



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: Wednesday's 11.30am Reflections & Exposition, pg 5: St Elizabeth of Portugal, pg 6
New Governors needed for our Parish Schools NOW: please see pgs 7-8 for details

	All Services to be Facebook live-streamed marked FB	Mass Intentions
Saturday 27 June	Churches open for Private Prayer 9.30-11.00am - at The Sacred Heart 12.00-1.30pm - at St Joseph's	
Sunday 28 June	10.30am Parish Mass FB <i>Hymns and Readings pgs 5-6</i>	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 29 June		<i>Dixon Family</i>
Tuesday 30 June	Church open for Private Prayer 11.30am-1.00pm - at The Sacred Heart	<i>Intentions Fr Battle</i>
Wednesday 1 July	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly FB 11.30am-12.00nn Scripture Reflections & Exposition FB	<i>Intentions Fr Durcan</i>
Thursday 2 July	Church open for Private Prayer 9.30-11.00am - at St Joseph's	<i>Blessings on Recently Bereaved</i>
Friday 3 July	12.00nn Angelus and Friday Devotion FB	<i>Dennis Vincent</i>
Saturday 4 July	Churches open for Private Prayer 9.30-11.00am - at The Sacred Heart 12.00-1.30pm - at St Joseph's	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Sunday 5 July	10.30am Parish Mass FB	<i>Parish Family</i>

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.

From Fr Anthony

We recently kept the Feast of St Antony of Padua. He is one we might pray to if we can't find some item, such as our keys (and he is very good at helping find things). But this stems really from his reputation, when alive, of bringing 'lost souls' back to God. His success at this was rooted in his gentleness with sinners and his preaching ability. The following is an example, but note, his words are not meant for just preachers who are priests. Our Baptism calls on each one of us to preach Christ through our words and deeds.



The man who is filled with the Holy Spirit speaks in different languages. These different languages are different ways of witnessing to Christ, such as humility, poverty, patience and obedience; we speak in those languages when we reveal in ourselves these virtues to others. Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. We are full of words but empty of actions, and therefore are cursed by the Lord, since he himself cursed the fig tree when he found no fruit but only leaves. Gregory says: "A law is laid upon the preacher to practise what he preaches." It is useless for a man to flaunt his knowledge of the law if he undermines its teaching by his actions.

But the apostles spoke as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Happy the man whose words issue from the Holy Spirit and not from himself! For some men speak as their own character dictates, but steal the words of others and present them as their own and claim the credit for them. The Lord refers to such men and others like them in Jeremiah: *So, then, I have a quarrel with the prophets that steal my words from each other. I have a quarrel with the prophets, says the Lord, who have only to move their tongues to utter oracles. I have a quarrel with the prophets who make prophecies out of lying dreams, who recount them and lead my people astray with their lies and their pretensions. I certainly never sent them or commissioned them, and they serve no good purpose for this people, says the Lord.*

We should speak, then, as the Holy Spirit gives us the gift of speech. Our humble and sincere request to the Spirit for ourselves should be that we may bring the day of Pentecost to fulfilment, insofar as he infuses us with his grace, by using our bodily senses in a perfect manner and by keeping the commandments. Likewise we shall request that we may be filled with a keen sense of sorrow and with fiery tongues for confessing the faith, so that our deserved reward may be to stand in the blazing splendour of the saints and to look upon the triune God.

Things happening in our Parish

Can you volunteer to be a Steward and/or help clean at either of our Churches? Please read on and then contact Fr Anthony.

Both our Churches are opening -

but please note, this week for private prayer ONLY. See pg 1 for times of opening. Stewards will be on hand to help guide, and to help keep us as safe as can be.

Very especially, if you have any of the symptoms of Covid-19, help protect others and stay at home.

Otherwise, you are invited to either of our Churches, when open, for a few minutes or for the full period.

At both Churches there is a one way system. At **The Sacred Heart**, please enter by the main door but leave by the Sanctuary fire exit. At **St Joseph's**, please enter by the ramp and white door to the left of the main door and only exit by the main door. If you have difficulties with steps, please, at either of our Churches, speak with a Steward when about to leave, who will ensure you have a clear way through the way you entered.

