



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

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

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Saturday 23 May	<i>All Services below are to be Facebook live-streamed</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday 24 May	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 25 May		<i>Decd Foster & Covell Fams</i>
Tuesday 26 May		<i>Elizabeth Heston</i>
Wednesday 27 May	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly version 11.30am-12.00nn Mass - <i>Readings and Hymns pg 5</i>	<i>Bernard Whalley</i>
Thursday 28 May		<i>Cheryl Kent</i>
Friday 29 May	12.00nn Angelus and a Decade of the Rosary for May	<i>Emilia Quinn</i>
Saturday 30 May		<i>Denis & Maidie Donovan</i>
Sunday 31 May	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>

They joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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.

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From Fr Anthony

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the love of the Father and of the Son. After Jesus, in his human being, Mary is the most graced creature to come from divine love; she is a work of love. Further, the Holy Spirit is the personification of the perfect loving devotion of God. Mary faithfully mirrors the Holy Spirit in this regard. No human, other than Jesus, has been seen so devoted to God as she. The connection of the Word to Mary is similar to the connection of the Word to the Holy Spirit: in his love the Word gives the Spirit his presence and he gives the Virgin his person. The Spirit, who is the love of Father and Son, is the giver of love and its sweetness, of its enlivening warmth and fruitfulness. Inspired by the Spirit and in her imitating her Son, Mary so illustrates the warmth, sweetness and fruitfulness of God's love. Mary has often been symbolised as the Moon. As the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of her Son, Jesus - because she is so intimately inspired by the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit animates and in a certain sense forms Mary, so that she is a being intimately connected with the Spirit. He has set his seal or signature upon her personality. Christ could only be united to his Mother because he and the Father gave her, in a particular way, their Spirit.

God gives his Spirit to the Church, but in some sense, he has given Mary a unique place. But we say, too, that Mary is the image of the Church. When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles, at Pentecost, the Spirit gave them what Mary had had from the outset, from her very conception. When a person is Baptised, be it as a child or an adult, it is our belief that all sin, original or self-acquired, and the effects of sin are removed from that person. Mary was without sin and totally true in her love for God from the outset: and she is the image of what we can be, because of one and the same Spirit, in Mary and in us. Thus, she is the first or prototype of Christians.



Sometimes, through history, certain devotions or the way in which some things have been taught, have neglected the place of the Holy Spirit. They have over-emphasised what Mary did or might achieve, as it were, by her own efforts alone. In all its official teachings, however, our Church has always taught that every experience of faith is an experience of the Spirit, for Mary included. They have indicated that our relationship to Mary, and her effects, are possible only through the work of God's Spirit and her being the Mother of God. She is no demi-god and she does not distribute God's graces - but she holds a very special and powerful place to intercede for us and for our needs, through the graces of the Holy Spirit..

Things happening in our Parish

Forewarning Discussions are occurring between various religious leaders, government officials and suitable health advisers, regarding the way to begin to open up places of worship. Some countries are already opening up, but not all are following the same procedures. Without trying to guess outcomes, it is looking quite likely that we will need a fair number of volunteers, as we open - to help guide any attending as to where to sit - very importantly, to help disinfect benches and door handles, immediately after use. As and when any helps are asked for, please do not assume others will help - *we will all need to work together* to open our Churches as soon as we can.



As a return to church gatherings may be phased (eg if any more vulnerable are asked to avoid gatherings, until later) consideration will also be given as to whether or how live-streaming of Mass/Services should continue.

Parish Council Our Parish Council AGM, that would be due during June, is cancelled. Unless any objections are raised before the end of this month, there will not be an AGM this year - all present Council members are asked to continue in office until the June 2021 AGM - the now due election of members will 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.



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 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?

Some areas of our land, East Anglia particularly being one, boast of some enormous church towers, and/or churches that would never have been anywhere near full. These were usually built so large not for any religious purpose, but to show that a local land lord, who funded the building, was wealthier or more influential than anyone else in the area.

