



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

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

Diocese of Leeds: Registered Charity No 249404



## Year A, Eastertide, Sunday 6, 16/17 May 2020

*Getting in touch* Father Anthony G Fenton  
The Sacred Heart Presbytery  
Market Street, Hemsworth,  
Pontefract, WF9 4LB

*Email* anthony.fenton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk  
pp.sacredheartstjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk  
*Tel* 01977-610733  
*Parish Website* www.hemsthorpe.org.uk

### Third Edition: Wednesday 20 May, 2020

Updates - Hymns and Readings for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ  
See pgs 5-6

Saturday 16 May	<i>All Services below are to be Facebook live-streamed</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday 17 May	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 18 May		<i>James McNally</i>
Tuesday 19 May		<i>St Wilfrid's Sch Community</i>
Wednesday 20 May	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly version 11.30am-12.00nn Scripture Reflections and Exposition	<i>Foundation Mass</i>
Thursday 21 May	11.00am Mass of Ascension Day <i>Hymns and Readings - see pg 5-6</i>	<i>Decd of E &amp; K Dixon</i>
Friday 22 May	12.00nn Angelus and a Decade of the Rosary for May	<i>Elizabeth Heston</i>
Saturday 23 May		<i>Colman Ryan</i>
Sunday 24 May	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>

*This Thursday, 21 May, is The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ to Heaven.  
See above for time of live-streamed Mass*

*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.

Follow us at "Parish of The Sacred Heart Hemsworth and St Joseph's Moorthorpe"

## From Fr Anthony

*Regarding Mary's being 'Ever-Virgin', the Catechism of our Church continues:*

The eyes of faith can discover the mysterious reasons why God, in his saving plan, wanted his Son to be born of a virgin. These reasons touch both on the person of Christ and his redemptive mission, and on the welcome Mary gave that mission on behalf of all people.

Mary's virginity manifests God's initiative in the Incarnation. Jesus has only God as Father. "He was never estranged from the Father because of the human nature which he assumed . . . He is naturally Son of the Father as to his divinity and naturally son of his mother as to his humanity, but properly Son of the Father in both natures."

Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary's womb because he is the New Adam, who inaugurates the new creation: "The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven." From his conception, Christ's humanity is filled with the Holy Spirit, for God "gives him the Spirit without measure." From "his fullness" as the head of redeemed humanity "we have all received, grace upon grace."

By his virginal conception, Jesus, the New Adam, ushers in the new birth of children adopted in the Holy Spirit through faith. "How can this be?" Participation in the divine life arises "not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God". The acceptance of this life is virginal because it is entirely the Spirit's gift to man. The character of the human vocation in relation to God is fulfilled perfectly in Mary's virginal motherhood.

Mary is a virgin because her virginity is the sign of her faith "unadulterated by any doubt", and of her undivided gift of herself to God's will. It is her faith that enables her to become the mother of the Saviour: "Mary is truly blessed because she embraces faith in Christ more than because she conceives the flesh of Christ."

As virgin and mother, Mary is the symbol and a perfect realization of the Church: "the Church indeed. . . by receiving the word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By preaching and Baptism she brings forth sons and daughters, who are conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of God, to a new and immortal life. She herself is a virgin, who keeps in its entirety and purity the faith she pledged to her spouse, Jesus Christ.



## Things happening in our Parish

**Streamed Services** Following on the recent Government statements, it is expected that our Facebook streaming of Mass on Sundays, and the two Wednesday Services, will continue until at least the end of June. Hopefully trends will become clearer by mid-June, allowing us to consider the best way forward from July on. As a return to church gatherings may be phased (eg if any more vulnerable are asked to avoid larger gatherings, until later) consideration will also be given as to whether or how streaming should continue, as our churches begin opening. For now, many thanks to our camera crew, without whom the live-casts might not be possible.

**Parish Council** On account of continued restrictions on public gatherings, the Parish Council AGM that would be due during June is cancelled. This year, the elections to the Parish Council, which should be happening just now, obviously cannot presently take place. The Meeting of the Council due in March last also had to be cancelled. So Fr Anthony is proposing - that there will not be an AGM this year - that all present Council members are asked to continue in office until the June 2021 AGM - that the next elections be delayed until May/June of 2021. The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is already scheduled for **Thu 10 Sep**, 7.00pm. Hopefully this will go ahead - and remember that any of our Parish Family can attend any of our Council meetings.

**Mass Cards** If any have a need for cards, they might contact Fr Anthony to know when he can give access, either at The Sacred Heart or at St Joseph's.



**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](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream)

Mass Sundays 11.00am, weekdays 10.30am, from our Diocesan Cathedral: [www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://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](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

Readings for Sunday and weekday Masses, the daily Divine Office, & more: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

Texts of daily Masses & more: [www.magnificat.com/free](http://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](http://www.schoolssingingprogramme.org.uk).

For information, prayer resources including educational, and for Children's Liturgies: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

Mass and other devotions via American EWTN channel, on satellite TV: or [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

Try [www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrIxeH2TSwEc8eVwwMGv8w](http://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 16 & 23 Sep**, 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.

