



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 13 June	<i>All Services below are to be Facebook live-streamed</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday 14 June	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 15 June		<i>Joseph Barry McCombe</i>
Tuesday 16 June		<i>Cheryl Kent</i>
Wednesday 17 June	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly version 11.30am-12.00nn Scripture Reflections and Exposition pg 5	<i>Dan Sullivan</i>
Thursday 18 June		<i>Grace Sarvent</i>
Friday 19 June	12.00nn Angelus and Friday Devotion	<i>Faithful Departed (Nov List)</i>
Saturday 20 June		<i>Special Intention (AH)</i>
Sunday 21 June	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>

'As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me,' Jesus said.

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

We continue with a Russian Orthodox Holy Spirit hymn, that is better prayed if spoken in a gentle, rhythmic manner.

O immense profundity of mystery! God Spirit inapproachable, Creator of the universe with the Father and the Word, Thou hast made all the beauty of the heavenly and angelical orders; in the splendour of Thy glory Thou hast called into existence the procession of the brilliant stars. Joining flesh and spirit in a marvellous unity, Thou hast created mankind. This is why all that has breath raises this praise to Thee: Halleluia!

By the infinite power of the wind which flew upon the waters in wondrous circles, Thou Spirit Eternal, hast given life to everyone and to everything. Having come forth from Thy life-giving breath, the inexpressible beauty of original creation rose from the unfathomable depth. Wherefore to Thee we say:

*Come to us, O most wise Maker of the world.
Come, Thou Who art great in the little flower as
in the star of the sky.
Come, unspeakable diversity and beauty
everlasting.
Come, light up the gloomy chaos of my soul.
Come to transfigure my poor existence with
Thy creative power.
Come, teach me to do Thy will.
Come, to make in us a new creation
in the Messiah.*

Holy Spirit, Paraclete, come and dwell in us!

Having heard Thy voice say to us: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink," we entreat Thee, O Son of God, allay our thirst for spiritual life; give us the living water of Thy Holy Spirit, co-essential. Pour out upon us the flood-tide of grace, that being ever refreshed, we may cry out with love: Halleluia!

Spirit eternal and bountiful, incorruptible and uncreated, purification of sinners and protection of the righteous, free us from every impure deed, that the light of Thy grace be not extinguished in us singing to Thee:

*Come, Thou good One, to give us contrition and
streams of tears.
Come to teach us worship of the Father in Spirit
and truth.
Come, sublime truth, to remove the doubts of our
feeble understanding.
Come, treasury of good things, to give us the
treasure of poverty in spirit.
Come, Giver of life, to restore freshness to Thine
exhausted creature.
Come, light eternal, to drive away phantoms
and terrors.
Come, joy without end, that passing sorrows
be forgotten.
Holy Spirit, Paraclete, come and dwell in us!*



Things happening in our Parish

Here's Hoping Government has indicated that Churches might open - for private prayer only - from 15 June. There are a number of things we need to have in place before we can open our own Parish Churches. It is hoped that we can have everything in place by the weekend of 18/19 June. Some details regarding opening, received from our Bishop last Saturday (6 June), are given on pg 7 of this Newsletter. If we are able and set for opening either or both of our Churches next weekend or the days following, notice will be given in the coming week's Newsletter.

Just now, it is intended to continue *both* our Wednesday live-streams until the school summer holiday, so 15 July.

Hopefully we will be able to open for Mass and other events in just a few weeks from now. We can expect restrictions for a while, quite possibly including a limit on how many might be present at any Mass/Service. The restrictions will influence whether we need a temporary schedule for our Masses - also whether a Wednesday Mass/Service and/or a Sunday Mass should continue to be live-streamed for a while after open Masses resume.

It is clear that for some while, *to continue to open our Churches, a fair number of volunteers will be required* - to help guide any attending as to where to sit - and, very importantly, to help disinfect such as benches and door handles, after use. More volunteers are still needed, especially for St Joseph's. Fr Anthony can provide guidance as to the requirements and he will be delighted to have more offers of help - please, all who can volunteer, do email or telephone Fr Anthony, and if you leave an ansaphone message, please say that it is to help and be sure to give your name and number.



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.leeds cathedral live.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.

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.** By now, Parents should have received a letter from Fr Anthony, regarding 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.

