



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 18, 1/2 August

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		<i>FB - Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 1 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Betty Parkinson</i> <i>Eileen O'Reilly</i>
Sunday 2 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Parish Family</i> <i>John Sullivan</i>
Monday 3 August			<i>Faithful Departed (Nov List)</i>
Tuesday 4 August			
Wednesday 5 August	St Joseph's	11.30am Mass	<i>Dominic Stones</i>
Thursday 6 August	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Albert Allan</i>
Friday 7 August			
Saturday 8 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Bill Torpey</i> <i>Thomas Holly</i>
Sunday 9 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Parish Family</i> <i>Skye Allan & Family</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.

Altar Servers

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). *Please come dressed in smart casuals*, as for now Servers are not wearing 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 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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation: presently no set times, but by appointment with Fr Anthony.

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From Fr Anthony

The mystics say we can only know what God is not. We cannot know what he is. St Augustine puts it this way: 'If you say you know God, then what you say you know is not God.' Is this not discouraging for those seeking God in prayer? On the contrary. The day we believe this truth and live it out, we can be liberated from all small and narrow images of God and can look forward to prayer with great wonder and joy. Being aware that God is infinite mystery, beyond our human understanding, does not make prayer difficult or impossible, but leads to an authentic relationship with this God. Accepting that we cannot know or describe God with our human intelligence is the greatest act of worship and adoration, and can be the most beautiful and liberating thing we can say about God. If we say we cannot fit the waters of the mighty Kariba, say, into a teacup, we are simply acknowledging a fact and rejoicing in the greatness of the lake. When we acknowledge that the wonder, beauty and love of God surpass our teacup understanding, and at the same time believe that this same God wants to reveal himself to our hearts, then we can find our hearts beating with new joy.

'Be still and know that I am God.' These words invite us into prayer with a new and exciting sense of expectation and wonder. The God beyond God says to men, 'When you seek me you shall find me. When you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me. It is Yahweh who speaks.' (Jer 29:13-14). The author of *'The Cloud of Unknowing'* agrees: 'By love he can be caught, but by thinking, never.' God is mystery. Mystery is not a mind-puzzle, but an idea too difficult for our human intelligence. Mystery is



revelation to the heart of a love and beauty that can never be exhausted. In prayer we need to cease to make God an object of the mind to be under-

stood, and see him as the mystery of Love to be explored, tasted, enjoyed, celebrated. We don't try to understand the rose, the sunset, the sea. We enjoy them. To let God be such a God, we have to grow out of childhood ideas of him.

We can today discover and experience the true God of love, who hears and notices our every heartbeat, our every wish, dream, fear, hope: because he is closer to us than we are to our own selves, and he loves us with an everlasting love. Many discover that the closer they come in prayer to this God beyond God, the closer they come to finding their own true self. The truer our picture of God, the truer our understanding of our own self. When you think about it, that should not surprise us, since we are created in his image and likeness.

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.

Stewarding does require arriving early and 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

What can be said now is that our Sacred Heart mid-week Mass is looking likely to be suspended, at the end of August, if not before. Just now we do not have enough Stewards/Cleaners to sustain the number of Masses we have at Hemsworth, especially as several of our present volunteers, at Sacred Heart, are still in paid employment. More especially, for as long as we are required to have a strict regime of cleaning after every event, we can only have more Masses if we have more Stewards/Cleaners.

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, to volunteer your help.

Disability matters Not all disabilities require wheelchairs or walking sticks, or can be seen! If any find the way things are done at our Churches (whether because of Covid-19 or not), hinders their ability to be at one or other of our Churches, please mention this to a Steward and/or Fr Anthony. Most effects of disability, if not all, can be accommodated with a little planning or adjustment.

Baptisms and Funerals While these can now take place in our Churches, the Government set number for both is a maximum congregation of 30. Nor are we yet allowed to have congregational singing at any Services.

For Funerals, families are being asked, as best they can, to draw up a list of their attendees (and if possible indicate any who can sit together). Only if their number is less than 30 can any others be allowed into the Service (on a first come first served basis). Others may gather outside our Churches, including within the grounds, but should, of course, observe distancing.

Within our Parish, for the Baptisms of small children, families can now seek to arrange dates, as long as they will have no more than 30 present, including the Parents and Godparents of the child. Note, though, that unless they joined the Baptism Preparation Programme earlier this year, parents will need to share in a forthcoming Programme first (see pg 3 for details).

