguration. It was the moment when the disciples were shown the divinity of Jesus on the Holy Mountain. The scene is reminiscent of Moses' encounter with God on Sinai, when his face, too, shone like the sun. Moses and Elijah are present because they are the two Old Testament figures who experienced the presence of God on the Holy Mountain. With his usual impetuous generosity Peter attempts to 'freeze' the moment. The public declaration of Jesus as God's Son at the Baptism is repeated, but with the addition that Jesus is the authorized divine teacher; Matthew is alert to the implications for the Church of the presence of Christ as Teacher. This cloud is also a symbol of God's presence, to which the human response can only be to fall to the ground in fear and reverence. The awesome moment of revelation cannot, however, last, and Jesus brings his disciples back to the dire realities before them with the reminder that his death must precede the revelation of his glory at the Resurrection. Until they have experienced the limitless generosity of his death, and the vindication by God of this love, they are not ready to spread the message of Jesus.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Each year on this Sunday we have a reading about Abraham, for it is with him that the history of salvation begins: God prepares a people, the family of Abraham, from which will eventually issue his Messiah, Jesus. Here we have the account of that beginning. God calls Abraham to leave his country, his family, his comfort-zone, to go out into an unknown land and an unknown future. Abraham has no security beyond the simple promise of God that God will bless him and his family, with a blessing so great that all nations will recognise it and use the very name of 'Abram' as a blessing. In a fierce and arid land, which offers no protection to strangers, he has no family, no chil-

dren to support him. He is to become a wanderer over the earth, not knowing the goal of his wanderings. He does not ask for the credentials of this Voice that calls him. He does not seem even to have any concept of God, and yet he follows this call. Just so, the first disciples at the lakeside will, without a word or a question, follow God's Son when he calls them. Abram's trust in this Voice is the model for all personal trust.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

This reading is put before us by the church as an encouragement to persevere in our Lenten resolutions. In his earlier writings Paul had often seen his own sufferings and those of other Christians as completing those of Christ. Not that there was anything faulty about the sufferings of Christ, But the members of Christ's body, the Church, must share in the destiny of the suffering Christ. Now the recipients of this letter are also called upon to share the sufferings of Paul in prison, not to earn salvation but as a response to the grace of salvation. The word 'grace' has been much understood, as though 'grace' were an independent gift, a thing in itself. In fact the word is used in the New Testament to express the love of God or of Christ, particularly the burning human love of Christ. Primarily it is a loving divine or human relationship. When Mary is addressed as 'engraced' or 'full of grace', it means that she is the special recipient of God's love, which in turn makes her more lovable. So here the 'grace granted to us in Christ Jesus' is the loving way in which God has regarded us from the beginning of time, though its fullness has become visible only at the appearing of Christ Jesus.



Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Lent, Sunday 3

1st Reading Exodus 17:3-7

2nd Reading Romans 5:1-2.5-8

Gospel: John 4: 4.5-15. 19-26.39-42

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper
Mon + Seasonal Proper
Tue + Seasonal Proper
Wed + Seasonal Proper
Thu + Seasonal Proper
Fri + Seasonal Proper
Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Tue
Thu
Fri
Sat