



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

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

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## Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 17, 25/26 July

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		<b>Services Facebook live-streamed marked FB</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 25 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Thomas Holly</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 26 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass (FB live-stream also - note time)	<i>Joseph &amp; Kathleen Smith Parish Family</i>
Monday 27 July			
Tuesday 28 July			
Wednesday 29 July	St Joseph's	11.30am Mass	<i>Joseph Barry McCombe</i>
Thursday 30 July	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Yorkshire Brethren</i>
Friday 31 July	St Joseph's	11.00am Funeral Mass <i>In Church limit 30 - official mourners only please</i> 12.00nn Angelus and Friday Devotion FB only	<i>Dominic Simon Stones</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 1 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Betty Parkinson Eileen O'Reilly</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 2 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am 10.45am Mass (FB live-stream also - note time)	<i>Parish Family John Sullivan</i>

**Regrettably numbers have to be limited at all Masses, to enable physical distancing, so places should be pre-booked. All Saturday and Sunday Masses will be of the Sunday. To book: see our Parish Website, our Parish Facebook Page, or contact Fr Anthony.**

**The sad reality, just now, is that funerals are limited to congregations of 30. While any can stand outside the Church, it's best to check a day or so before, whether there might be spare places within.**

### Altar Servers

Those who normally serve at [St Joseph's](#) are invited to please serve.

Those who normally serve at [The Sacred Heart](#), please contact Paul Stuart (tel 07519-120741), as at some Masses we may need a check on numbers (maximum of 5).

At both Churches *please come dressed in smart casuals*, as for just now Servers will not be wearing their robes. Those who know they are serving (as agreed with Paul, at Sacred Heart) *should not be pre-booked for Mass*, but others of their family do need to pre-book, to share in the same Mass.

### Readers

Just for now, Fr Anthony will invite Readers from among those Readers he finds to have pre-booked.



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## From Fr Anthony

I recently visited, with my sister, the town in Ireland where we lived all our early years. We took a memory walk through the town and we both experienced similar reactions. The chief of these was that the town seemed to have grown small. Distances which had seemed great to us as children now seemed short. Places where we played hide-and-seek and other games, that to childish eyes and imagination had seemed so vast, now appeared to have shrunk so much that we wondered where we could have hidden or had enough space to play. When we are very young, the world seems vast. As we grow older, the physical reality seems to contract.

I then reflected on another reality around and within us, not physical but spiritual, the unseen world of God and of our inner self and our relationship with God. Here I detected some kind of opposite development. As I grew older, this spiritual world which in my youth was small and narrow, was growing larger, expanding into a wonderful new world full of mystery. My small idea of God and of myself was giving way to the greater reality of the true God and the true self. This has taken some time! But it was worth waiting for . . . This change was brought home to me on that memory walk in my home town. As we entered the churchyard, my sister reminded me that one Sunday morning, as we entered this very yard, she told me that she had swallowed some drops of water when washing her teeth and she asked me if she could receive Holy Communion. I asked her what I had said, and to my horror was told that I was very definite that she had broken the Communion fast, and could not receive. So much for the theologian of fifteen years and his small God!



It took me years to discover that my home town was not as great and vast as I had thought it was, when a child. It has taken even more years to realise that my God is not as small and narrow as I had imagined him to be. Some may want to blame a legalistic Church, that in earlier days put an emphasis on a God of laws. But the Church, like its members, is also weak and often fails. However, God is always with his family, the Church, offering his Spirit to heal and renew. But some fear change. Observance of laws seems to offer security. But Jesus put life and love at centre, not observance of laws. The Holy Spirit invites us into the adventure of letting God be God. It's easy to criticize past failings. Let us not waste time in regret over the past, but look into our own hearts and see how we are responding right now in seeking the true God, the God who first seeks us in love.

