



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 6 June	<i>All Services below are to be Facebook live-streamed</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday 7 June	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 8 June		<i>Intentions Fr Funnell</i>
Tuesday 9 June		<i>Rodney (Casius) Smith</i>
Wednesday 10 June	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly version 11.30am-12.00nn Mass <i>Hymns & Readings pgs 5-6</i>	<i>John Selwyn Hall</i>
Thursday 11 June		<i>Dcd Ince ... Gibbons Fams</i>
Friday 12 June	12.00nn Angelus and Friday Devotion	<i>Dcd Moran & Comer Fams</i>
Saturday 13 June		<i>Joseph & Kathleen Smith</i>
Sunday 14 June	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

Orthodox Churches favour a style of prayer that may seem repetitive; but if repetitive parts are spoken in a gentle, rhythmic manner, the prayer can help induce an inner feel for its meaning.

- part of a Russian Orthodox Holy Spirit hymn.

Come ye faithful to celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit. From the bosom of the Father He has been poured out upon the Apostles, He has covered all the earth with the knowledge of God, He has rendered worthy of the vivifying grace of adoption and of the heavenly glory, those who hasten to Him with a pure heart, for He hallows and renders divine those who cry out: Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, come and dwell in us!

The bright choirs of the Apostles unceasingly sing in heaven the glory of the Holy Spirit, source of life and of immaterial glory. We also glorify Thee with them, Spirit of goodness, for all thy favours manifest and hidden, and humbly we beg Thee to cover us with Thy blessed shadow:



Come, true light and joy of the soul.

Come, cloud bringing dew and inexpressible beauty.

Come to accept our praise as fragrant incense.

Come, spirit of truth, which the world cannot receive.

Come to make us taste the happiness of Thine outpouring.

Come to gladden us with the abundance of Thy gifts.

Come eternal sun and without setting establish Thine abode in us.

Holy Spirit Paraclete, come and dwell in us.

Under the appearance of tongues of fire, in light and mighty breath, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, bringing joy. Then wrapped in His flame, the ancient fishermen called the whole world into the Church of the Messiah, enduring in joy misfortunes on land and on sea, without fear defying violent death. And throughout all the earth is spread the message of their hymn of divine praise: Halleluia!

Cup which pours fire and dew upon the apostles in the upper room of Sion, we sing to Thee, we bless Thee, God Holy Spirit! Pour forth also upon us the cup of Thy wisdom:

Come sanctifier and protector of the Church.

Come to give Thy faithful one single heart and one single soul.

Come to embrace our piety that is sterile and frozen.

Come to scatter the darkness of atheism and ungodliness spreading over the earth.

Come to lead the world on the way of right living.

Come to teach us the truth whole and entire.

Come, wisdom inaccessible and save us by the ways known to Thee.

Holy Spirit, Paraclete, come and dwell in us.

Things happening in our Parish

We still await details as to when and how we might be able to open our Churches. However, it is already clear that **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, after use. The number already volunteered is encouraging, but may not be enough to ensure we can provide sufficient weekend Masses, between both of our Churches.

Please, all who can volunteer, do 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.

It would also be great to have some of our teenagers helping their parents with such tasks. Please give their names also to Fr Anthony, if they are able and willing.



On account of expected limitations on how many might initially be accommodated in our Churches, once open, consideration will be given to whether we need to operate a temporary timing of Masses, weekends and weekdays, so as to give as many as possible opportunity to attend.

Is the technology OK? In past weeks a number have made donations via *Text* and, more recently, some via our Parish Website *Donate Button*. Thank you to all such givers. Hopefully the tech is now all working correctly, but if you find you have any problems using either method, please inform Fr Anthony.



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?

A stone altar reminds of the Jewish tradition and meaning of sacrifice - to atone for sin and to seek God's Graces. However, Christ moved the enactment of sacrifice on profoundly. His sacrifice on the cross was done once and for all time, but as he made clear at the *Table of the Last Supper*, we enter into that one sacrifice through the bread and the wine that become his Body and Blood. So our Christian altars are often of stone, but also shaped as a table.

The Feast of St Boniface falls on 5 June. While he was an English man, he is better known in Germany and Holland. Why is this?

AND SERIOUSLY!

When delivering lunches to the elderly with my four-year-old daughter, she was intrigued by the appliances of old age. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. My daughter turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"



Parish Monies

Thank you very much for recent donations:

24-31 May
Envelopes £370.00
Donate Button £59.00

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

Everybody has the rich, complex inner life of thoughts, memories, feelings and desires. Its composition is unique to each of us, the result of our heredity and of all that we have done and all that has been done to us. There is no experience of our lives which does not register somehow in our body and in our mind. Most of our past experience is buried so deep in our memory that it is no longer accessible to our conscious mind, but these hidden memories still affect our perception of the world around us and so influence the way in which we act and react.