Please use seats as indicated. Those who come as members of one household may sit together. If requested to wait for a short while by a Steward, to allow for the required safety procedures, please be patient.

Regrettably, we are not able to provide toilet or baby changing facilities until further notice.

Reopening for Mass As this Newsletter was posted we did not have full details about the regulations to open our Churches for Mass. The **likelihood** is that our Parish will **NOT** be ready to have an open Mass next weekend. It is, **hoped**, however, that we will be able to have at least two open Masses in the week following and then weekend Masses also.

The frequency of Masses will be much determined by when our Churches can be cleaned (mostly washing and sanitising benches after **every** use). This might be done by the Stewards and/or others (straight after Mass being a best option), but it **must** be done before next opening.

Please note that there may well need to be changes to previous Mass times, both on weekdays and weekends.

We can presume that most or all of the regulations for opening for private prayer will also apply, for some time, when we can have open Masses.

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For 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

Mass Readings & Divine Office: www.universalis.com

Newly added here - Masses & Liturgies from many Churches in the UK and Ireland: www.churchservices.tv



Parish Facebook We have an active Facebook group. Find us at - Parish of the Sacred Heart Hemsworth and St Joseph's Moorthorpe.

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. Parents will be informed of the details, as soon as it is known when we can resume.

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

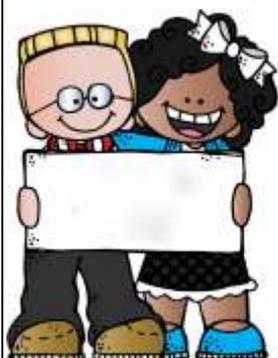
DO YOU KNOW?

Etheldreda (Audrey), 636-679, was born as an East Anglian Princess. Her great desire was to be a nun. Though she married the King of Northumbria, after the death of her first husband, she remained a virgin throughout. She finally managed to retreat to Ely, where she founded an Abbey, which is now the site of Ely Cathedral.

In 1670, Oliver Plunkett was appointed Archbishop of Armagh. Noting a significant problem among many Irish priests he wrote: "Let us remove this defect from an Irish priest, and he will be a saint". What was the defect?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A four and a six-year-old presented their mum with a house plant. They had used their own money and she was thrilled. The elder one said sadly, "There was a bouquet we wanted to



give you but it was too expensive. The ribbon said: 'Rest in Peace' and we thought it was just perfect, as you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest."

Parish Monies

Thank you very much for your donations:

16-21 June:

Envelopes £396.00

Donate/Text £ 30.00

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

Clearing the Approaches

When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. (1 Cor. 13:11)

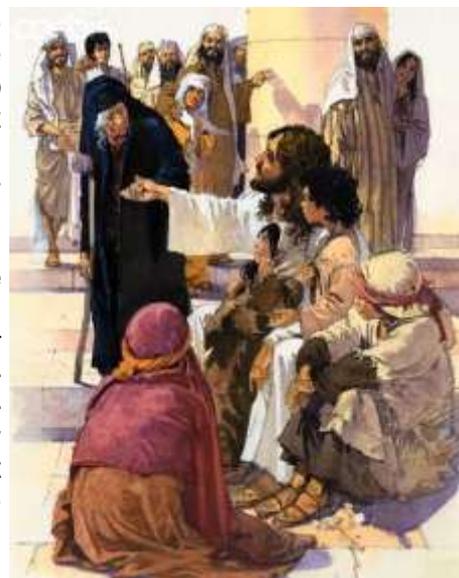
The treasure lies in what you might consider a most unlikely field – yourself. It takes most of us a long time and we have many obstacles to overcome before we begin to recognise the field where our treasure is hidden, that is, before we learn to find and accept ourselves, where God is. Until we do find ourselves, God remains remote, a shadow figure, to some unimportant, to others terrifying.

When I was a child about three years, I was being put to bed one evening by one of my older sisters. I sat on the edge of my bed and uttered the word 'God'. I can still remember why I did it. I wanted to see what would happen.