*Abbreviated from 'Be Still and Know', Ch 1, Robert Kelly SJ*

## Things happening in our Parish

**Please, if you can, volunteer to be a Steward at one or other of our Churches.**

**Presently, our Thursday Mass is the most vulnerable, in terms of needing Stewards, to continue.**

**Stewarding does require arriving early; also a shortish time for cleaning, after Mass. Fr Anthony will gladly supply details of what is required.**

**The more Stewards we have, the less will be the number of times each Steward will be needed**

**(Note: any who are especially vulnerable, such as those who have been shielding, may not be able to sign the necessary health declaration to qualify.)**

**The times set for Masses**, just now, at our Churches, are the result of educated guess work. The times of Masses on Saturdays aim to provide as many as possible with an opportunity to share in a Mass of a Sunday, but to hopefully take pressure off the Sunday Masses. It is hoped that *some* of the usual 'Sunday Mass' attendees might find the Saturday times attractive, and having the second Mass at 4.00pm means it does not conflict with such as bath, supper and bed time for the littlies. Then, as the 'Sunday Obligation' is presently suspended, maybe some who find that the Wednesday or Thursday times suit well, will make that their *first choice* in the week. However, if attendances in the next few weeks show any of the times not working too well, some of the times may need to change. The present intention (but not guarantee) is that the Weekend Masses will remain as is, through August, but during August, will be reviewed. Wednesday and Thursday Masses, though, in particular, *may* be subject to change, during August

**Perhaps you don't feel that being a Steward, at our Masses, is something you are suited too? Then maybe you can help wipe over (sanitize) such as the benches used, after Mass? Many hands and all that!! Please have a word with Fr Anthony, or any who are stewarding, when you come along to Mass.**

**Many Thanks** for the great amount of co-operation that is being shown to those stewarding at our Masses. None of us are much used to being ushered, or ushering others around our Churches. Hopefully it wont be too long until we can be more relaxed, For now, however, it would be a great shame to lose the benefits of the long lockdown for want of following the 'guidelines'. So again, many thanks!

**Be Movement Aware** Some of us can start in one place and, without realising it, end up a foot or more from our starting position. The bench markers in our Churches are guides, but please be aware of where you are sitting in relation to others in nearby places.

**A Thought or Two** Have you had a thought, during the lockdown, of the many who experience lockdown pretty well *every day, every month, every year*; not on account of Covid-19, but because they are always housebound with another illness or infirmity? Some housebound have large families and many regular visitors, but some see very few (other than, *perhaps*, care-workers), from one weekend to the next. Anyone known to you?

*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 now expected 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, after one of our Parish Masses, 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 Baptised Catholics now in *school year 5 or older*, before the summer of 2021. Watch for application details, during the coming Autumn.

**First Reconciliation/Communion** Our programme of preparation is presently on hold. Parents should be informed soon of the details to resume.

**Marriage** Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact Fr Anthony.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** is now available but presently by appointment only: please contact Fr Anthony.

## Parish Monies

**Many Thanks** for donations,  
13 - 19 July:

Envelopes £ 39.80  
Donate/Text £1094.00

## Donations to our Parish

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

## GOD OF SURPRISES

### Clearing the Approaches

The Church, in childhood, especially, but also later, must feed our memories with the story of its history. As the family history is



passed on to the child, the story of the Christian family must also be given, so that the child is introduced to the stories of the Bible, the events of the Gospel and to the lives of the saints. There must be a teaching role in every religion. Children will normally accept whatever they are told as being true and are

unlikely as infants to ask, 'On what do you base your assumption that there is a God and why should I accept what you tell me as being true?' These problems begin later. Unless there is an acceptance stage, the child cannot learn to formulate questions because it will have nothing on which to base them.

The Church's teaching role is not limited to passing on factual information, but also includes moral teaching, for it would be cruel to leave a child to discover through trial and error what it may and may not do. The child has to be taught not to steal, not to lie, to keep the rice pudding on its plate and not stick it on the wall in a tantrum.

The Church must pass on to the child its history, its doctrinal and moral teaching in a way that the child can assimilate, but it must also continue this teaching role for the adolescent and adult too. This statement is so obvious that it seems unnecessary to

mention, yet the obvious truth has very often been ignored, children being instructed in a highly technical and abstract theological language on the one hand, and adults expected to accept this same mysterious language with the credulity of a child. Ministering to the predominant needs and activities of the child and continuing to minister to them in adolescents and adults constitutes the institutional element in the Church.



Although adolescence is normally characterized at the stage of growing sexual awareness, the awareness is more than sexual. Adolescence is the time when the mind begins to question. We are trying to discover some unity and meaning in the multiplicity of sense impressions, facts, teachings, beliefs and experiences presented to us. The Greek philosophers were not the only ones to seek 'the One in the Many': we all do it in our different ways.