Another thought Until very recently, misunderstandings about leprosy were such, that lepers had to continually distance themselves and, if others were near, to shout such as 'unclean, leper, keep away'. In many instances, they were not allowed within towns or villages, let alone shops of anywhere people gathered. As they were not allowed near others, they could seldom find work, and so also experienced great poverty. Maybe, since lockdown, we will better appreciate the Gospel accounts of Jesus often physically *touching* lepers, and then *curing* them.

Notices for our Parish Newsletter need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.

Sacraments

Baptism Our Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, will next take place 7.00-8.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall, over **Weds 16 & 23 Sep**. To join a run of the Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, after one of our Parish Masses, so as 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, 20-26 July:

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Envelopes £1094.00

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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

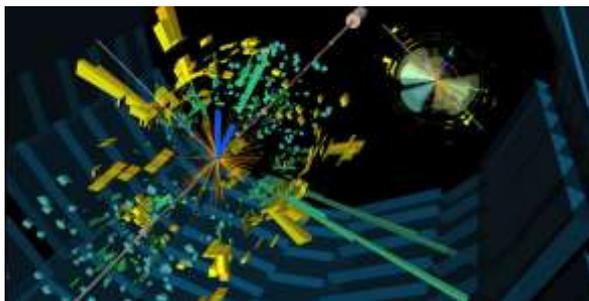
Clearing the Approaches

At one time I had to teach religion to a bright class of 15-year-olds, who had just finished their O-levels at Stonyhurst College, a Jesuit boarding school. The school still insisted that boys should attend Mass daily, so I prepared a course on the history and development of the Mass, studied with great care a heavy two volume work by the German Jesuit Jungmann, and tried to put it into digestible form for the class. After five minutes of the opening class most of them were wearing that glazed look reserved for chapel and religious instruction. At the end, one of the class approached me. 'Father,' he began, 'I suppose you realise you're wasting your time.' I suspected he was right, but was not prepared to admit it to him at that moment. 'Why do you say that?' I asked. 'Because half of us are atheists,' was his reply. 'Which half?' He paused, then said he would have to consult the others before answering my question. 'By the way,' I said 'how long have you been atheist?' Solemnly he answered 'About ten days'. Later in the day he came to me, having consulted his atheist friends, and gave me a list of names. 'Would you call yourself atheist' I asked, 'or agnostic?' This distinction had not come into the O-level syllabus, so I explained that the atheist rules out any possibility of God's existence, while the agnostic does not assert either his existence, or non-existence. He decided that he and his friends, being open-minded people, would be more correctly described as agnostic.



We formed an Agnostic's Club and used to meet regularly in their free time to discuss the question of God's existence. One of the group had been reading Bertrand Russell and had passed on the information to the others. They had decided that all phenomena

could be explained in terms of bombarding particles of matter and that the key to all knowledge lay in discovering mathematical formulae governing the movement of these particles. In my room, where we used



to meet, there was a metal coal scuttle. At one meeting I turned to one of them, a very serious youth, and asked, 'John, do you really believe that the only real distinction between your Mum and that coal scuttle lies in the different mathematical formulae governing the movement of their respective particles?' He sat, frowning with effort, then looked up. 'No there's no difference', he said. He was determined to stick by his theory and his friends. This is a good example of the characteristic activity of adolescence, the search for meaning and unity in experience.

To be continued . . .

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Through history, many monasteries have developed liquors from wines to spirits, from beers to ciders, to fund themselves. The first Carthusian monastery was founded in Chartreuse, which, of course, is the name they gave to their liqueur.

Which English Benedictine monastery enjoys international fame for its wide variety of apples and is now gaining a reputation for cider making?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A man suffered a serious heart attack and was rushed to hospital for bypass surgery. When he awoke a nun was



beside him asking if he had any insurance. He replied 'No'. 'Have you a relative who could help?' she asked. 'Only a spinster sister and she is a nun', he said. 'Nuns are not spinsters they are married to God', she replied. 'Perfect' said the patient, 'send the bill to my brother-in-law'.

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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 18, Commentary

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Every mother knows the disaster-situation of the family day out when the shops turn out to be closed and the emergency supplies have been left at home. This lot have been following Jesus three days on the trot, and there must have been nothing left at all to eat. Jesus turns the disaster into a party for that huge crowd of people. Left to our own resources we are helpless, but Jesus can deal with that. How many were there? We don't know, for the numbers are symbolic. In the Bible 'twelve' alerts us to the tribes of Israel. So the twelve baskets of scraps show that the crowd is the twelve tribes of Jesus' new Israel. The way Jesus takes the bread and says the blessing must remind any Christian of the Eucharist. So this gigantic field-party was a sort of Eucharist, Jesus at the centre of his people, entertaining them and cheering them. It probably wasn't very orderly. There would have been children enjoying the food and then running around and tripping up themselves and others. An African Mass is often like that, with lots of singing and dancing and celebration. That is why the Sunday Mass is so important: meet your friends and celebrate Christ together!

