



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: for Wednesday's Scripture Reflections and Exposition, see pg 5;
for a note on St Charles Lwanga and Companion Martyrs, see pg 6.

Saturday 30 May	<i>All Services below are to be Facebook live-streamed</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday 31 May	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 1 June		<i>Yorkshire Brethren</i>
Tuesday 2 June		<i>Kay, Thomas, & Mary Colohan</i>
Wednesday 3 June	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly version 11.30am-12.00nn Scripture Reflections and Exposition pg 5	<i>Deceased Kennedy, Clarke Families</i>
Thursday 4 June		<i>Barry McCoombe</i>
Friday 5 June	12.00nn Angelus and Friday Devotion	<i>Deceased Ward, Walker, Baugh & Potts Families</i>
Saturday 6 June		<i>Deceased Duffy, Quinn, Nolan & Fisher Families</i>
Sunday 7 June	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>

*'Peace be with you,' Jesus said.
'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.'*

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

In 1974, Pope Paul VI wrote a document on devotion to Mary that continues to be central to our understanding of Marian devotion. He wrote:

Theological reflection and the liturgy have noted how the sanctifying intervention of the Spirit, in the Virgin Mary, was a culminating moment of the Spirit's action in the history of salvation. So, for example, some Fathers and writers of the Church attributed to the work of the Spirit the original holiness of Mary, who was as it were "fashioned by the Holy Spirit into a kind of new substance and new creature." Reflecting on the



Gospel texts: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with his shadow" (Lk. 1:35) and "Mary was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.... She has conceived what is in her by the Holy

Spirit" (Mt. 1:18, 20). They saw in the Spirit's intervention an action that consecrated and made fruitful Mary's virginity and transformed her into the "Abode of the King" or "Bridal Chamber of the Word," the "Temple," or "Tabernacle of the Lord," the "Ark of the Covenant" or "the Ark of Holiness," - titles rooted in the Bible. Examining more deeply still the mystery of the incarnation, they saw in the mysterious relationship between the Spirit and Mary a reflection of marriage, as put by Prudentius: "The unwed Virgin espoused the Spirit," and they called her the "Temple of the Holy Spirit," an expression that emphasizes the sacred character of the Virgin, the permanent dwelling of the Spirit of God. Delving deeply into the doctrine of the Paraclete, they saw that from Him there flowed the fullness of grace (Lk. 1:28) and the abundance of gifts that adorned her. Thus they attributed to the Spirit the faith, hope and charity that animated the Virgin's heart, the strength that sustained her acceptance of the will of God, and the vigour that upheld her in her suffering at the cross. In Mary's *magnificat* (Lk. 1:46-55) is seen the special working of the Spirit who had spoken through the mouths of the prophets." Considering, finally, the presence of the Mother of Jesus in the Upper Room, where the Spirit came down upon the infant Church (Acts 1:12-14; 2:14), the Fathers enriched with new developments the ancient theme of Mary and the Church. Above all, they had recourse to the Virgin's intercession in order to obtain from the Spirit the capacity for embedding Christ in their own lives.

Pope Paul's quoting from so many of the Church Fathers, can here be seen to emphasise that our Church has always held Mary in great honour, precisely because she is so filled with God's Spirit, and so she can help us, in her prayers and example, to welcome Christ into our lives.

Things happening in our Parish

Forewarning It is becoming clear that when churches can begin to re-open, **in order to open our Churches, a fair number of volunteers will be required** - both to help guide any attending as to where to sit - and, very importantly, to help disinfect benches and door handles, straight after use. We now need to be gathering volunteers. Please do not just assume others will help - **we will all need to work together** if we are to open our Churches as soon as is permitted. All who can volunteer please email or telephone Fr Anthony (as on pg 1 of this Newsletter), and if you leave an ansaphone message, please say that it is to help and be sure to give your name and number.



Donating to our Parish We continue to maximise ways to donate to our Parish Funds. Over the years, donating has commonly been by Standing Order, in Envelopes or giving in Loose Money. Standing Orders and Envelopes especially are likely to continue to be the main source of income, for the foreseeable future. However, recently our Diocese enabled any who wish to donate **to our Parish** via a **Text**, to do so. Also, now, any can make one off or continuing donations via the internet - all that is needed is to click on the **Donate Button** on our Parish Website or Facebook Page and then complete the details.

Summer Fayre Owing to it now getting late in the day and there still being too many uncertainties, it has been decided that this year's Summer Fayre be **cancelled**.



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?

In Old Testament times, Jewish altars needed to be in stone, as animal sacrifices were often killed and also burnt on them. Seen in the sacrificial signs, is a growing awareness of a need to atone for sin and seek God's Graces. This is then the background to Jesus's ultimate sacrificial sign of God's perfect Love, shown in his own suffering and death, done to free us from sin and its effects.

Christian altars, while often of stone, reminding of the Jewish background to Jesus's sacrifice, are commonly not a solid block of stone but are constructed as a table. Why?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A four-year-old was in church when Communion was being received. He was very interested but his mother told him that he was not old enough to receive communion.

Later, when the collection plate came by, he ignored it saying "If I can't eat, I'm not paying."



Parish Monies

Thank you very much for recent donations:

Envelopes/Loose
18/05-24/5

Electronic Donations

Can be made to our Parish by texting - **CHURCH SHSJ to 70500** to contribute £5 to our Parish Offertory - weekly - fortnightly - other; - or use the **Donate Button** on our Parish Website Home Page.

GOD OF SURPRISES

Where your Treasure is

I knew that I had no answers for the group from The Association of Divorced and Separated Catholics but they ministered to one another.