Parish Monies

Thank you very much for donations 1-8 June:

Envelopes £40.00
Donate/Text £15.00
May Bank Orders £1681

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

... A large number of hospital beds in Britain are occupied by psychiatric patients. Western medicine, which for so long treated the body as though it were a machine curable without reference to the inner life of the patient (just as a car can be repaired without having to repair the driver at the same time), is now increasingly aware of the close and intricate connection between bodily illness and the inner disharmony of the mind and the emotions. While it is not true to say that every bodily illness can be cured if the inner harmony of mind and heart can be restored, it is true to say that many, perhaps the majority of bodily illnesses, are the expression of inner disharmony. Resentment and bitterness over past hurts, frustration at the thwarting of our desires, can express themselves in arthritic conditions, in cancer, coronaries and other fatal diseases.



In public life we are obsessed with questions of the economy, a quantitative science, and with national defence, which has also become a quantitative science. We must have more destructive weaponry than 'they' have, in order to preserve our freedom. But there can be no freedom as long as we ignore our inner life. Inner disharmony in the individual expresses itself in bodily illness; inner disharmony in a nation expresses itself in various forms of national sickness. The inner life refuses to be ignored. It will give us no peace and may even destroy us if it is not acknowledged and befriended.

I have not kept in touch with 'Jock', the decorator, and so I do not know how he reacted to his experience by the sea, but let us suppose he ignored it as something which his friends would consider 'kinky', and he decides to admit only those feelings which his friends would consider acceptable. He has decided to ignore a deep part of himself, renounced his own rich individuality, his own freedom to act and to be as he really wants to be, and has chosen instead to conform to that pattern of behaviour which will win the approval of his mates. He may try to forget his feelings of peace and contentment on the moors and by the sea, but the experience, and the desires within him which that experience answered, will live on, if not in his conscious, then in his subconscious mind, and will express themselves in feelings of frustration, discontent and restlessness. He may fall into a depression but will not know its cause. Tranquillisers will lessen the depression but he is less likely to discover the true cause of his sadness. When a person is tempted to suicide, the depression is not saying 'take your own life' but 'your present style of life is intolerable'.....

To be continued . . .

Abridged from: The God of Surprises – Gerard W. Hughes

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

St Boniface, born in Devon, about 675, was named Wynfrith. He became a monk but desired to be a missionary. When he was in his early forties, Pope Gregory II named him Boniface and called on him to convert the pagans, in an area now known as Germany. Here he had fair success. He then went to Friesland (now in Holland) where he had less success and was martyred.

16 June marks the Feast of St Richard of Chichester (1197-1253). His kindness towards sinners and to the poor marked him out in his own times, but his legacy lives on today in a short and still popular prayer - which goes?

AND SERIOUSLY!

On a plumber's truck:

"WE REPAIR WHAT YOUR HUSBAND FIXED."



Sign on motorway garage:

"PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE NEAR OUR PETROL PUMPS...YOUR LIFE MAY NOT BE WORTH MUCH, BUT OUR PETROL IS."

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**



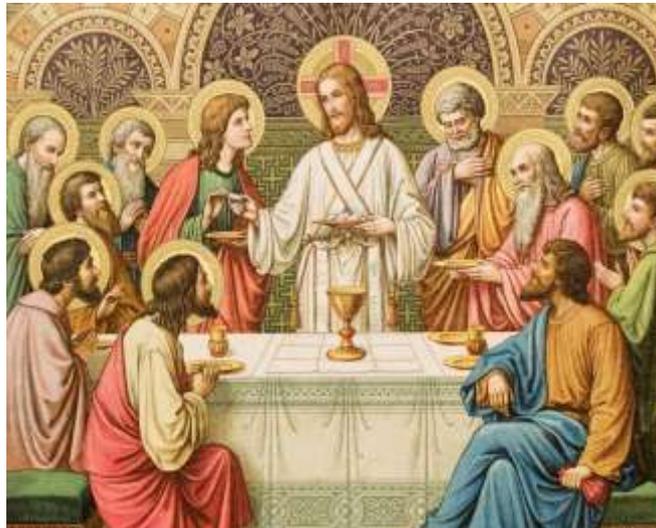
Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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 Our Lord Jesus's Body and Blood, Commentary