**The June meetings are cancelled.**

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

**First Reconciliation/Communion** Our programme of preparation is presently on hold. **The meeting due on 20 June is cancelled.** Parents should receive a letter soon, from Fr Anthony, as to how things might hopefully resume from the late summer on.

**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?

From the inside, the dome of a Church is symbolic of the vault of heaven, to where we are called to share in the eternal life with God, who is over and above all things. From the outside, domes and towers draw eyes upwards, again symbolically reminding of our being called to seek things beyond our earthly existence, so as to one day be raised to the glory of heaven.

*Around East Anglia especially, but in other places also in this country, a person might be struck by the height of some church towers, and/or of some churches being disproportionate in size to a local small, rural population. Why were these built so large.*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

On a plastic surgeon's office door:  
"WE CAN HELP YOU PICK  
YOUR NOSE"



In a non-smoking area:  
"IF WE SEE  
SMOKE, WE WILL  
ASSUME YOU  
ARE ON FIRE  
AND TAKE  
APPROPRIATE  
ACTION."

## Parish Monies

**Thank you** very much for recent donations:

April Bank

Orders: £1541.00

Envelopes/Loose

26/04-10/05: £250.00

## 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



Jock had a natural sense of wonder. He had a felt knowledge of his own tininess in face of creation, but experienced happiness not terror. Wonder is the beginning of wisdom, and the happiness he felt was the taste of the joy of humility, which is a glad acceptance of our tininess and dependence. He could be absorbed by the scene from the cliff top and showed no desire to manipulate it or control it, so he has the beginnings of the gift of contemplation, but an undue regard for the opinion of his mates was likely to stifle any growth in him. Jock did not consider himself a religious or spiritual person. He was aware of the joy which his gift of wonder and ability to contemplate gave him, but he did not recognise it as a gift, was rather ashamed of it and so was unlikely to nurture it and let it lead him into a fuller life.

'Jane was a university student about to go to Spain for a year as part of her degree course in modern languages. She came to see me, obviously upset. When I asked what was wrong, she said she was worried about feeling so happy at the prospect of Spain for a year. I was mystified, but having recently done a counselling course I echoed, as instructed, 'so you are worried at looking forward to the year in Spain?' 'Yes,' she replied, 'but it is the reason for my happiness which is worrying me. In Spain I won't have to pretend to be a Catholic any more and I can miss going to Mass without offending my parents and having rows at home.' 'So the reason you continue to go to Mass and pretend to be a Catholic is that you want to avoid trouble with your parents?' 'And relatives and some other Catholic friends,' she added. I asked her what she hoped to do after her degree course and she said she wanted to go and teach in Peru. She wanted Peru because she had read about the country, had seen some documentary films and knew that there was a great poverty and poor educational facilities for peasant children there. 'I have received so much,' she said, 'that I want to share something of what I have received



with those who have little or nothing.' 'Have you ever thought that you have a vocation from God?' I asked. 'Don't be daft,' was her reply. Jane was quite certain that there was nothing religious in what she was experiencing. Religion for her was going to Mass on Sundays and observing the other rituals laid down by the Church..

*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**



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

## The Word: Year A, Eastertide, Sunday 6, Commentary

### Gospel: John 14:15-21

Only in John's Gospel is the Spirit whom the Father will send called 'the Advocate' or 'the Paraclete'. Both names have the same derivation and the same meaning, but the former is from the Latin language, the latter from the Greek. It means someone 'called to one's side' as a helper, principally as a defender in a lawsuit. The word 'Paraclete' also suggests comfort and strength, as implied in the quality 'paraclesis' or perseverance. In the discourse after the Last Supper, when Jesus is preparing his disciples for their future task, there are four separate sayings about the Paraclete. The Paraclete is sent both by Jesus and by the Father, but always from the Father's side. The Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, will teach the disciples everything and lead them into all truth, witnessing to the Father. The Paraclete is 'another Paraclete', that is, other than Jesus, who will make Jesus present when Jesus is no longer physically with the disciples. The close link and interplay between these three figures (Father, Son and Spirit) gives us not only the beginnings of the theology of the Trinity, but also a lasting confidence that Jesus is never absent from his Church. With the guidance and patronage of the Paraclete the Church enters more and more deeply into the understanding of the divine mystery.

