



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 the Mass for this Wednesday, 29 April - see pg 5
 Marian Devotions this Friday - see pg 1 -||- And Feast of St Joseph the Worker - see pg 6

Saturday 25 April	All Services below are to be Facebook live-streamed	Mass Intentions Jose Leonardo Cespedes
Sunday 26 April	10.30am Parish Mass <i>Hymns and Readings pgs 5-6</i>	Parish Family
Monday 27 April		Albert Allan
Tuesday 28 April		Rozalia Kolkowski
Wednesday 29 April	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly version 11.30am-12.00nn Mass	Enid Murray-Rea
Thursday 30 April		Colin Stevenson
Friday 1 May	12.00nn Angelus and a Decade of the Rosary <i>Each Friday of May</i>	Maurice O'Mara
Saturday 2 May		Eileen Pickering
Sunday 3 May	10.30am Parish Mass	Parish Family

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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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From Fr Anthony

We who are Catholics might well begin to think especially of Mary, Mother of God and ours too, as we come to May (the month named after her). While October is, of course, the month set aside for special use of the Rosary, it is common for us to highlight the Rosary in May also. The Rosary might well be seen as a Marian devotion and, in some respects, it is. However, a recalling of the various mysteries tells us that it is first a form of prayer that is Christ-centred. In fact, there would be no purpose in praying the Rosary if it weren't for Christ. Also, indeed, the very first who would always want, with her whole desire, to point us to her Son, is Mary.



Of Mary, the Catechism of our Church says the following:

What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ.

"God sent forth his Son", but to prepare a body for him, he wanted the free co-operation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, "a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary".

The Father of mercies willed that the Incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of the predestined mother, so that just as a woman had a share in the coming of death (*Eve, as told in the Book of Genesis*), so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life.

Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary. At the very beginning there was Eve; despite her disobedience, she receives the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living. By virtue of this promise, Sarah conceives a son in spite of her old age. Against human expectation, God chooses others who were considered powerless to show forth his faithfulness to his promises: Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Deborah; Ruth; Judith and Esther; and many other women. Mary "stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from him. After a long period of waiting the times are fulfilled in her, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established."

Things happening in our Parish

Wednesday live-stream Responses to a straw-poll have indicated a favour to our alternating between Mass one week and Exposition and Benediction the next. So, from this week we will alternate, with this Wednesday having a Mass at 11.30am. The Child-friendly Bible Story re-telling will continue at 11.00am also.

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!

Are you being crafty? There are still quite a lot who have to and whom we need to go out to work. Then, too, many have discovered that working from home requires more time and energy than going out to work.

However, if you are managing to take time out to be crafty (sewing, sculpting, wood turning, etc, etc), maybe you might save some of your creations to donate to our next Parish Fayre!?

Also, there are well-founded rumours that a *table top sale* might be held later this year, when you might want to display your crafted goods to the profit of both yourself and our Parish.



Masses for The Sick, Care-providers, and their families, are to be celebrated and live-streamed on Thursdays, 7.00pm, from a round of Catholic Cathedrals (with their respective Bishops). Details of from which, each week, and the appropriate link will be found via the National Bishops' Conference website at www.cbcew.org.uk.



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](https://www.facebook.com/ParishoftheSacredHeartHemsworthandStJosephsMoorthorpe).

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?

The earliest baptismal fonts and baptistries commonly had five or eight sides. The fifth day of the Christian week is Friday, the day on which Jesus died. The eighth day is the last and first day of the Christian week, that is Sunday, the day on which Jesus rose from the dead. As Baptism enables us, through Christ's death and resurrection, to become dead to sin, so it enables us to grow to perfection and be raised by Jesus to life everlasting.

In the most ancient Christian Churches, where might one expect to find the Baptistry?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy:

"So your mother says your prayers for

you each night?' Very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"



Parish Monies

Thank you very much for recent donations:

Recent Offertories
Delivered
£125.00

Collections, etc

Any unable to donate in other ways might, please, text -

CHURCH SHSJ to 70500

to contribute £5 to our Parish Offertory. This might be done weekly, fortnightly, or other, depending on your circumstances.

GOD OF SURPRISES

This is a guidebook for a journey which we are all making. It is written especially for bewildered, confused or disillusioned Christians,

I am a Catholic. A priest and a Jesuit. Many people will think that Catholic priests, perhaps Jesuits especially, never suffer confusion, bewilderment or disillusion. I do.

I used to think such negative feelings were a sign of failure which I must overcome, or at least ignore if I were to remain a Jesuit priest. Now I realise how wrong I was, for God is the God of surprises who, in the darkness and the tears of things, breaks down our false images and securities. This in-breaking can feel to us like disintegration, but it is the disintegration of the ear of wheat: if it does not die to bring new life, it shrivels away on its own.