Gospel: John 6:51-58

This is the final section of Jesus' great discourse in the gospel of John on the Eucharist, delivered in the synagogue at Capernaum. It is in the form of a synagogue sermon, commenting in turn on the phrases of Psalm 78, 'He gave them bread – from heaven – to eat'. Jesus explains that these words are truly fulfilled not by Moses' historic gift of manna in the desert, but by the Father's continuous and repeated gift of Eucharistic bread. The discourse has the same pattern as the Mass, instruction followed by eating. The first two sections of the discourse were about God's gift of revelation in Christ, as accepted and assimilated by belief in the teaching of Jesus. Now we come to the final section on God's gift of Christ as food. Particularly striking are two points. Firstly, the stress on eating: the word used for 'eat my flesh' is full of the reality of eating; it really means 'chew', and designates the sacramental eating as a real assimilation of the nourishing food. The second point is that 'my flesh for the life of the world' links firmly to the Last Supper: the Christ that we receive is the Christ at the very moment of his redemptive act of self-offering, an act which continues throughout time and into eternity.



First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Here the Church sets before us the model for the Eucharist, that is, God's care in feeding his people during the forty-year desert trek of the Exodus from Egypt. During this time the Israelites were fed with manna; they called this 'bread from heaven', so that it has become the model for the Eucharistic bread. As in all folk-tales, the story has gradually grown in the telling, but originally manna seems to have been the wholly unexpected and seemingly-miraculous provision of a sweet substance exuded from a tamarisk bush. The Hebrews did not know what it was, and, with a wordplay typical of the Bible, etymologized it as 'man-hu', the Hebrew for 'What is it?' The reading also stresses that this heavenly gift was a symbol of divine

Wisdom, God's revelation of himself given from heaven. Hence the saying, quoted by Jesus to Satan during his Testing in the Desert, 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The manna became the symbol and reminder of God's unflinching care for his people throughout their journey, just as the Eucharist is the expression of God's care for his people today.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Paul, in writing to that difficult and divided community at Corinth, chides them for their disunity and selfishness. There were some rich members of the community, who got to the Eucharist early, took all the best places, and proceeded to unpack their hamper and feast, while the later comers – presumably the workers and slaves – justifiably felt excluded and remained hungry. In the strongest terms Paul insists that the Eucharist must be the symbol and expression of unity, and that those who prevent it being so are making themselves 'answerable for the body and blood of the Lord'. Paul seems to use 'the body of Christ' interchangeably of both the Eucharistic bread and the Eucharistic body which is the community, united in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It is difficult to see when he means one, and when the other. He obviously regards them both as equally important and equally sacred. Later in the letter he will explain that the community is an organism, in which everyone has their own, individually special part to play, all living with the Spirit of Christ as the life-giving principle. Unless this life is truly shared, it is distorted and fails in its purpose.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 12

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun Of the Feast

Mon Seasonal Proper

Tues Seasonal Proper (or + Common Pastors)

Wed Seasonal Proper

Thu Seasonal Proper - Evening Prayer I, of Feast

Fri Of the Feast

Sat Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Week 11 Ordinary

Tue St Richard of Chichester, Bishop

Wed Week 11 Ordinary

Thu Week 11 Ordinary

Fri Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Parish Patron

Sat Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of God

Gathering Hymn

O Sacred Heart,
our home lies deep in thee;
on earth thou art an exile's rest,
in heav'n the glory of the blest,
O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart,
thou fount of contrite tears;
where'er those living waters flow,
new life to sinners they bestow,
O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart,
our trust is all in thee,
for though earth's night be dark and drear,
thou breathest rest where thou art near,
O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart,
when shades of death shall fall,
receive us 'neath thy gentle care,
and save us from the tempter's snare,
O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart,
lead exiled children home,
where we may ever rest near thee,
in peace and joy eternally,
O Sacred Heart.

Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:6-11

Moses said to the people: 'You are a people consecrated to the Lord your God; it is you that the Lord our God has chosen to be his very own people out of all the peoples on the earth.

'If the Lord set his heart on you and chose you, it was not because you outnumbered other peoples: you were the least of all peoples. It was for love of you and to keep the oath he swore to your fathers that the Lord brought you out with his mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know then that the Lord your God is God indeed, the faithful God who is true to his covenant and his graciousness for a thousand generations towards those who love him and keep his commandments, but who punishes in their own persons those that hate him. He is not slow to destroy the man who hates him; he makes him work out his punishment in person. You are therefore to keep and observe the commandments and statutes and ordinances that I lay down for you today.'