### First Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

The story of Acts is the story of the spread of the Gospel to 'the ends of the earth'. The first few chapters described the ideal Church at Jerusalem. That ideal was shattered by the persecution which erupted and led to Stephen's martyrdom. We missed out that story, reserving it for St Stephen's feast on Boxing Day. Things get too hot in Jerusalem itself, and the effect is that the Word of the Lord begins to spread beyond the city, first to Samaria, the country region just north of Jerusalem. The peace of God's Kingdom comes to the Samaritans in the form of liberation from sickness and the torment of various diseases.

es. Luke notes for us the joy which this brings, a joy which is the sign of the Kingship of God. It is notable that the distinction between the gift of faith and the fuller gift of the Spirit is already marked in this reading just as the modern Church distinguishes between baptism and confirmation. The apostles lay their hands on those who are to receive the Spirit, just as nowadays the bishop (who signifies the unity of the Church and acts as the successor of the apostles) comes to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

This final reading from the first Letter of Peter gives a heartening model for defence in persecution. In modern Western society any persecution faced is more likely to be verbal mockery or contempt than bloodshedding. A Christian stance on moral issues can so easily incur charges of narrowmindedness or blindness. It is not always easy to keep one's temper and give a fair and helpful reply 'with courtesy and respect', expressing the consequences of the Christian hope. Such a reply just might strike a chord deep down, rather than an explosive or sarcastic riposte, which merely deepens the divide. 'Reverence' for others can be a real and important Christian witness. The final sentences of the reading are helpful here, for the accounts of Jesus' trial stress that Jesus himself was silent 'like a lamb before its shearers' as the Suffering Servant of the Lord, in fulfilment of the scriptures. The Passion account is full of irony and mockery, from the High Priest, from Pilate, from the soldiers; if Jesus himself did not explode at the false accusations and mockery, but retained his dignified silence, we too should keep our cool and reply to our 'accusers' with courtesy.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

### The Word: Year A, Easter, Sunday 7

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 2

**Sun** + Seasonal Proper

**Mon** + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

**Tues** + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

**Wed** + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

**Thu** Seasonal Proper

**Fri** + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

**Sat** + Seasonal Proper

## This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** St John I, Pope & Martyr

**Tue** St Dunstan, Bishop

**Wed** St Bernadine of Siena, Priest

**Thu** **The Ascension of Our Lord, Solemnity**

**Fri** St Rita of Cascia, Religious

**Sat** Weekday of Easter

## Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ

### Gathering Hymn

New praises be given to Christ newly crowned,  
Who back to His heaven a new way hath found;  
God's blessedness sharing before us He goes,  
what mansions preparing, what endless repose!

His glory still praising on thrice holy ground  
the apostles stood gazing, His mother around;  
with hearts that beat faster, with eyes full of love,  
they watched while their master ascended above.

'No star can disclose Him', the bright angels said;  
'Eternity knows Him, your conquering head  
those high habitations He leaves not again,  
till, judging all nations, on earth He shall reign.'

Thus spoke they and straightway, where legions defend  
heaven's glittering gateway, their Lord they attend,  
and cry, looking thither, 'Your portals let down  
for Him Who rides hither in peace and renown.'

They asked, who keep sentry in that blessed town,  
'Who thus claimeth entry, a king of renown?'  
'The Lord of all valiance', that herald replied,  
'Who satan's battalions laid low in their pride.'

Grant, Lord, that our longing may follow Thee there,  
on earth who are thronging Thy temples with prayer;  
and unto Thee gather, Redeemer, Thine own,  
where Thou with Thy Father dost sit on the throne.

### First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### Responsorial Psalm

R. God goes up with shouts of joy,  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy,  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations.  
God reigns on his holy throne.

R. God goes up with shouts of joy,  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Go, make disciples of all the nations.  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### 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.

*Reflective Hymn on next page . . .*

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible: copyright© 1966,  
1967 & 1968 by Darton, Longman & Todd, Ltd and Doubleday, a  
division of Random House, Inc..

Text of the Psalms: Copyright © 1963, The Grail (England).

## Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ

### Reflective Hymn

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)*



## And especially for our Children



In the drawing for you to colour in there are four symbols:

The three circles are for God  
 (Father, Son and Spirit).  
 The fish is for Jesus, God the Son.  
 The dove is for ..... ?  
 The hand is for ..... ?  
 See answers at bottom of this box.

But why a fish for Jesus?  
 The letters in the fish below are Greek letters. In English, they are written **i-ch-th-y-s** (ichthys) which is the Greek word for **fish**.



For the early Christians, the letters came to stand for:

	<i>Greek</i>	<i>English</i>
<b>I</b>	lesous	Jesus
<b>Ch</b>	Christos	Christ
<b>Th</b>	Theos	God
<b>Y</b>	Yios	Son
<b>S</b>	Soter	Saviour

The dove and hand are for - Dove - God the Holy Spirit  
Hand - God the Father

All fourteen words listed 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?

- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| DISCIPLES | KNOWS      |
| ADVOCATE  | LEAVE      |
| SPIRIT    | ORPHANS    |
| FATHER    | LIVE       |
| TRUTH     | UNDERSTAND |
| WORLD     | ANYBODY    |
| RECEIVE   | KEEPS      |

S	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S
K	N	F	O	W	L	S	A	K	D
D	N	A	T	S	R	E	D	N	U
S	E	T	H	S	O	T	A	O	W
W	O	H	P	P	I	A	T	V	Y
O	N	E	N	R	R	C	A	T	E
N	E	R	I	H	W	O	R	L	D
K	T	P	T	R	O	V	S	I	F
D	S	R	E	V	P	D	P	V	A
Y	D	O	B	Y	N	A	E	E	P

Two missing words    Receive    Truth