



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

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

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Updates: - Mass for this Wednesday, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, see pg 5
- A note on the three Children of Fatima, see pg 6

Saturday 9 May	<i>All Services below are to be Facebook live-streamed</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday 10 May	10.30am Parish Mass <i>Hymns and Readings pgs 5-6</i>	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 11 May		<i>Faithful Departed - Nov List</i>
Tuesday 12 May		<i>Yorkshire Brethren</i>
Wednesday 13 May	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly version 11.30am-12.00nn Mass	<i>Elizabeth Heston</i>
Thursday 14 May		<i>Elizabeth Parkinson</i>
Friday 15 May	12.00nn Angelus and a Decade of the Rosary for May	<i>Anthony Boylan</i>
Saturday 16 May		<i>John Dunne</i>
Sunday 17 May	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>

*Thursday 21 May will be the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ to Heaven.
Please check next weekend's Newsletter for the time of our live-streamed Mass .*

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. 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

Of Mary's being 'Ever-Virgin', the Catechism of our Church says the following:

From the beginnings of her faith, the Church has confessed that Jesus was conceived solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, affirming that Jesus was conceived "by the Holy Spirit without human seed". The early Fathers see in the virgin birth the sign that it truly was the Son of God who came in a humanity like our own. Thus, Ignatius of Antioch at the beginning of the second century says: *You are firmly convinced about our Lord, who is truly of the race of David according to the flesh, Son of God according to the will and power of God, truly born of a virgin, . . . he was truly nailed to a tree for us in his flesh under Pontius Pilate. . . he truly suffered, as he is also truly risen.*

The Gospel accounts see the virginal conception of Jesus as a divine work surpassing all human understanding and possibility: "That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit", said the angel to Joseph about his fiancée. The Church sees here the fulfilment of the divine promise given through the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son."

People are sometimes troubled by the silence of St. Mark's Gospel and the New Testament Letters about Jesus' virginal conception. Some might wonder if we were merely dealing with legends or theological notions not claiming to be history. But Faith in the virginal conception of Jesus met with the lively opposition, mockery or incomprehension of non-believers, both pagans and Jews; so it was most unlikely to have been motivated by pagan mythology or an adaptation to the ideas of the age. The meaning of this event is accessible only in Faith. The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary's real and perpetual virginity; so the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as *Aeiparthenos*, the "Ever-virgin".

The objection is sometimes raised that the Bible mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus. The Church has always understood these passages as not referring to other children of the Virgin Mary. In fact James and Joseph, "brothers of Jesus", are the sons of another Mary, a disciple of Christ, whom St. Matthew significantly calls "the other Mary". In Old Testament terms, they can be regarded as *close relations* of Jesus.

Still, Jesus is Mary's only son, but her spiritual motherhood extends to all people whom indeed he came to save: "The Son whom she brought forth is he whom God placed as the first-born among many brethren, that is, the faithful in whose generation and formation she co-operates with a mother's love."



Things happening in our Parish

Mass Intentions Very specifically just now, each Sunday Mass is being offered for our Parish Family, However, as Fr Anthony continues to celebrate Mass each day, Mass intentions can be taken for other days. While Intentions are commonly given with a donation, none need ever not seek a Mass Intention for want of a donation. Masses are available to everyone and a donation is just that: a gift not a charge. Mass intentions may be delivered to the Presbytery at any time (with the Intention noted within or on the envelope). Particularly at this time, however, if any wish an Intention to be kept, they can email or telephone Fr Anthony with the details. Those who wish can always deliver a donation to Fr Anthony at a later date.

Mass Cards We have, as usual, a selection of cards available at our Churches. If any have a need for cards, they might contact Fr Anthony to know when he can give them access. Access at St Joseph's is more limited, but Fr Anthony is still celebrating Mass there some mornings, or at variable times otherwise checking the premises.

Please Note that just now, Offertory monies and other contributions are not always being noted, in our Parish Newsletter, in the week immediately after they come in. They are, however, being noted within due time and all are being noted within a month.

Roof/Window Repairs Some fairly minor repairs are in progress, at St Joseph's, to hopefully solve recent leaks during the severe westerly gales we had, to prevent other leaks happening, and to clear gutters at the same time.