Through this painful in-breaking of the God of surprises, truths of Christian faith with which I was familiarly bored, or doubted, began to take on new meaning. As God breaks down the cocoon of our closed minds, he enters it. He is no longer remote and out there, no longer dwells only in tabernacles and temples of stone, but we meet him smiling at us in our bewilderment, beckoning to us in our confusion and revealing himself in our failure and disillusion as our only rock, refuge and strength.



Our minds contain many layers of consciousness. Breaking into a new layer is always threatening at first because we naturally fear what we do not know. The God who calls us to meet him is 'the ground and granite of our being'. Our journey through these layers of consciousness will always be

accompanied by some measure of uncertainty, pain and confusion. These negative feelings are the nudgings of God. The facts are kind, and God is in the facts.

Christ said, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he has and buys the field' (Matt.13:44)

This book has only one purpose – to suggest some ways of detecting the hidden treasure in what you may consider a most unlikely field, yourself.

Most guide books make heavy reading unless we see the objects or visit the places described, and they

can only be read slowly. This guide book for the inner journey is no exception. What you discover for yourself is more important and valuable than anything I have written. That is why the book does not attempt detailed descriptions but limits itself to providing signposts.....



To be continued . . .

From: The God of Surprises – Gerard W. Hughes

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently** especially Rozalia Kolkowski,
Enid Murray-Rea, Gordan Richard Daley, Betty Parkinson,
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, Eastertide, Sunday 3, Commentary

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

This attractive and delicate narrative is the story of the journey to faith in the Risen Christ: it occurs in any Christian instruction, and especially in the Eucharist, which begins with the teaching of the scriptures, and then is brought to its fulfilment in the Sacrament. The two disciples (are they man and woman, as so often in Luke, perhaps Cleopas and his wife?) start off deep in depression and disappointment. But they are open-minded and willing to learn as the Stranger explains to them from scripture the meaning of events. Their hearts burn within them at the Stranger's words, but their eyes remain closed. It is only in the sacramental meal that they recognise the Risen Christ. This is the story of any Christian instruction, culminating in the Eucharist, for the Eucharist is a sacrament of initiation, bringing us to the intimate, personal encounter with Christ. Once they have been enlightened and have learnt the profound meaning of the events, the truth of the scriptures and the resurrection, then the disciples return to the Holy City and carry on their own Christian apostolate by spreading the news of the resurrection. This is the shape of the Christian vocation which we all receive, to assimilate and pass on the meaning of Christ's resurrection.



the highs and the lows, our fidelity to the Lord and our betrayals. We can see ourselves in every stage of this history, as it mirrors our own hopes, our promises and our failures. But running through it all is the certainty that God will fulfil his pledge to Eve to bring good out of evil. So the resurrection of Christ is God's acceptance of the loving obedience of his Son, expressing and renewing the loving obedience of the human race, which we, unaided, could not provide for ourselves. By raising Christ to life God shows his final acceptance of Christ's re-dedication to him of our human loyalty.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

In the Middle Ages, when ransoming was a current practice for setting captives free, theologians debated to whom the ransom of Christ's blood was paid: was it to God or to the devil? However, the real context of this passage is Old Testament sacrifice, and particularly sacrifice for sin. In these rites the blood is valuable not for the pain it represents but for life. There can be no reconciliation without blood, according to Leviticus 17:11, for blood represents life. The blood of a living creature belongs to God because it represents the God-given life. Once the blood is shed there is no more life. So in Hebrew thought the blood is a cleansing and enlivening agent, renewing life: it takes away and over-rides the deadness of sin. The blood of Christ cleanses us since it represents the divine life which is given to us. So in the Book of Revelation the garments of the martyrs are washed white (the colour of victory) in the blood of the Lamb, that is, they receive new life. This also explains the importance of the Eucharistic Blood of Christ, which gives us Christ's own life and enables us to live with his life.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Pentecost was the birthday of the Church, the moment when the Christian Church was born. This reading from Peter's speech at Pentecost explains not so much the actual event of the gift of the Spirit, but the event which lies behind it, the Resurrection. Peter sees it as predicted in the psalm: the Holy One of the Lord can never remain lying in the corruption of the grave; his resurrection is the revelation of true and permanent life. It brings to a conclusion the whole plan of God for the world. The scriptures of the Old Testament teach us the ways of God with the struggling and recalcitrant human race: they tell us about

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Easter, Sunday 4

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 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper

Tues + Seasonal Proper - or + Proper Saints

Wed Proper Saints

Thu + Seasonal Proper - or + Proper Saints

Fri + Seasonal Proper - or + Proper Saints

Sat + Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Of Eastertide

Tue St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr /

St Louis Marie Grignon, Priest

Wed St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Dr of Church, & Patron of Europe

Thu St Pius V, Pope

Fri **St Joseph the Worker, our Parish Patron**

Sat St Athanasius, Bishop, Dr of Church

Today's Feast: St Catherine of Siena (1347-80)

Catherine was born in Siena and, seeking perfection, entered the Third Order of the Dominicans when she was still in her teens. In 1370 she was commanded by a vision to leave her secluded life and enter the public life of the world. She wrote letters to major public figures and carried on a long correspondence with Pope Gregory XI, urging him to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States. She burned with the love of God and her neighbour. As an ambassador she brought peace and harmony between cities. She fought hard to defend the liberty and rights of the Popes and did much for the renewal of religious life. She also dictated books full of sound doctrine and spiritual inspiration. She died on 29 April 1380. She is a Patron Saint of Europe.