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Our approach to God and to things divine has two seemingly contrasting aspects. On the one hand we must be aware in awe of the splendour of God and of our own terrifying littleness; this engenders a hushed stillness in us. On the other hand we are filled with joy and celebrate what God has given us. Particularly in Christianity there is the joy of family and community, celebrating our oneness in Christ; the obvious way to celebrate this is a party with noise, food and drink. The readings on this Sunday are all about joy and celebration, and the first reading and gospel sound as if they are about a party. Isaiah hands us an invitation to the party. Two points are worth making about this invitation in Isai-



ah. Firstly, it is couched in similar terms to the biblical invitations from God's Wisdom to come and share the banquet prepared by Wisdom for those who wish to learn God's ways. Secondly, it is a fulfilment of the tradition of the covenant which dominates the Old Testament. God made an alliance, an intimate bond, with special promises to Abraham; he renewed it and intensified it with Moses and again with David. When Israel shattered that covenant by constant rebellion, God promised a new covenant, ratified again at a party, at Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35,37-39

This expression of delight and confidence sums up what God's love for us is all about, as it is manifested and given to us in the saving act of Jesus. In Romans Paul gives us the fullest explanation of just how Christ saves us, and how we are made a new creation and now live by the Spirit of Christ. After that, Paul goes on to present particular consequences and applications of this. There will be another such outbreak of joy from Paul which we read in three weeks' time (Romans 11:33-36). It is Paul at his best and most ardent. First, just before our reading, comes a series of excited rhetorical questions: 'What can we add?', 'Can anyone condemn?', 'Are we not certain?' Then there is the expression of Paul's total confidence in God's saving love, from which nothing can cut us off. In the biblical mind 7 is the perfect number, signifying completion: Paul first gives 7 hardships and trials which cannot cut us off, then 7 hostile powers which are powerless against the love of God. The message is: there isn't anything that can separate us from the love of God.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 19

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon Seasonal Proper + Common Martyrs

Tues Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

Wed Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

Thu Proper Feast

Fri Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

Sat Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Oswald, Martyr

Tue St John Vianney, Priest

Wed Week 18 or Dedication Basilica St Mary Major

Thu Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Fri St Sixtus II, Pope, & Companion Martyrs

Sat St Dominic, Priest



Gathering Psalm 103 (104) (All say)

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!

You founded the earth on its base,
to stand firm from age to age.
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

They rose over the mountains and flowed down
to the place which you had appointed.
You set limits they might not pass
lest they return to cover the earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow in between the hills.
They give drink to all the beasts of the field;
the wild-asses quench their thirst.
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;

You make the grass grow for the cattle
and the plants to serve man's needs,
that he may bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer man's heart;
oil, to make his face shine
and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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: Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:
Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm 144

R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in good time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts.

R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
You grant our desires.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35,37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or
lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even
attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph,
by the power of him who loved us.
For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no
prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any
power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever
come between us and the love of God made visible in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they
could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and,
leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he
stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on
them and healed their sick.
When evening came, the disciples went to him and said,
'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so
send the people away, and they can go to the villages to
buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no
need for them to go: give them something to eat
yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five
loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He
gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass;
then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his
eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the
loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the
crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they
collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those
who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say
nothing of women and children.

Mass continues over page . . .

Year A, Ordinary Time, Mass of Sunday 18

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
 the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
 of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the
 dead and the life of the world to come. 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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Words generally sung

can be more difficult to recall
 when spoken. Some, in the past
 week or so - others, of course, not
 you - have got a little wrong the
 correct versions following. You'll
 find them here for only 2/3 weeks,
 so see if you can stir the little grey
 cells to remember . . .

Holy, Holy, Holy **Lord God of hosts**.
 Heaven and earth are full
 of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
 and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

When we eat this Bread and
 drink this Cup,
 we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Save us, Saviour of the world,
 for by your Cross and Resurrection,
 you have set us free.

**Sorry, no prizes
 for remembering then right!**

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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| WITHDREW | FOOD |
| BOAT | LOAVES |
| LONELY | FISH |
| PLACE | BLESSING |
| EVENING | BREAKING |
| PEOPLE | TWELVE |
| VILLAGES | BASKETS |

Two Missing Words Breaking Food

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