Parish Facebook We have an active Facebook group. Find us 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

Masses for The Sick, Care-providers, their families, Thursdays, 7.00pm, with a rotation of Bishops. For details and links www.cbcew.org.uk

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

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

Sing-a-long daily music sessions with religious themes, with our Diocesan Music Team, for children especially: www.schoolssingingprogramme.org.uk.

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?

As the Christian population grew, in the early Church, and had to seek larger buildings, where they could they took over vacated Roman public buildings, which were normally built in the basilica style. Where they had to build from new, they simply tended to follow that same style.

As Christians became more established, Churches began to have domes or towers added. What was the purpose of these?

AND SERIOUSLY!

For several years a woman had been having trouble sleeping because she feared burglars. One night her husband heard a noise so went downstairs to investigate. He did find a burglar. "Good evening," said the man of the house. "I am pleased to see you. Come upstairs and meet my wife. She has been waiting ten years to meet you."



Parish Monies

Thank you very much for recent donations:

All texted monies up to
4 May: £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 - weekly - fortnightly - other - depending on your circumstances.

GOD OF SURPRISES

While both kinds of daydreams were enjoyable at the time, Inigo discovered that after he had dreamed of his great deeds and the lady whose love he would win, he felt bored, empty and sad, but after dreaming of outdoing the saints he felt happy, hopeful and encouraged. He reflected on this difference and so learnt his first lesson in what later he was to call 'Discernment of Spirits', which we might term 'Distinguishing between our creative and our destructive inner moods and feelings'. This story of Inigo gives the beginning of an answer to the question 'Where is our treasure?' The treasure lies hidden in our inner moods and feelings.



Before reading any further you may like to try looking at your own daydreams then ask yourself the question, 'How do I feel at the end of them? Bored and empty, or hopeful and encouraged?' At this stage, do not attempt any analysis of what you may discover, but be

content to notice the after-effects of your daydreams.

The next examples are of people who have great inner wealth but do not recognise it when they see it.

The first I shall call 'Jock', because he was a Scot, tall, sandy-haired, freckled and taciturn. By trade he was an interior decorator, but unemployed. I was staying with friends who were having a room decorated and Jock was helping for the day. He worked like a monk with a vow of silence, his conversation limited to an occasional 'Aye' or 'Mmm'. Towards the end of the meal we began talking about North Wales, where I was then working. Jock looked up from his plate with obvious interest, then he began to speak.

'Aye' he said, 'Ah wis in Wales in the summer, ma first holiday away frae from home,' I cannot now remember the details for it was a long story. Either he had just been jilted by his girl-friend and was trying to find her in North Wales, or he was trying to get away to forget her, but he continued, 'D'ye know whit ah found mase' doin'? Walkin' the bloody moors wi' a wee dug. Ma mates wid've thought ah wis crazy, but ah felt happy. Ah came tar cliffs by the sea and just sat there. The sea looked affie big and ah felt very wee, but ah was happy. Daft isn't it? Ah cannie tell ma mates, 'cos they'd think ah wis kinky.'



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 Betty Parkinson, and her 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 our housebound

Noting present restrictions on funerals, please 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 5, Commentary

Gospel: John 14:1-12

As the festival of the Ascension approaches, Jesus begins to prepare his followers for his own departure from the world. There are two aspects to this teaching. Firstly Jesus speaks of the final purpose, union with the Father, and his preparation of a place for us there. He says that there is a 'room' for each of them, suggesting not that there are plenty of separate cubicles for different sets of people (bishops, babies, monks and maniacs), but that there is no lack of space in heaven. No problem of 'only one wins the prize' in this case. The second aspect is preparation for the future Church on earth, and the almost shocking promise that in the absence of Jesus – but in the strength of his Spirit – his people will do 'even greater works'. Paul teaches that believers 'make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ', for in every age the Church fills up the measure of Christ's sufferings; it is a Church which shares its Master's trials. In the same way in every age the Church must carry on the works of Christ. In John the 'works' of Jesus are the marvellous deeds, beyond mere human powers, which show who Jesus is. We too are called on to perform marvellous deeds, beyond mere human powers, works of grace and generosity.



