



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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Updated with Order of Service for this Wednesday's 11.30am live-stream

Saturday 18 April	All Services below are to be Facebook live-streamed	Mass Intentions <i>Elizabeth Heston</i>
Low Sunday 19 April	10.30am Parish Mass <i>Readings pg 5</i>	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 20 April		<i>James McNally</i>
Tuesday 21 April		<i>Private Intention (JV)</i>
Wednesday 22 April	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' in a Child-friendly way 11.30am-12.00nn Scripture Reflections and Benediction	<i>Care Workers (JV)</i>
Thursday 23 April		<i>Rebecca Louise O'Reilly</i>
Friday 24 April		<i>Dorothy Twiby</i>
Saturday 25 April		<i>Jose Leonardo Cespedes</i>
Sunday 26 April	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>

Fr Anthony continues to each day celebrate Mass at one or other of our Churches. If any wish their own Mass intentions to be celebrated, please let Fr Anthony know in the usual manner.
And let us all pray for a speedy end to Covid-19 and the well-being of each and all.



Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress;
in faith, we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers,
wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together, we may give glory to your holy name.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

From Fr Anthony

Among Catholic academics, St Thomas Aquinas (1225-74) would be considered as one of the greatest of philosophers and theologians - ever. In many non Catholic circles, he would be seen as an eminent Philosopher, both in his own times and now. Aquinas, however, was totally clear, that all his work - teaching, writing, discussing, celebrating liturgies - had to be rooted in prayer to even begin to have meaning.. Only with God's own guidance, he believed, was it possible for him to achieve anything of value. It is clear also, from his writings, that the Mass, both the Liturgy of the Word and of the Eucharist, was very much at the centre of his prayer life and his inspiration. He composed quite a number of prayers and hymns relating to Mass and the Eucharist, from such as the favourite 'Soul of my Saviour' to 'Godhead here in hiding', as below. Aquinas was an Italian and a Dominican Friar (and priest). The following was composed in Latin and was translated into English by the Essex born Jesuit priest and poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-89). It offers much for prayerful reflection.

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and
nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived:



How says trusty hearing?
That shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me,
take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or
there's nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men,
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:
Both are my confession, both are my belief,
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;
Let me to a deeper faith daily nearer move,
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

O thou our reminder of Christ
crucified,
Living Bread, the life of us for
whom he died,
Lend this life to me then: feed
and feast my mind,
There be thou the sweetness
man was meant to find.



Bring the tender tale true of the Pelican;
Bathe me, Jesu Lord, in what thy bosom ran
Blood whereof a single drop has power to win
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

Jesu, whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech thee send me what I thirst for so,
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light
And be blest for ever with thy glory's sight.

Things happening in our Parish

Order of Service Hopefully our Newsletter readers have noticed that we are presently running to more than four pages, each week. The Readings and other items, for our Sunday Masses, are now being included. It is also intended that by the day before, at latest, any required details for our Wednesday Service will be added.

It would also be good to know whether participants in our Wednesday Service would prefer Mass, a Service of Scripture reflections and Benediction, or other, or a mix. Please let us know either by contacting Fr Anthony or a Facebook note.

IT Savvy A number of our Parishioners are hesitant or not familiar with super mobiles, tablets (other than pills) and such like gadgets. **Please** - if you have one of our Parish family near where you live and you suspect they are not high tech, if you can, print and deliver to them a copy of our Parish Newsletter - and if you have or can get their telephone number, maybe ring to say hello!

We are blessed to have a pretty good network of people with some clue as to who their neighbours are, and/or have family who live round and about. The danger is that some who are not part of these networks can be left out, especially now. If you, or someone you know, is feeling lonesome, left out, or otherwise unsupported - anything from needing to chat to being self-isolated and needing food delivered - please let Fr Anthony, or one of our Parish SVP know, and he/they will try to help them gain the support they need.

Some Money Stuff It is now possible to donate via text. Any not donating in other ways - please consider texting - **CHURCH SHSJ to 70500** to contribute £5 to our Parish Offertory This might be done weekly, fortnightly, or other . . . depending on your own circumstances.



Parish Facebook Not signed up? We have a growing Parish Facebook community, to be found at [Parish of the Sacred Heart Hemsworth and St Joseph's Moorthorpe](#).