Church altars are not infrequently constructed of wood, but ideally they are of stone and may be formed as a single block. Why is this so?

AND SERIOUSLY!

Hymns for different occupations:
CONTRACTORS: The Church's one foundation.

GOLFERS: There is a green hill far away.

LIBRARIANS: Let all mortal flesh keep silence.

DENTISTS:
Crown him with many crowns.



Parish Monies

Thank you very much for recent donations:

Envelopes/Loose
11/05-17/5: £145.00

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

Where your Treasure is

....Jane was quite certain that there was nothing religious in what she was experiencing.



To be religious or spiritual, in her understanding of those terms, meant understanding and appreciating the teachings of the Catholic Church. She found Mass a meaningless bore and the teachings of the Church, as she understood them, to be statements about a world which had no meaning for her. She wanted to drop the lot and live, but she was not yet strong enough inside to live out her convictions. Her dominant emotion was compassion; she wanted to share what she had been given and, in gratitude for what she had received, she wanted to serve. Her desire to be compassionate, to share and to serve echoed St. Paul's description of Christ, who, 'did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are...' (Phil 2:6-7). Jane had more to be grateful for than she realised, yet such was her notion of God, the Church and religion, that she considered herself irreligious and estranged from the Church.

Recently I have had meetings with an organization called The Association of Divorced and Separated Catholics, encouraging them to talk together about their experience of being divorced or separated. On the first week-

end I was nervous at the intensity of emotion in the group. Some were still seething with rage against their former partners and against the Church which had now left them doomed to an unwanted celibacy for the rest of their lives or, if they did remarry, to



exclusion of the sacraments of the Church. Others had gone a stage further and were too wounded with self-doubt to rage at anyone or anything. They had loved and trusted their partners. Their trust had been betrayed their love turned sour, and they had entered the worst stage of all, the experience of their own emptiness and nothingness, the threshold of despair with its door to suicide. They felt themselves to be failures and considered it useless to try to pray, because they felt that they had failed God as well as themselves and their partner. Religion had so been presented that far from enabling them to understand and grow through their agony, it intensified the pain, guilt and sense of rejection, assuring them that they had not only lost their partner and split their family, but that they were also living in a state of alienation from God....

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 Cheryl Ann Kent, Joseph Barry McCoombe,
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

The Word: Year A, Eastertide, Sunday 7, Commentary

Gospel: John 17:1-11

The discourse of Jesus given by John after the Last Supper is of a special literary genre. It was a convention that

the final instructions of a great leader for his future community should be gathered together in the context of a final meal. Jesus' life and purpose is summed up in this great prayer. The discourse is shot through with the warmth of the relationship of Jesus to his Father and with the fact that Jesus came to do the will of the Father. But most striking of all is the stress on the



glorification of Jesus. The earliest kerygma about the Resurrection, as we have it in Paul's writings, is not about the empty tomb, but is about the glory of the risen Christ, that Christ is lifted up to his full participation in the divine glory of the Father. The hymn in Colossians puts him as first-born in creation and now first-born from the dead, so that he can be first in every way. Philippians declares that he must receive the homage of bending the knee in the worship due only to God. This is not blasphemy, for it is 'to the glory of the Father' that the Risen Christ should share in this glory. In a way this gospel reading is a meditation on the effects of the culmination of the Ascension.

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

There is a sort of dazed feeling about this reading, a sort of suspended animation. Jesus has left his disciples, telling them just to go back into the city and wait for the coming of the Spirit. It was a definitive parting, described in terms of the prophet Elijah going up to heaven in a fiery chariot, leaving his cloak to Elisha as a guarantee of his continued presence and influence. But by contrast Jesus left his disciples nothing, not even a cloak, and they can only wait in a sort of limbo of hope, surely puzzling what

this promised coming of the Spirit could be. In the gospels, especially that of Matthew, the Risen Christ had told them to go out and proclaim the Good News to all people, but

here they are left without any further instructions, and obviously non-plussed about how to do this. From time to time we find ourselves in the same situation, not knowing how we should proceed, even if we are searching and determined to do the will of God. We can only wait, perhaps with the comfort of the company of others who cannot see their way for-

ward, until the Lord sends his Spirit to direct us and make clear the way forward.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