It is astonishing that we pay so little attention to this inner life, the key to our behaviour. We are like riders on wild horses. They rear, plunge and swerve. We have no idea why they are behaving in this way ('I don't know what came over me. I don't know why I did it'), and spend all our energy and ingenuity in trying to keep in the saddle, bucking our painful way through life. The obvious answer is to understand and befriend the horse, but we belong to a race of riders who consider such an approach to be slightly morbid and unscientific. In our ethos the horse must be ignored and we must ride with a stiff upper lip. I am told that in the Royal Navy only ratings are allowed to have emotions: officers are above that kind of thing! But even in religious circles one can still hear the advice, 'Pay no attention to your feelings'.

The horse is our inner life, source of our direction and energy for the journey through life, but we tend to ignore it because the inner life cannot be measured quantitatively, assuming, as we do, that it is numbers, not



love, which makes the world go round. We have divinized reasons and quantity, brutalised emotion and quality; and emotion, like a neglected child, takes a hideous revenge. Unless acknowledged and befriended, the neglected emotions will destroy us.

To be continued . . .

From: The God of Surprises – Gerard W. Hughes

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude.

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, Feast of The Holy Trinity, Commentary

Gospel: 3:16-18

At first sight this part of the dialogue with Nicodemus seems to mention only the Father and the Son and not involve the Holy Spirit. A chief concern of the Gospel of John is to show the relationship of loving obedience between Father and Son. The love and equality in a perfect relationship between a human parent and a child is the nearest reflection of such divine love which we can envisage. In complete trust and confidence the parent gives to the child everything that is theirs. The parent's only interest is the advancement of the child. The child's only care is to please the parent and to be as close to the parent as they can be, in word, in action and in relationships. Each has a vibrant and continuous bond of love for the other. Such a relationship may be rare in human family life, but it can model for us a pale reflection of the loving relationship between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, love in person, the living bond which unites them. We must, however, appreciate that any such language limps and belittles the divine relationship, which is of a different order of perfection and intensity. Human language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding.

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

This is one of the really very central passages of the Bible. In Judaism the special name of God is never spoken. For two reasons. It is too sacred and awesome to be pronounced, for the name somehow makes the personality present. It is also too intimate: we do not bandy around in public the special family name by which we are affectionately known by our nearest and dearest. So where the name occurs in the Bible, a conventional 'the Lord' is used. The name itself was revealed to Moses at the Burning Bush, but not its meaning. Here for the first time the meaning is given, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion.' Only when God has to forgive Israel for its first, heinous but rapid, rebellion, is the meaning of the name revealed. And this mean-



ing is echoed again and again down the scriptures, in Deuteronomy, in Psalms, in Jeremiah. Even Jonah has to admit it when, to his fury, Nineveh is forgiven! This is the way Israel loves to picture its God, as a God of forgiveness. The Prologue of St John and the Parable of the Prodigal Son which witness to God as the one who forgives are no new inventions.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

This reading, concluding with the Trinitarian blessing, is the finale of this Letter to the Corinthians. The interrelationship of the Three Persons of the Trinity is a theological elaboration which was reached only gradually in Christian meditation. Paul, however, already often mentions the three Persons in parallel, making some distinction between them or at any rate between their functions in the story of salvation. When he mentions one he seems at the same time to be conscious of the influence also of the other Persons of the Trinity. The constant triple mention of each of the Persons in itself suggests equality, each playing a special part, as 'It is God who gives you a sure place in Christ, giving us as pledge the Spirit in our hearts' (2 Corinthians 1:21), or 'You have been justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and through the Spirit of our God' (1 Corinthians 6:11). Rather than prying, so to speak, into the personal interrelationships of the three, the scripture limits itself to mentioning the part played by each in our creation, salvation and sanctification. God, whom we also address as Abba, Father, is the initiator. It is through the work of Christ that we are justified, saved, redeemed, reconciled. The Spirit is at work in transforming us in holiness.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Body & Blood of Our Lord

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 2

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon + Diocesan Proper

Tues + Common Pastors - or + Proper Saints

Wed Seasonal Proper

Thu + Proper Saints

Fri Seasonal Proper

Sat + Proper Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St William of York, Bishop

Tue St Columba, Abbot -

or St Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of Church

Wed Week 10 Ordinary

Thu St Barnabus, Apostle

Fri Week 10 Ordinary

Sat St Anthony of Padua, Priest

& Doctor of Church

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
Whom shall I send?