Reflection

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the

Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Reflection

O, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see
he has given to me
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,
have been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide
he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from
his presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name
in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

Estelle White

Prayers of Adoration

Response to the Litany - Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendour of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
Jesus, King of glory,
Jesus, sun of justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most amiable,
Jesus, most admirable,
Jesus, the mighty God,
Jesus, father of the world to come,
Jesus, Angel of great counsel,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, example of virtues,
Jesus, zealous lover of souls,
Jesus, our God,

All repeat the words of the Divine Praises

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Wednesday Reflections and Exposition, 17 June

Adorational Hymn

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
 Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
 Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
 Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;
 O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
 Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
 So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
 In death's dread moments make me only thine;

Call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
 Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Ascribed to Pope John XXII (1249-1334)

Following the blessing with the Sacrament



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

Especially for our Children

When we go to Mass, what do we call -

- 1) the small *piece of bread* that becomes the **Body of Our Lord**?
- 2) the *cup* for the wine that becomes the **Blood of Our Lord**?



Answers to 1 & 2 1) Host 2) Chalice

All the words below can be found in the Gospel 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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| LIVING | BLOOD |
| BREAD | SON OF MAN |
| ANYONE | ETERNAL |
| FLESH | WHOEVER |
| ARGUING | DRAW |
| SOLEMNLY | LIFE |
| DRINK | ANCESTORS |

Two Missing Words *Flesh Arguing*

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

Notes regarding the Opening of Churches

From Bishop Marcus, 6 June

The (*Diocesan*) Steering Group has provided the following information points to keep you up to date on the arrangements being made.

- An updated Guidance document has been issued to Dioceses by the Bishops' Conference and a Risk Assessment Template for the re-opening of churches for individual prayer is being prepared in collaboration with the Government's Task Force.

- To date, there is no clear timetable for when the Government might give permission for the re-opening of churches in advance of the 4th July date given in Phase 3 of its COVID-19 recovery strategy document (published on 11th May). Until a specific permission is given, no church can be re-opened to the public.

- o In this Diocese, the re-opening of any individual church will only take place following the risk assessment being signed-off by the Dean and the Property Administrator in consultation with the Parish Priest and when all safety measures and stewarding arrangements are in place.

- No Parish Priest should feel obliged to facilitate the opening of a church even where permission has been given. The frequency and timing of the opening of the church will depend entirely on local resources and can be modified as appropriate.

- o Churches should not be open during the celebration of Mass, or any liturgy, including the Divine Office and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (these all are defined as Public Worship which is not yet able to recommence under the Government's current restrictions)

- So far, the following factors are clear:

- o Before permission is given to re-open, one of the requirements will be to have two stewards on duty throughout the period of time a church is open. The Guidance is that stewards "should not be drawn from those instructed to shield themselves, nor, as a general rule, from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus."

- To implement this, the duties of stewards will be clearly set out. Volunteers will be asked to declare that they know what they are required to do as stewards and to confirm that they are safely and clinically able to do so. Current Government policy is that there are two levels of significant risk: high and moderate.

- People at high risk will have received a letter from the NHS. People at moderate risk "can go out to work (if you cannot work from home) and for things like getting food or exercising. But you should try to stay at home as much as possible. It's very important

you follow the general advice on social distancing, including staying at least 2m away from anyone you do not live with."

- Where anyone under 18 years of age volunteers as a steward, they will be able to do so only when accompanied by an adult member of their household.

- o Permission to open will require an agreed seating and circulation plan which respects the 2m social distancing. Where possible a signposted one-way system with separate entrance and exit routes should also be used, where sanitizer hand gel is provided on entry and exit.

- In this Diocese the Dean, or a priest designated by the Bishop, or an officer from the curial staff will arrange to visit the church to agree the plan with the Parish Priest. A questionnaire/check list will be signed-off and submitted to the Property Office to agree.

- o Permission to re-open will require appropriate cleaning arrangements to be in place while churches are in use and a record kept.

- The requisite Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is being procured by the Property Office, along with appropriate signage, tape and hand sanitizer. These will be available either for collection from Hinsley Hall by the Dean or designated priest by appointment, or arrangements for local delivery can be made. As you will appreciate, this may take a while to co-ordinate and it is intended that the first consignments will be made ready during the coming week. Further details about this will be sent to Deans by next Wednesday 13th or Thursday 14th June.

- A range of appropriate signs will be sent by e-mail and also be available on the Diocesan Intranet for parish priests to download and print-off according to the number and size required for each church.

These preparations and arrangements will be reviewed on a weekly basis by the Steering Group and members of the group are available to provide advice to other Deans and members of the clergy.



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