



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 8 February	6.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	Eileen O'Reilly
Sunday 9 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Noreen Matthews & Family Parish Family
Monday 10 February	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's <i>St Jo's School</i> Sacred Heart	Sacraments Thanksgiving : May Myatt
Tuesday 11 February	7.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Donor's Intention
Wednesday 12 February	9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition 7.00pm Mass	<i>S Heart School</i> Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Sacraments Thanksgiving Decd Bodurka, Joska ... Birkinshaw Fams
Thursday 13 February	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Deceased of Tony & Margaret Johnson
Friday 14 February	8.30am Mass 12.00-1.00pm Exposition	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Deceased Giblin, Clarkson ... Day Fams
Saturday 15 February	9.30-10.30am Exposition 6.00pm Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Parish Family
Sunday 16 February	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	Deceased Conway Family Eileen O'Reilly

Thanksgiving Masses for the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist

All are invited to join the celebrations, with our recent Confirmation and First Eucharist recipients
in St Joseph's School, this Mon 10 Feb - 9.30am - in Sacred Heart School, this Wed 12 Feb



Our married Parishioners will be invited to
Renew their Dedication to Marriage
at each of our Masses, Saturday/Sunday, 22/23 February



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

In 1381, in Westminster Abbey, King Richard II sought the protection of Our Lady, in the face of great political turmoil. At this point, England received the title 'Mary's Dowry'; meaning that England was 'set aside' as a gift, a dowry, for Our Lady, under her guidance and protection. The Bishops of England and Wales ask that on Sunday 29 March, of this year, a re-dedication will take place throughout our country. They ask that we, too, then seek Mary's protection and prayers, giving ourselves through this act of dedication. We can respond to this invitation on the day of The re-dedication, in two ways.

We are invited to make a *Personal Promise*, by praying *The Angelus Promise*, a prayer in which we say "yes" in union with Our Lady, through the words of the Annunciation. We are invited to make a *Communal Entrustment*. This will happen through prayers made together in Churches and other places throughout our country. We are invited, on 29 March, to accept God's gift of His Mother, the cause of our joy, as she leads us to Christ, through her example, as his First Disciple, and like her, to "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5).

To prepare for the re-dedication, all are invited, also, to follow a personal 33 day consecration to Jesus, using the method of St Louis de Montfort, updated by Fr Michael Gaitley, MIC - beginning 21 February. For more information about this see the Behold2020.com website. There is also a link to the Walsingham shop, from where can be obtained copies of the Consecration *Morning Glory* Booklet (cost for postage only, but copies limited to 5pp). All who have followed the 33 Days Retreat will make their consecration on 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation.



The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will go to Parliament for Mass and the Rosary in The Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft, on 18 March. This is a private occasion, for Members of Parliament, but all are invited to then pray for the gift of wisdom for the lawmakers of the UK, in their work at this moment in our country's history.

It is intended, for next weekend, to make available the *Angelus Promise* on the 'Today's Mass' Sheets. Please then take a copy home, as this also may be used by individuals or groups, in preparation for the *Day of Entrustment*.

Things happening in our Parish

Altar Servers We would be much pleased to have more Altar Servers, at both of our Churches. Any who are able to receive Holy Communion may join our Altar Servers' Group (adults also welcome). Rehearsals are planned at our St Joseph's Church, on **Sat 22 Feb**, 10.45am, and at our Sacred Heart Church, **Sat 29 Feb**, at 10.30am.



Any who intend to come, please let Fr Anthony know before the intended meeting. If any would like to serve but can't attend either meeting, do have a word with Fr Anthony.

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 12 Feb**, 7.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall.

Open Heart Memory Cafe Especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their family, friends and carers. Next gathering in our Sacred Heart Hall, this **Fri 14 Feb**, 10.00-12.00am.

Urgent Need Both of our Parish Schools are presently short of Foundation Governors and still more need to be recruited for the next school year onwards. Foundation Governors have to be Catholics who each week attend Sunday Mass. Ideally they are of the parish which feeds the school. They are appointed by the Diocesan Schools Commission on behalf of the Bishop, according to their particular skills (but not all necessarily with the same skills), and training is provided as an on-going basis.

Any interested in helping one or both of our Schools, as a Governor, please give your contact details to either School Office (01977 - 723830 (St Joseph's) - 625354 (Sacred Heart)), or let Fr Anthony know, so that one of the Headteachers or Governors may assist your enquiry.

A Deputy Headteacher post is also being advertised for our St Joseph's School - as an ideal opportunity for one presently a senior leader and church going Catholic who is seeking such a post. See www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies for details. Closing date 24 February.

& In our Diocese

Next Diocesan Talk as part of *The Year of the Word*, "The God Who Leads by Example: How Christ Teaches us to be Human" will be at Hinsley Hall, Thu 13 Feb, 7.00pm, with Fr Richard Ounsworth OP. To confirm a place, contact gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

We now congratulate our newly-Confirmed who, in the past months, have attentively prepared through learning and prayer, and who last Tuesday did our Parish Family proud, at their Confirmation, with Bishop Marcus.

All please continue to keep them in prayer. We also thank their parents, families, sponsors and especially, too, their catechists, who gave them so much support and encouragement.

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 29 Feb, 10.00-12.00am

Please note: no spare time is planned into the programme, so we are unable to take further candidates, this year.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Water is required at the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. *Holy Water may be used at other sacraments, but without obligation.* Wine is required within the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Olive oil is required in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, and the Anointing of the Sick. The oil of chrisam is mostly olive oil, but it has mixed with it sweet smelling balsam, which on its own may solidify in time, but begins its life and is sold on in liquid form. Chrisam is used at Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination.