Daniel L Schutte

First Reading: 1 Kings 18:20-39

Ahab called all Israel together and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah stepped out in front of all the people. 'How long' he said 'do you mean to hobble first on one leg then on the other? If the Lord is God, follow him; if Baal, follow him.' But the people never said a word. Elijah then said to them, 'I, I alone, am left as a prophet of the Lord, while the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty. Let two bulls be given us; let them choose one for themselves, dismember it and lay it on the wood, but not set fire to it. I in my turn will prepare the other bull, but not set fire to it. You must call on the name of your god, and I shall call on the name of mine; the god who answers with fire, is God indeed.' The people all answered, 'Agreed!' Elijah then said to the prophets of Baal, 'Choose one bull and begin, for there are more of you. Call on the name of your god but light no fire.' They took the bull and prepared it, and from morning to midday they called on the name of Baal. 'O Baal, answer us!' they cried, but there was no voice, no answer, as they performed their hobbling dance round the altar they had made. Midday came, and Elijah mocked them. 'Call louder,' he said 'for he is a god: he is preoccupied or he is busy, or he has gone on a journey; perhaps he is asleep and will wake up.' So they shouted louder and gashed themselves, as their custom was, with swords and spears until the blood flowed down them. Midday passed, and they ranted on until the time the offering is presented; but there was no voice, no answer, no attention given to them.

Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come closer to me', and all the people came closer to him. He repaired the altar of the Lord which had been broken down. Elijah took twelve stones, corresponding to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, 'Israel shall be your name', and built an altar in the name of the Lord. Round the altar he dug a trench of a

size to hold two measures of seed. He then arranged the wood, dismembered the bull, and laid it on the wood. Then he said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the holocaust and on the wood'; this they did. He said, 'Do it a second time'; they did it a second time. He said, 'Do it a third time'; they did it a third time. The water flowed round the altar and the trench itself was full of water. At the time when the offering is presented, Elijah the prophet stepped forward. 'O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,' he said 'let them know today that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, that I have done all these things at your command. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, the Lord, are God and are winning back their hearts.'

Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the holocaust and wood and licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this they fell on their faces. 'The Lord is God,' they cried, 'the Lord is God.'

Responsorial Psalm 15(16)

Save me, Lord, I take refuge in you.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'

Those who choose other Gods increase their sorrows.
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Save me, Lord, I take refuge in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!
Teach me your paths, my God,
make me walk in your truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.'

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion and
Concluding Hymn on next page . . .**



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Weekday Year 2, For Mass Wednesday 10 June

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

Concluding Hymn

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
 I've been born again in Jesus' name;
 And in Jesus' name I come to you
 To share his love as he told me to.

*He said, 'Freely, freely you have
 received; freely, freely give.
 Go in my name, and because you
 believe,
 others will know that I live.*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
 In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name;
 And in Jesus' name I come to you
 To share his pow'r as he told me to.

God gives us life in Jesus' name,
 He lives in us in Jesus' name;
 And in Jesus' name I come to you
 To share his peace as he told me too.

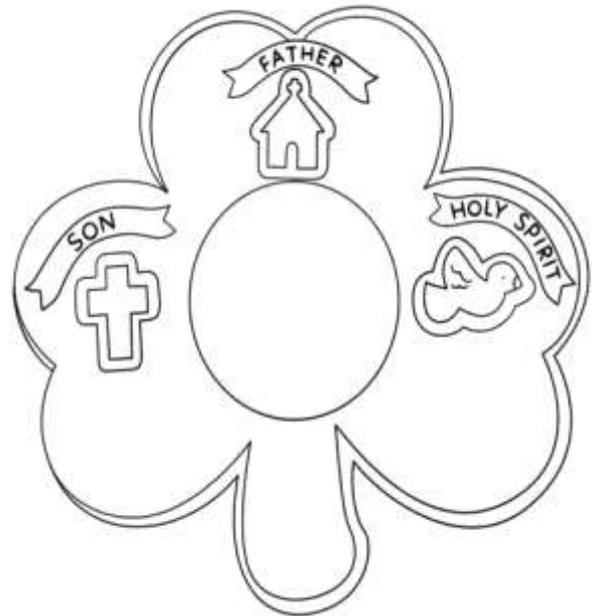
Carol Owens



And especially for our Children



Which Saint used the leaf of a shamrock
 to teach about how there is only
 one God, but that God is three persons
 - and in which country did he do this?



Answer to which Saint Saint Patrick - in Ireland

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?

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| TABLETS | COMPASSION |
| STONE | KINDNESS |
| MOUNTAIN | FAVOUR |
| SINAI | FORGIVE |
| DESCENDED | FAULTS |
| MOSES | SINS |
| TENDERNESS | ADOPT |

Two Missing Words Tenderness Moses

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