First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

There are two really striking features about this story. The first is that the first officials appointed in the Church are called 'servers' or 'servants', which is what 'deacons' means. St Paul will stress, writing to the Corinthian community, that any job in the Church is a service to the community. A role in the Church does not confer a dignity which we can boast of, except in so far as it is a sharing in the service given by Christ himself, the Servant of the Lord. The most important part of our job is to attend to the needs of the community, not to preen ourselves on obtaining a grand position. The second feature of the reading is that (even so early in the life of the ideal early community)

a squabble occurs. One group feels that it is being neglected. The split may even be worse than Luke allows us to see, for all the new officials appointed belong to only one of the two parties mentioned, that is to the Hellenists. This is not going to ensure an even distribution of food between the two groups! Even in a good community reconciliation of differences needs to occur constantly.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The background of this reading is the covenant between God and his people of Israel on Mount Sinai. There the mountain was so sacred that the people were not allowed to approach it. Now the author tells us that the new people of God, chosen by God, is so valuable itself that all of us (not just a leading figure) are invited to huddle close to the true sacred rock that is Christ himself. In the Old Dispensation Moses alone was holy enough to approach the mountain and offer sacrifice; now it is the whole people. It is the whole people which is now constituted as a royal priesthood and it is a consecrated people which can offer sacrifice. One of the principal emphases of the Second Vatican Council was to underline that the Eucharistic sacrifice is offered by the whole people, not by the priest alone. Yes, the priest does have a special function, that of presiding at the Eucharist, and without this presidency the Eucharist cannot take place. Nevertheless, the Eucharist is the sacrifice of the people as a whole, which the laity offer just as much as the priest. The reading also uses another Gospel image: the people of God is a house built of living stones, a living holy Temple, built on the foundation stone who is Christ and topped by the key-stone who is Christ.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Easter, Sunday 6

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper

Tues + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

Wed + Seasonal Proper (or + Common BVM)

Thu Proper Saints

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Weekday of Easter

Tue Ss Nereus & Achilleus / St Pancras - Martyrs

Wed Our Lady of Fatima

Thu St Matthias, Apostle

Fri Weekday of Easter

Sat Weekday of Easter

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

This feast recalls the visions of Our Lady seen near Fátima, in Portugal, during 1917, by three shepherd children. These visions happened on the thirteenth day of each month from May to October. By October, huge crowds were gathering at the site of the visions and many others reported seeing visions and miracles.



Readings as for Wednesday of Easter Week 5

First Reading: Acts 15:1-6

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

All the members of the church saw them off, and as they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria they told how the pagans had been converted, and this news was received with the greatest satisfaction by the brothers. When they arrived in Jerusalem they were welcomed by the church and by the apostles and elders, and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

But certain members of the Pharisees' party who had become believers objected, insisting that the pagans should be circumcised and instructed to keep the Law of Moses. The apostles and elders met to look into the matter.

Responsorial Psalm (121)

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
Strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name..
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you,
says the Lord;
whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father
that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

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.

Reflection Hymn

Lord, Jesus Christ, you have come to us
you are one with us, Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin
pouring your love and goodness in
Jesus our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

Lord, Jesus Christ, now and ev'ry day
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.
Into our lives your pow'r breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord, Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
born as one with us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your pow'r breaks through,
living Lord.

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Our Lady of Fatima and Jacinta, Francesco, and Lucia