Each evening at home all the family prayed the rosary before going to bed, kneeling on the floor of the sitting room facing the fireplace. Above the fireplace was a painting of Grandma in a heavy frame. She wore a hat which looked like a rock garden with a veil hanging from it making her face look very sad and mysterious. At prayer time I used to become afraid of this picture, fearing that Grandma might start moving in response to our prayers.

Judging from these early memories, I think God for me in childhood was a mysterious, remote, unpredictable but powerful figure, an impression confirmed later when, at the age of seven, I had to learn by heart the Catechism description of God as 'the Supreme Spirit who alone exists of Himself and is infinite in all perfections', a definition which set him well apart from anything in my experience. The danger is that he remains apart.

It is extraordinary that Christianity, which believes 'the Word became Flesh', should so emphasise the divinity of Christ that his humanity is so often neglected. We can only discover his divinity in and through his humanity, as his first disciples did. Unlike them we cannot see and touch him in his humanity: we can only discover him in our own and other peoples'. Neglect of this truth and the attempt to bypass our humanity in our search for God is the root cause of much confusion, frustration, and disillusion among Christians.



We find God in and through our human development.....

To be continued . . .

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

Please Keep
in Prayer

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



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

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing
George Potts, Cynthia Potts, Sheila Jordan, Peggy Heneghan, Kazia Andruszko, Liz Allen, David Olbison
John O'Brien, Dennis Fricker, Monica Lowe, Janice Coyle, Nicola Glew, and all our housebound

The Word: Year A, Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, Commentary

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

This is one of the very rare saints' days to displace the Sunday celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord, which shows its importance. In a way it is still a Feast of the Lord, for it is the feast of the Church. Peter is to be the Rock foundation of Jesus' own people, for that is what we are. Christ has called us together as his own people, and he has promised that he will always be present in this Church, 'when two or three are gathered together in my name'. So Christ is present even in an ordinary household trying to live together with Christ at their centre. Here Jesus makes the promise to Peter that what he binds on earth will be bound in heaven; his decisions will hold firm in the eyes of God. Later Jesus makes the same promise to the community itself. So Peter is the spokesman for the Christian community, voicing the decisions of the Church. At his last meeting with his disciples the risen Christ promises to be with them 'till the end of the ages'; the bishops, as the successors of the apostles, are the channels of Christ's presence among us now. So today is the celebration of Christ among us, his people.

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

This story is delightfully told: Peter is like a sleepy child, woken in the middle of the night. There are perhaps too many escapes from prison in the Book of Acts; Luke obviously enjoys this kind of story, and so would his audience. However, such narratives demonstrate the special protection which God exercises over the infant Church. Once James, the leader of the Jerusalem Church, had been executed, if Peter had gone too, the community would have been dangerously bereft. The presence of the angel signifies this special protection and divine intervention to ensure the continuance of the Church. Peter has already been leading the Church (he has introduced the centurion Cornelius, the first gentile convert) and he still has to take a leading part at the Council of Jerusalem, thereby ensuring the liberty of gen-

tile Christians from observance of the full Jewish Law. After that Peter disappears from the scene. The tradition is strong that he was martyred in Rome, but we do not know where his apostolic role took him. Paul tells us that, while he himself was entrusted with the mission to the gentiles, Peter was entrusted with the mission to the Jews. The Jewish Christians were an important group among the first generations of Christians.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

The Second Letter to Timothy was probably written in Paul's name, rather than being directly authored by him. As Paul frequently does, this passage uses the images of sport, so popular in the ancient world: the arena, the racetrack and the winner's crown. Paul gives full expression to his consciousness of the Lord's power to save, and also to his longing for the completion of his own life in the Lord, balanced (as always) by his eagerness to do the Lord's work in his mission here and now. This longing is at the heart of every Christian. Despite a human fear of death, we know that in the end we will be welcomed into the Lord's embrace. The early Christians saw this 'Appearing' of the Lord in terms of a royal procession in the clouds, signalling the end of the world, but what we look forward to is not so much the dissolution of the universe but to a personal meeting with the Lord. This meeting will be awesome and daunting because we will be brought face to face with ourselves and see ourselves as we truly are – including all those faults and failures which we refuse to admit even to ourselves, yet conscious of the overwhelming comfort of forgiveness in the divine love.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 14