The placing of hands on or over a person, by the minister, symbolic of calling down the Holy Spirit, is specifically called for in which four sacraments?

AND SERIOUSLY!

When the grandmother returned home from the supermarket, her small grandson pulled out the box of animal biscuits he had begged for, then he spread the animal-shaped biscuits all over the kitchen counter.



"What are you doing?"

"The box says you can't eat them if the seal is broken," the boy explained. "I'm looking for the seal."

Parish Monies

Thank You very much for your offerings last weekend:

Loose £239.75

Envelopes £421.33

Collections, etc

Next Weekend Retiring Collection, after each of the Masses, for our Diocesan *Catholic Care*, providing counselling services to our Catholic schools, families and individuals.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD: A SYNTHESIS

Serpentine slide

....Adam faced a formidable life-threatening force. Moreover, the serpent seized on something that would have been natural to any creature with a physical body: the instinctive dread of dying. The serpent seduces Adam with promises, but presents also an implied threat. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* identifies the serpent as Satan (see n. 391) and spells out the power he had both to seduce Adam (n. 391) and to harm him physically and spiritually (nn. 305 and 394).



Adam feared the beast and feared death. Indeed, he feared for his life more than he feared for his wife; for he did not step forward to protect her. He feared death more than he feared offending God by sin. He would not step forward with a martyr's courage. He could not even bring himself to call out to God for help. In pride and in fear, he kept silent. Then, with his wife, he disobeyed the command of the Lord. They ate the forbidden fruit. And the rest is salvation history.

Did he and Eve die? If by death you mean the spiritual death discussed by Philo, then, yes, they did. If by death you mean mortal sin and the loss of divine grace, then yes, they did die—more truly and more completely than if their bodies had been blown apart by a diabolical grenade.

They had died the death. Why should God subject Adam and Eve to such a trial? Because something greater lay on the other side of it. Adam and Eve were given the life of grace, but that was only penultimate. God had intended that grace to be a seed of glory. Adam was made *in* paradise, but made *for* heaven. God wanted Adam to share the inner life of the Trinity, which is complete self-giving: The Father pours Himself out in love for the Son; the Son returns that love completely with the gift of His own life; and that love hared by the Father and the Son is itself a divine person, the Holy Spirit. In order for Adam to share that life, he would have to begin living it on earth, in paradise. He would have to offer himself completely in sacrifice. And that is what he failed to do.

Adam was unwilling to lay down his own life for the sake of his love of God, or to save the life of his beloved. That refusal to sacrifice was Adam's original sin.

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, 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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew here takes two piquant images from the words of Jesus which he found in Mark's Gospel and builds on them. This text follows immediately after the Beatitudes, with which he began the Sermon on the Mount; now he shows that these Christian attitudes are not just for our own benefit but are to change the world. The first teaching is a warning, the second a promise. Christians are to be salt for the whole world. Imagine a perpetual diet of food without any tang or taste, soggy and insipid! This would be the world if Christians did not spread the good news of Christ, did not impart to the world the flavour brought by Christ's message. What would the world be without that message and without the challenge of the generosity and salvation of Christ which we profess? Yes, of course, much of the same message may come to the world through other great world-faiths, but the full challenge and the full promise is in Christ. The same is due for the second image, that of light. Imagine a world of darkness, where we had to feel our way and are never quite sure of shapes and purposes! And then what a difference occurs when the sun rises over the horizon or the light is switched on. Such is the difference with Christianity—and our Christianity—must make to the world.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Look out! Lent is not far away! We need to start thinking again about genuine conversion, turning back to the Lord. This passage comes far on in the Book of Isaiah, written when the Jews had returned from exile in Babylon; but still things were not going right for them, still the favour of the Lord did not seem to be upon them. This reading makes a good examination of conscience: do I invite the homeless poor to shelter; do I share my advantages with others? Am I at peace with my family? Do I seek to dominate by the 'clenched fist', the wounding word, the put-down which can shrivel someone up? Isaiah is contrasting genuine

service of the Lord with the merely exterior practices of religion, the conventional ways in which we may seem to be 'holy' people. In fact, however, holiness is all a matter of the heart, and—at any rate in this text—mostly a matter of seeing and serving God in other people. That is the only way our light can really shine in the darkness, and our own wounds be healed over. As in the Beatitudes, this text reminds us that God's demands always have a promise attached.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

What was the secret of Paul's success? At times he seems to us boastful, 'Take me as your pattern' (4:16) or 'Be united in imitating me' (Philippians 3:17). He boasts of his faultless Jewish ancestry: 'Are they Hebrews? So am I' (2 Corinthians 11:22 etc). He claims to have undergone for Christ more sufferings and persecutions than others (2 Corinthians 12), to have been perfect in the Law (Philippians 3:6), to have outstripped his contemporaries in his zeal for the Law (Galatians 1:14). He claims that he speaks in tongues more than any of them, and yet he does not make much of it (1 Corinthians 14:18) Yet here he insists that he came among the Corinthians in weakness, in great fear and trembling in order to make known the power of the Spirit. In the same way he will later admit that he holds the treasure of the light of Christ in fragile pots made of earthenware (2 Corinthians 4:7). There are some wonderful rhetorical passages in Paul, where he exploits to the full the literary and oratorical training he had received, but in the last analysis one must admit that his power consists simply in the power of his message and the promise of Christ.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 6

1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17--37

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Proper of Saints

Tue (or + Proper of Saints)

Wed Week 1

Thu Week 1

Fri Proper of Saints

Sat Week 1

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St. Scholastica, Virgin

Tue Our Lady of Lourdes

Wed

Thu

Fri Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop & Patrons
of Europe

Sat