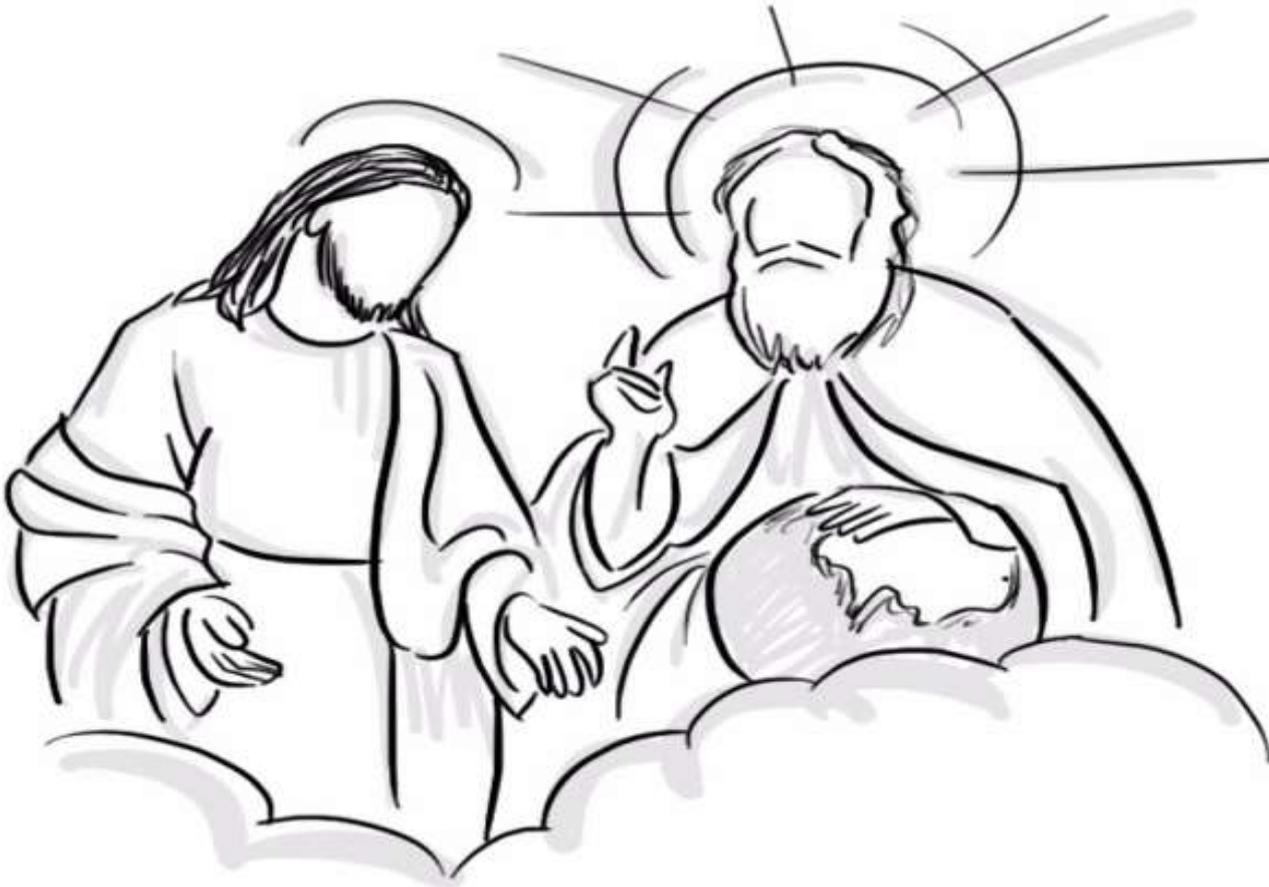


There is quite a link between this Wednesday's feast of Our Lady of Fatima and our present times. Our Lady was seen by three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto.

We have the *Covid-19 pandemic*. Jacinta and Francisco died in the *Spanish Flu pandemic* of 1918-20. Francesco died in April 1919, aged 10, and Jacinta in February 1920, aged 9. Both were canonised saints in 2017 - among the youngest ever declared saints, and Jacinta is the youngest who was not a martyr.

Lucia, on the other hand, became a Carmelite nun and lived to the great age of 97. The main story of Fatima comes from Lucia, who was persuaded to write about the visions and all that happened. She died in February 2005. It usually takes many years after someone dies before they can be canonised a saint. The process that might lead to Lucia being declared a saint began soon after she died.

And especially for our Children



Jesus
said:
'To
have
seen
me
is
to
have
seen
the
Father

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?

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| HEARTS | WAY |
| TROUBLED | TRUTH |
| TRUST | LIFE |
| FATHERS | PHILIP |
| HOUSE | SATISFIED |
| PREPARED | BELIEVE |
| THOMAS | EVIDENCE |

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Two missing words Trust Hearts