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun Proper of Saints

Mon Seasonal Proper

Tues Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

Wed Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

Thu Seasonal Proper

Fri Proper of Saints

Sat Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Week 13 Ordinary

Tue First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Wed St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr

Thu Week 13 Ordinary

Fri St Thomas, Apostle

Sat St Elizabeth of Portugal, Holy Woman

Scripture Reflections and Exposition: Wednesday 1 July

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'rful 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)

First Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

You are no longer aliens or foreign visitors: you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit.

Reflection

Gospel: John 20:24-29

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'



Reflection

Reflective Hymn

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

H W Baker (1821-77)

Prayers of Adoration

Response in the Litany - Have mercy on us.

Repeat each phrase of the Divine Praises

Eucharist 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.

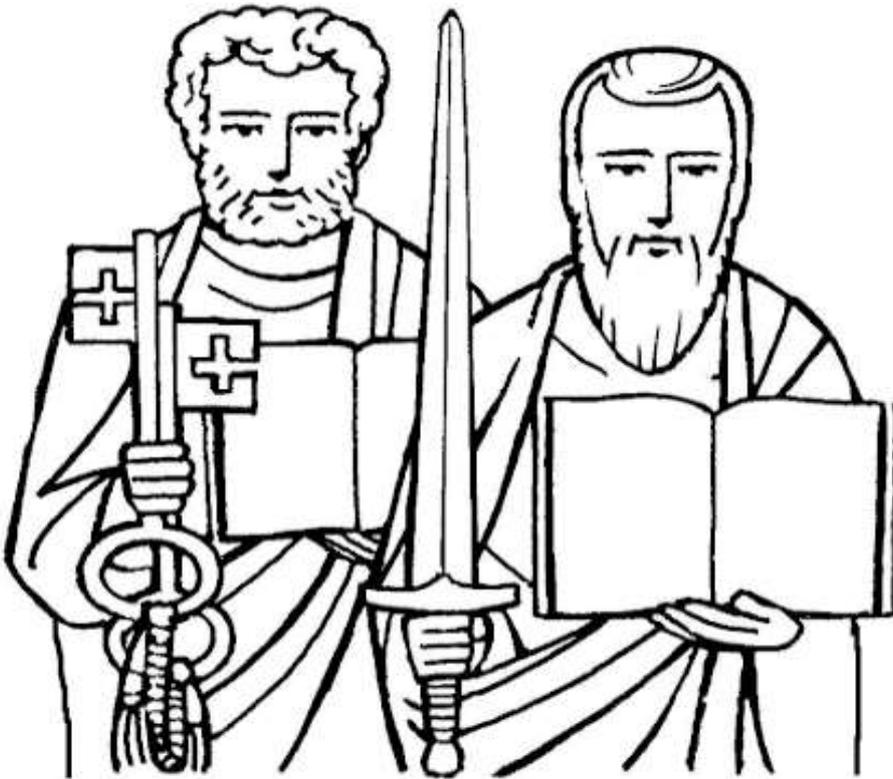
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St Elizabeth of Portugal, a woman for all times: Feast 4 July

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal was born in 1271, in Spain. Her father, Pedro III, was later king of Aragon. Meanwhile, her father gave her in marriage to King Denis of Portugal. She was aged just twelve. She was a devout Catholic and attended Mass daily. She became well respected for how she gave attention to befriending pilgrims and strangers, and caring for the sick and the poor. She remained devoted to her husband, though he was not so devoted to her for a long while, with the result that he had several children outside of his marriage. This was well known throughout his kingdom. Still, her fortitude and prayers for her husband eventually had results and he gave up his bad behaviour. Elizabeth also had much effect in gaining peace between the king, their son Alfonso, and the king's other children. Elizabeth's ability as a peace-maker extended to King Ferdinand of Aragon, and his cousin James, who claimed the crown. After her husband's death, Elizabeth retired to Coimbra, as a Franciscan tertiary, at the Poor Clares' monastery. From there, Elizabeth was able to bring about another act of lasting peace, between her son Alfonso, now king of Portugal, and his son-in-law, the king of Castile.