The most battered were often the most helpful. There was no judging one another, no rejection or intolerance, no pretence at virtue, but simply an acknowledgement of pain and a staying with one another in it. Put into Christian language, they were being Christ's to one another,

allowing themselves to be channels of his peace, compassion and hope. Out of their experience of death, they began to experience something of his risen life strengthening them to face the future with hope. With many of them, however, God and Christ were distant and unreal figures who could not possibly enter their lives except to condemn them and add to their feelings of rejection.

A few years ago, I had travelled regularly from North Wales to London and I gave lifts to hitch-hikers when I could. I did not wear clerical dress, nor let them know that I was a priest unless they asked. I tried to get them talking about themselves, their hopes and ambitions. Apart from one Jehovah's Witness, who spent the journey trying to convert me, I can remember none who was practising any form of religion.

Most were hard up, but none seemed preoccupied with money. They disliked the rat race and were looking for something worthwhile in their lives. 'I want to be of some use to people,' was a constant refrain. Many people tirade against the material-



ism and unspirituality of our age, but spirituality has been interpreted so narrowly that we do not recognise it when we meet it in ourselves and in others..

I have given these examples as illustrations of the value of our own inner experience, which can tell us the direction our lives should take and supply the inspiration and energy to take it. It is in the inner experience that they were meeting 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 Joseph Barry McCoombe and his 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

The Word: Year A, Feast of Pentecost, Commentary

Gospel: John 20:19-23

At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples. There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace. The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the removal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.



First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The ministry of Jesus starts with the coming of the Spirit at his Baptism, and so the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. There can be no witness to Jesus or to his message, no spreading of the Kingship of God, without the Spirit of Jesus. Another lesson from this parallel between Baptism and Pentecost is that the task of the Church and the life of the Church are the same as those of Jesus himself: to bring God's kingship to its fulfilment by bringing healing, love and joy through the message of the Risen Christ. The rushing wind and the tongues of fire are an allusion to the coming of God's Spirit upon Moses and the elders in the Old Testament. So the new message is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, breaking out beyond

the borders of Judaism to include all peoples of the world. The union of all these peoples, all understanding one language in their own way, is a deliberate contrast to the scene at the Tower of Babel, when the Lord split up all the peoples of the world by their inability to understand one another's languages. The list of unpronounceable peoples is itself a witness to the universality of the Church!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

The slightest glance round a church full of people is enough to show the variety within the Christian community. But it needs the hints given us by Paul to remind us that every member of that community has his or her own special gift to contribute. Mercifully, these gifts are all different. It is valuable to reflect on the natural gifts that we find all around us. It is also valuable to reflect how dull, or even intolerable, life would be if I lived with a lot of clones of myself, all with the same gifts - and the same faults - as myself! Every one of us contributes something different and valuable in our own way, whether it is as the baby squeaking as a sign of new, developing life or the older person contributing wisdom, experience and even the suffering of Christ. The other inspiring thought is that all we varied and diverse people go to make up the Body, which is Christ. We all have experience of various corporate bodies, organisations and companies, but none of these other bodies makes up a person. Together we all make up that person who is Christ, since as Christians we all live and operate through Christ's Spirit.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Feast of the Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel: John 3:16-18

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun Seasonal Proper
Mon + Common BVM
Tues or + Proper Saints
Wed + Proper Saints
Thu of Feast
Fri + Proper Saints
Sat or + Proper Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Mary, Mother of the Church
Tue Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs
Wed St Charles Lwanga & Companion Martyrs
Thu Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Fri St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
Sat St Norbert, Bishop

Scripture Reflections and Exposition: Wednesday 3 June

The Blessed Sacrament is Exposed

Gathering Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'ful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-91)

Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Reflecting on:-

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

The love of God be with you all.

The fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Devotional Hymn

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

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

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,

to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him.
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J Evans

Gospel: John 16:12-15, 25-27

Jesus said:

"I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

I have said this to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father. In that day you will ask in my name; and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from the Father."

Prayers of Adoration

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

All repeat the words of the Divine Praises

Following the blessing with the Sacrament

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
be every moment thine.



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Gospel courtesy of Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition.

St Charles Lwanga and Companion Martyrs: Feast 3 June

Charles Lwanga is one of twenty two Martyrs of Uganda, aged 13 to 30. He helped protect his fellow servants from the sexual demands of the Bagandan ruler, Mwanga. He also taught them about Catholic faith, while they were in prison for refusing Mwanga.

Charles first learned of Christ's teachings from two servants in the court of Chief Mawulugungu. While a catechumen he became assistant to Joseph Mukaso, head of the court servants. On the night Mukaso was martyred, for causing the youths to resist Mwanga, Charles asked for and received baptism.

Imprisoned with his friends, Charles's courage and



belief in God inspired them to remain faithful. For his unwillingness to give in to the immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, Charles was burned to death on 3 June, 1886, at Namugongo, under Mwanga's order.

When Pope Paul VI canonized these twenty two martyrs, in 1964, he also referred to the Anglican servants martyred for the same reason.

And especially for our Children



Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire.

These separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

All the words below can be found in the First Reading for this Sunday - but only 12 can be found in the Word Search - which 2 are missing from the Word Search?

PENTECOST

FIRE

APOSTLES

SPIRIT

SUDDENLY

SPEECH

POWERFUL

NATION

WIND

DEVOUT

APPEARED

AMAZED

TONGUES

MARVELS

Two Missing Words

Marvels Speech

M	A	S	E	L	T	S	O	P	A
T	P	E	N	T	E	C	O	S	T
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N	E	O	R	O	T	R	S	R	A
G	A	H	W	V	N	S	I	M	D
U	R	T	E	E	H	F	A	P	D
E	E	V	I	D	R	Z	R	N	S
S	D	D	M	O	E	F	I	Z	E
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