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*To be continued . . .*

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

St Bruno was born in Cologne in 1030. Little is known of his childhood, but he went to Reims, in France, to study theology. While he was ordained a priest in Cologne, he was soon called back to teach in Reims. He then had a growing desire to be a monk and went to establish the first Carthusian monastery, near to Grenoble.

*The location of the first Carthusian monastery became well known, on account of the liquor the monks still produce there, to earn a living and maintain their monastery. What is the name of the place and liqueur?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

A thief almost escaped with paintings stolen from the Louvre in Paris, after meticulous planning to foil the elaborate security. However, he was caught when his van ran out of petrol. Asked by a puzzled policeman how he could carry out such an audacious

crime and then make such a simple blunder, he shrugged his shoulders and explained: "I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh.



Please Keep  
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**  
especially Dominic Simon Stones, 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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 17, Commentary

### Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

St Matthew presents us this week with three final pictures from his collection of Jesus' images about the Christian community. Matthew likes pairs of parables: the dragnet pairs with last week's dandelion-parable, the treasure pairs with the pearl. The Kingdom is an exciting and unexpected treasure which can change our whole life; it's like winning the pools or the lottery – except that God's gifts change us only for the good, and fill our lives with meaning and joy. Of course we know that God's call is demanding: you've got to pay a price for the field in which the treasure lies, or for the genuine pearl found in a junk-shop! The very last picture - the householder bringing down different food-packets, pots and jars off the shelf - is encouraging too: some are old favourites (perhaps like the Christian values and prayers which we inherited from our families), but some add new flavours too, which we have discovered or been taught ourselves. If we listen, the Spirit is always there to show us new ways of living out our Christian calling, revealing to us an opportunity for prayer or help or service. This 'householder' is often thought to be Matthew's secret signature for himself: he brings out old and new in the Christian message.

### First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

How many of our modern politicians and monarchs would do well to imitate this prayer of Solomon as he comes to the throne! He is touchingly conscious of his own inadequacies and inexperience. He does not ask for anything for his own advantage, but just for the skills he needs to rule his people well. In reply the Lord promises him plenty of material rewards. Immediately afterwards, as illustration of the wisdom which is given to him, we have the famous story of 'The Judgment of Solomon', how he settled the dispute between two prostitutes, each claiming as her own the live baby of two, the other of whom had died. Solomon's wisdom became so renowned that several collections of witty and pungent proverbs in the Bible are attributed to him.



The Lord made him a canny businessman too, for he built up a fortune as middleman, selling horses from Asia Minor to Egypt, and chariots to go with them from Egypt to Asia Minor, as well as mining the minerals of the land. No wonder the Queen of Sheba was bowled over! The reading is given here perhaps to pair with the gospel picture of the disciple who in the parables brings out wisdom new and old.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

It is time for Paul to start summing up the benefits of the Spirit which he has detailed in this eighth chapter of Romans. In his excitement he switches to high rhetoric, using a triple chain-figure which he uses also elsewhere in his exalted conclusions: 'destined – called, called – justified, justified – glorified'. The content about which he is justifiably so excited is that God's chosen ones are moulded to the image, shape or pattern of his Son; they are not merely co-heirs but conformed to him. To underline this assimilation to Christ, Paul uses every metaphor he can find: con-crucified with Christ, con-buried with him, con-risen with him, congruent with him. Living with Christ's life, moulded to the pattern of Christ, the Christian takes on Christ's history as his or her own. Here St Paul emphasises the personal aspect of being plunged into Christ's death at Baptism. The community aspect will be explored in the letters to the quarrelsome community at Corinth: as all Christians live with Christ's life, Christians form one single body, vivified by the same life-giving Spirit, and therefore must help and serve one another as members of the same body, each contributing a different gift for the well-being of the whole.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

## The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 18

1st Reading:  
2nd Reading: Romans  
Gospel: Matthew

## Prayer of the Church

### Psalter Week 1

**Sun** Seasonal Proper  
**Mon** Seasonal Proper  
**Tues** Seasonal Proper  
**Wed** Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints  
**Thu** Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)  
**Fri** Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints  
**Sat** Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

## This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** Of Week 17  
**Tue** Of Week 17  
**Wed** St Martha, Holy Woman  
**Thu** St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Dr of Church  
**Fri** St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
**Sat** St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Dr of Church



### Gathering Psalm (All say)

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the God who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

A mighty God is the Lord,  
a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his.  
To him belongs the sea, for he made it  
and the dry land shaped by his hands.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

For forty years I was wearied of these people  
and I said: "Their hearts are astray,  
these people do not know my ways."  
Then I took an oath in my anger:  
"Never shall they enter my rest."

### Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to

discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

### Responsorial Psalm 118(119)

R Lord how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold,  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it,  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple.

R Lord how I love your law!

### Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

*Mass continues over page . . .*

## Year A, Ordinary Time, Mass of Sunday 17

### Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting. Amen.

### 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 that you be in our hearts  
 and minds,  
 for you to be one with and within each of us.

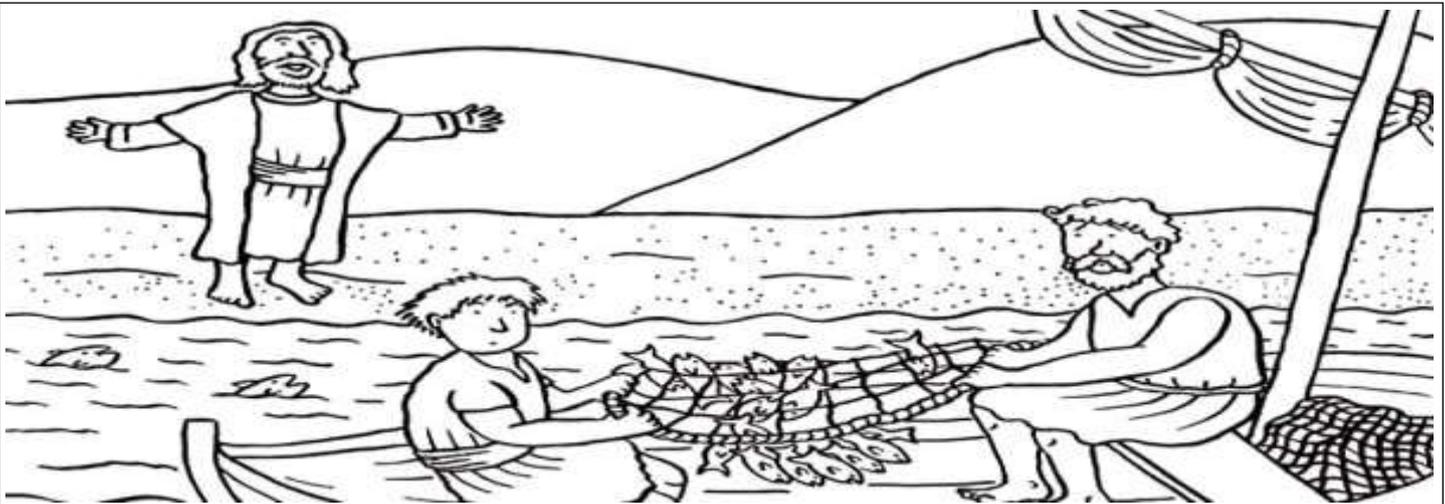
With all who cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
 but wish to do so,  
 we trust you to spiritually be among them and within them,  
 and to enable us all, each and every one,  
 to unite ourselves wholly to you now and forever. Amen

### Prayer after Communion

Bountiful God,  
 at this table you graciously feed us  
 with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
 May we who have reached out our hands to receive this  
 sacrament  
 be strengthened in your service;  
 we who have sung your praises  
 tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
 we who have seen the greatness of your love  
 see you face to face in your kingdom  
 and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.  
 Father, we offer ourselves to you  
 as a living sacrifice  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
 to live and work for your praise and glory.

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## Especially for our Children



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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| KINGDOM  | VALUE    |
| HEAVEN   | DRAGNET  |
| TREASURE | HAUL     |
| HIDDEN   | ANGELS   |
| FIELD    | SEPARATE |
| MERCHANT | WICKED   |
| PEARL    | JUST     |

**Two Missing Words**      Value      Kingdom

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