Especially for our Children



1) To which apostle did Jesus say: 'I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven'?

2) When Paul became a martyr, what was used to kill him?

3) Both Peter and Paul wrote letters to the early Christians - which of them wrote the most?

4) Jesus re-named Simon and called him Peter - what does the name Peter mean?

Answers to 1 - 4

1) Peter
2) A sword
3) Paul
4) Rock

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?

CAESAREA	REVEALED
PHILIPPI	FATHER
QUESTION	HEAVEN
BAPTIST	ROCK
ELIJAH	CHURCH
SIMON	KEYS
PETER	LOOSED

Two Missing Words

Elijah Keys

Q	A	C	H	U	R	C	H	Q	E
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FOUNDATION GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MOORTHORPE AND SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Moorthorpe and Sacred Heart Catholic Primary Schools, which are part of The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust are seeking persons to volunteer as Foundation Governors to serve on the schools' Academy Councils. Being a Governor can be a worthwhile and rewarding experience.

What kinds of people make good Foundation Governors?

Foundation Governors must be practising and committed Catholics, in communion with the Church.

Governors bring a variety of experiences to the Academy Council from many different backgrounds. The strength of a Governor lies not only in knowledge of education or expertise but in other qualities and life-skills, such as tact, common sense, a belief in raising standards and a real commitment to the pupils/students, staff and community.

What do Foundation Governors do?

Foundation Governors have a duty to preserve and develop the academy's Catholic character and to ensure that the school is conducted in accordance with the Diocesan Trust Deed.

Governors need to dedicate time to their role, be prepared to make decisions and act with the very best of intentions and confidentially at all times. Key roles include having:

- a keen and active interest in education and school improvement;
- a commitment to invest the time required to prepare for and attend all meetings;
- a willingness to undertake the necessary training and to keep up to date;
- an ability to work as part of a team;
- ability to spend time getting to know the school through Governor visits;
- respect for confidentiality at all times and abiding by the Code of Conduct; and
- excellent communication skills, tact and diplomacy.

What are the expectations of Academy Councils?

The overall purpose of the Academy Council is to:

- support the Trust Board in delivering its Strategic Plan at a local level;
- ensure clarity of the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the academy;
- hold the Headteacher and senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the academy and its pupils and the performance management of staff;
- oversee the financial performance of the academy, making sure delegated money is well spent against the identified priorities and within the agreed budget; and
- actively embrace community, parental and staff engagement to raise the profile of the academy.



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How much time will I need to be a Foundation Governor?

Academy Councils are required to hold three full meetings per year, however many choose to hold six meetings. These meetings are held in the school and last for around two hours. Meeting dates and times are agreed by the Academy Council. There might be further meetings held and it is important that Governors always try to attend.

On occasions, Governors are also expected to spend some time in the school during the school day to gather more information to support them in gaining a deeper understanding of the academy. This will involve extra time but is an opportunity to look at more detailed areas of school business such as standards, safeguarding, finance etc.

What support will I receive?

Training will be provided by the Leeds Diocese and The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust. Governors have access to the National Governance Association website, receive a weekly e-newsletter and have the opportunity to attend regional and national training events.

The academy will arrange in-house training for Governors as appropriate. The Trust Governance Manager can be contacted for support and advice.

How might it benefit me?

Being a Governor can bring great satisfaction through the opportunity to make a difference to the effective running of the academy. Governors work as a team in contributing knowledge and expertise and making collective decisions for the academy. As a Governor you acquire transferable skills and experience that can benefit you both personally and professionally.

How long is the term of office?

Foundation Governors serve for a four-year term of office.

How can I apply to become a governor?

If you are interested in volunteering as a Foundation Governor, please contact one of the schools directly or Claire Thomas, Trust Governance Manager for an application form at:

Email: cthomas@bkcat.co.uk

Telephone: 01924 802285

Your application will need to be endorsed by the Parish Priest before being returned to the Diocese of Leeds for consideration by the Bishop, who makes the appointment.