Some useful Connections

Mass and other Liturgies from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream

Mass Sundays 11.00am, weekdays 10.30am, from our Diocesan Cathedral: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

Readings for Sunday and weekday Masses, the daily Divine Office, and more: www.universalis.com

Texts of daily Masses & more: www.magnificat.com/free

For information, prayer resources including educational, and for Children's Liturgies: www.cafod.org.uk

Mass and other devotions via American EWTN channel, on satellite TV: or www.ewtn.com

Try www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrIxeH2TSwEc8eVwwMGv8w for prayer, teaching, & more with Fr Stephen Wang

*Notices for our Parish Newsletter
need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.*

Sacraments

Baptism A Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, is provisionally planned to occur in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 10 & 17 Jun**, 7.30-9.00pm. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

Confirmations will hopefully next be celebrated, for our Deanery Parishes, early in 2021 - for Baptised Catholics now in *school year 5 or older*. Details about applications will be announced when more is known..

First Reconciliation/Communion Our programme of preparation is presently on hold. *Parents and their Children* will be notified when we can resume, but they should please keep in their diaries all the dates given for the Preparation Programme for First Eucharist.

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

Should there arise an unusual urgency regarding Baptism, please consult with Fr Anthony or another priest.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Ultimately, Baptism is about our being raised, with our Lord Jesus, from death to the eternal life of heaven. For now, it is about Jesus enabling us, through God's Spirit, to be dead to sin, here on earth, so that we can each day rise up to be a new and better child of God. The prime time to celebrate Baptism is therefore Easter and Eastertide, as we then especially celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death.

In the earliest churches, baptismal fonts and baptistries commonly had five or eight sides? What is symbolic about these numbers?

AND SERIOUSLY!

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

Then he made the earth round and he laughed and laughed and laughed.



Parish Monies

Thank you very much for your recent donations:

March Bank Orders £1351

Recent Offertories - should be noted next week.

Collections, etc

Lent Project - this year for *Maidie's Minibus* - is now concluded, for the time being, at least:

Recently delivered £20.00
Total raised £541.84

An Easter Sermon

St John Chrysostom (c. 347-407), Patriarch of Constantinople, was one of the greatest preachers in the early Church. Because of this he gained the name "Chrysostom" which means "golden mouth."



If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival. If anyone is a wise servant, let him, rejoicing, enter into the joy of his Lord. If anyone has wearied himself in fasting, let him now receive his recompense.

If anyone has laboured from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let him keep the feast. If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; for he shall suffer no loss. If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near without hesitation. If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let him not fear on account of his delay. For the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first; he gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has laboured from the first. He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one he gives, and to the other he is gracious. He both honours the work and praises the intention.

Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, receive your reward. O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate the day! You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice today! The table is rich-laden; feast royally, all of you! The calf is fatted; let no one go forth hungry!

Let all partake of the feast of faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. Let no one lament his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn his transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Saviour's death has set us free.

He that was taken by death has annihilated it! He descended into hades and took hades captive! He embittered it when it tasted his flesh! And anticipating this Isaiah exclaimed, "Hades was embittered when it encountered thee in the lower regions." It was embittered, for it was abolished! It was embittered, for it was mocked! It was embittered, for it was purged! It was embittered, for it was despoiled! It was embittered, for it was bound in chains! It took a body and, face to face, met God! It took earth and encountered heaven! It took what it saw but crumbled before what it had not seen!

"O death, where is thy sting? O hades, where is thy victory?"

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life reigns!

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in a tomb!

For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the First-fruits of them that slept.

To him be glory and might unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently** especially Albert Allan, Julie Mott,
Rebecca Louise O'Reilly, Dorothy Twiby, and their families



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 our housebound

While the reasons are understandable, the significant restrictions now surrounding funerals are adding to the upsets many of our newly bereaved are experiencing. Funeral Directors are advising of latest possibilities for Graveside and Crematorium Funerals. Meanwhile, be assured that when we can again gather in numbers, families will be welcome to arrange for a Memorial Mass or Service, at our Churches, for their deceased.