In this pause between the Ascension and Pentecost, the first letter attributed to Peter prepares us both for the coming of the Spirit and for the trials and sufferings which the mission of the disciples will bring them. Christians are not promised a smooth or trouble-free life of ease and merriment. The blessings of the Beatitudes should never be translated 'Happy are...'. The blessedness promised is the assurance that God's hand is hovering over us, and that no ultimate harm can befall us. One of the themes, however, of the history of the early community in the Acts of the Apostles is that trouble and persecution are the inevitable condition of following the persecuted and triumphant Christ.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Pentecost Sunday

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 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

Tues + Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

Wed Proper Saints

Thu + Seasonal Proper

Fri + Seasonal Proper (or + Common Pastors)

Sat + Seasonal Proper + Diocesan Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Dr of Church

Tue St Philip Neri, Priest

Wed St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Thu Weekday of Easter

Fri St Paul VI, Pope

Sat Yorkshire Martyrs (of penal times)

Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury

Gathering Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them

First Reading: Acts 20:28-38

Paul addressed these words to the elders of the church of Ephesus:

'Be on your guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you the overseers, to feed the Church of God which he bought with his own blood. I know quite well that when I have gone fierce wolves will invade you and will have no mercy on the flock. Even from your own ranks there will be men coming forward with a travesty of the truth on their lips to induce the disciples to follow them. So be on your guard, remembering how night and day for three years I never failed to keep you right, shedding tears over each one of you. And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace that has power to build you up and to give you your inheritance among all the sanctified.

'I have never asked anyone for money or clothes; you know for yourselves that the work I did earned enough to meet my needs and those of my companions. I did this to show you that this is how we must exert ourselves to support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, who himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."

When he had finished speaking he knelt down with them all and prayed. By now they were all in tears; they put their arms round Paul's neck and kissed him; what saddened them most was his saying they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

Responsorial Psalm (67)

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God.

Show forth, O God, show forth your might,
your might, O God, which you have shown for us.
For the sake of your temple high in Jerusalem
may kings come to you bringing their tribute.

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God,
praise the Lord who rides on the heavens,
the ancient heavens.

He thunders his voice, his mighty voice.
Come, acknowledge the power of God.

His glory is over Israel; his might is in the skies.
God is to be feared in his holy place.

He is the Lord, Israel's God.
He give his strength and power to his people.
Blessed be God.!

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God.

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: John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,
keep those you have given me true to your name,
so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them,
I kept those you had given me true to your name.
I have watched over them
and not one is lost

except the one who chose to be lost,
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you
and while still in the world I say these things
to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them,
and the world hated them,
because they belong to the world
no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world,
but to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

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.

Recessional Hymn on next page . . .

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Year A, Eastertide, For Mass Wednesday 27 May

Concluding Hymn

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
 Guide of the wand'rer here below,
 Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,
 Save us from peril and from woe.
 Mother of Christ, star of the sea
 Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.
 O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,
 We sinners make our prayers through thee;
 Remind thy Son that He has paid

The price of our iniquity.
 Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
 Pray for the sinner, pray for me.
 Sojourners in this vale of tears,
 To thee, blest advocate, we cry;
 Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
 And sooth with hope our misery.
 Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
 Pray for the mourner, pray for me.
 And while to Him who reigns above
 In Godhead one, in Persons Three,
 The source of life, of grace, of love,

Homage we pay on bended knee:
 Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
 Pray for thy children, pray for me.
John Lingard (1771-1851)



And especially for our Children

Father, I am praying for those you have given me, because they belong to you



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?

- RAISED
- HEAVEN
- POWER
- MANKIND
- ENTRUSTED
- ETERNAL
- GLORIFIED
- EARTH
- NAME
- WORLD
- GIVEN
- TEACHING
- ACCEPTED
- BELONG

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A	E	C	D	C	E	R	P	E	R
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Two missing words Given Mankind