First Reading: Acts 8:1-8

That day a bitter persecution started against the church in Jerusalem, and everyone except the apostles fled to the country districts of Judaea and Samaria.

There were some devout people, however, who buried Stephen and made great mourning for him.

Saul then worked for the total destruction of the Church; he went from house to house arresting both men and women and sending them to prison.

Those who had escaped went from place to place preaching the Good News. One of them was Philip who went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

Responsorial Psalm (65)

R. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!'

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name.'

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

He rules for ever by his might.

R. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

It is my Father's will, says the Lord,
that whoever believes in the Son
shall have eternal life,
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 6:35-40

Jesus said to the crowd:
'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.

But, as I have told you,
you can see me and still you do not believe.
All that the Father gives me will come to me,
and whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away;
because I have come from heaven,
not to do my own will,
but to do the will of the one who sent me.

Now the will of him who sent me
is that I should lose nothing of all

that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Yes, it is my Father's will
that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall
have eternal life,
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.'

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus,

You have taught us to know and trust
that you are present in the Holy Sacrament
of the Altar.

We love you above all things
and passionately desire to receive you
into our hearts and minds,
for you to be one with and within each of us.

Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
we trust you to come spiritually to be
among us and within us,
and to enable us, each and every one,
to unite ourselves wholly to you
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

O, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.

All the beauty I see
he has given to me
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,
have been blessed by the strength of his love.

At the turn of each tide
he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned
from his presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name
in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

Estelle White

This Friday, 1 May: Feast of our Patron, St Joseph the Worker



Our Patron - St Joseph

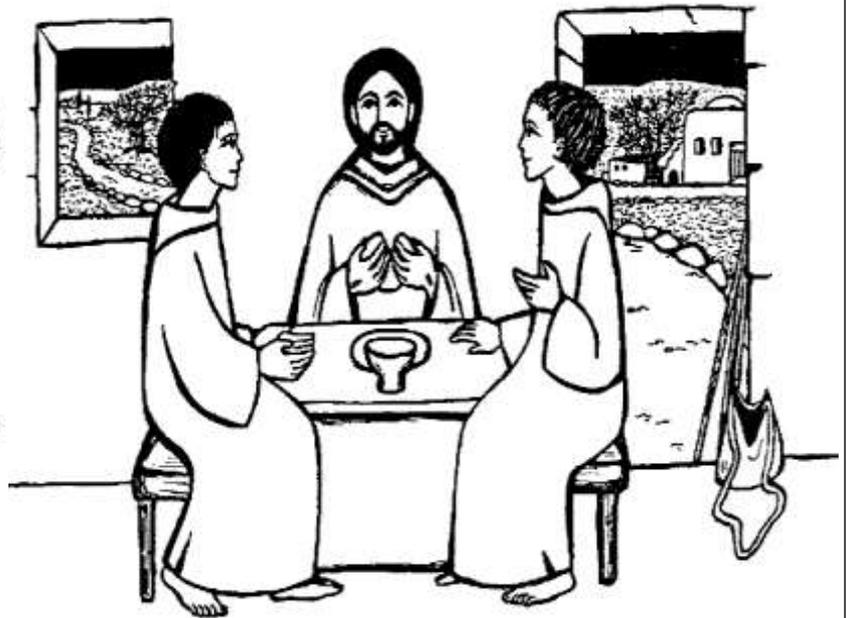
We know of St Joseph, of course, because he was chosen by God to be the husband of Mary and the step-father of Jesus.

We know he was a carpenter and that he taught Jesus to be a carpenter also. He has been called upon to be the patron of many things, including one of our Parish Churches and one of our two Schools. During May, however, we think of him especially as the Patron of all Workers.

Father God, creator of all things, you call us to work for the good of all your people, through all the world. Graciously grant, by the example and patronage of Saint Joseph, that we may do the work you give us and so earn the rewards you promise. Fill us with your grace and help us always to fulfil our duties in charity and right living.

And especially for our Children

Something stopped them realising who he was as they walked along the road.



Then they recognised Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread.

All fourteen words and names below can be found in the Gospel for this Sunday - but only twelve can be found in the Word Search - which two are missing from the Word Search?

- JESUS
- EMMAUS
- PROPHETS
- RISEN
- BREAD
- ELEVEN
- WALK
- DISCIPLES
- JERUSALEM
- BLESSING
- ROAD
- SCRIPTURES
- MOSES
- TWO

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Two missing words Prophets Moses