The Word: Year A, Low Sunday, Commentary

See Readings on pg 5.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

This passage from John's Gospel has all the more significance because it brings the Gospel to a close. The story of the breakfast-party with the Risen Christ on the shore of the Lake of Galilee is a sort of appendix. The story-line of the main Gospel ends with Thomas blurting out 'My Lord and my God'. The Gospel therefore ends as it began, with the only two unmistakable declarations in the New Testament of the divinity of Jesus. 'The Word was God' and 'My Lord and my God' bracket the Gospel, indicating the purpose and angle of the whole Gospel which is to show that Jesus is God. John's Gospel complements the other Gospels: they show a man who is also God, whereas this Gospel shows God who is also a man. It is with the divine authority that Jesus confers on his Church the divine power to forgive. Real forgiveness is indeed Godlike. It is not simply 'forgive-and-forget', but forgiveness in the knowledge that a hurt has occurred. Just as a bone, broken and merged together again, can be stronger than it was before it was broken, so forgiveness can create a real link of love on both sides, a treasured secret of divine graciousness between forgiver and forgiven.



First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The first readings throughout Easter time this year are about the earliest community of the followers of Jesus at Jerusalem (before they had acquired the name 'Christians'). Luke is the author of this history of the earliest spread of the Christian message which we call 'The Acts of the Apostles': from time to time he gives a summary of these earliest 'Christians'. This passage is the first of these summaries, placed just after the birth of the Church at Pentecost. It paints a picture of peace, generosity and devotion, summed up in grateful praise of God. Luke is showing us the quality of a community where the

Spirit of God is given free play; he is giving us an ideal to strive for. It is a community to which anyone would wish to belong, a community where love prevails, where each member is attentive to the needs of others. It is not then surprising that the number in the community was constantly on the increase. Perhaps, as in any community we experience, there were tensions beneath the surface, but the warmth of trust in the Lord breathes through the account and promises a solution to every problem.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Throughout the Easter season this year we read this First Letter of Peter. Whether it was actually written by the fisherman, the enthusiastic and impetuous leader of the Twelve, or simply attributed to him, is still discussed by scholars. The answer makes little difference to the positive message of the Letter, which is full of the optimism of the new Christian movement, the love, confidence and joy of looking forward to the promised inheritance. Traditionally, the Easter Vigil is the time for new baptisms, and so new births into the Church. Even if we were baptised long ago, we can still benefit from the celebration of the season to refresh our newness in Christ. New birth into Christ brings with it the promise of inheritance into eternal life. Just as an earthly inheritance can change a whole situation and way of life, even a change of personality, so does our entry into Christ. Of course, baptism brings with it responsibilities and duties, and the reading mentions the trials which test us like gold. I know that I, for one, still have a lot of dross which needs to be purged away before I can stand before the Lord and, in his name, claim my inheritance as a son of God.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Easter, Sunday 3

1st Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

- Sun** + Seasonal Proper
- Mon** + Seasonal Proper
- Tues** + Seasonal Proper - or + Proper Saints
- Wed** + Seasonal Proper
- Thu** Proper Saints & Common Martyrs
- Fri** + Seasonal Proper
- Sat** Proper Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

- Mon** Of Eastertide
- Tue** Of Eastertide / St Anselm, Bishop & Dr Church
- Wed** Of Eastertide
- Thu** **St George, Martyr & Patron of England**
- Fri** Of Eastertide
- Sat** St Mark, Evangelist

Wednesday Gospel Reflections and Benediction

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar. All sing:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise?—
"I am with you evermore."

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Here on earth our Food, our Stay;
Alleluia! Here the humble
Flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me;
Where the songs of all the sinless,
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, Heav'n thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest
Thou on earth both priest and victim,
In the eucharistic feast.

W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth,' they answered, 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they

were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening,' they said, 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread

Following Reflection on the Gospel, all sing:

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace.
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

David J Evans

Prayers of adoration are recited, including:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from thee.
From the wicked foe defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Following the Blessing, the Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle, as all sing:

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine.

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Here's an Easter Wordsearch for you

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Cross	Jesus	Risen
Crown of Thorns	Last Supper	Sacrifice
Easter	Love	Salvation
Gethsemane	Mary	Saviour
Good Friday	Maundy Thursday	Tomb
Hope	Resurrection	Risen

