



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 19, 8/9 August

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		<i>FB - Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 8 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i> <i>Skye Allan & Family</i>
Sunday 9 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	
Monday 10 August			
Tuesday 11 August			
Wednesday 12 August	St Joseph's	11.30am Mass	<i>Bill Torpey</i>
Thursday 13 August	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Intentions Archbishop</i> <i>John Wilson</i>
Friday 14 August			
Saturday 15 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Intentions Janice Coyle</i> <i>Parish Family</i>
Sunday 16 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Josephine Spencer</i> <i>June Brown</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.

Please remember: the Government has stated that face coverings must now be worn in Churches, as well as in many other indoor spaces, unless a person is exempted by age or for medical reasons.

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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Presently no set times, but can be celebrated by appointment with Fr Anthony.

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From Fr Anthony

'Our God is not one of the gods.' Paul Tillich wrote. There are no gods but only God. There is no family of divine beings, vastly superior to us, inhabiting the outer or inner world beyond death, who influences our lives. There is no such God. We call Abraham 'our father in faith'. Abraham was called to a totally new religious faith, to a belief in one God only. God is not one among others. He is source, ground and origin of all being. He is eternal, infinite mystery. God is not another, not even 'the other', but simply other. Yet even speaking like this we need to be careful not to fall back into the old trap of thinking - 'Ah, now we know something.' The word 'other', for us, suggests different, separation, distance, but God can be none of these. He is not far away. He cannot be separate from us. If he was, we would cease to be. Precisely because he is God he is inexpressibly near to us, closer to us than we are to ourselves.

These apparent contradictions we apply to God should not upset us, but delight and liberate us,



and open us up to wonder and true worship. We cannot even really apply the word 'different' to him, for revelation tells us we are made in his image and likeness. Here is deep wonder. The Bible tells us that

God forbade his people to make any image of himself. He did so because he knows us well. Becoming familiar with images we might begin to think we in some way know him and, indeed, they could come between us and himself - even keep him at a safe distance - whereas he wants to reveal himself to us and wants union with us. But then, we find that the God who forbade images of himself broke his own law. He creates man and woman in his own likeness (*Gen 1:27*) So we share in his life and mystery, and it is no wonder that we seek him. We are drawn to him. Augustine's insight is ever fresh, 'O, beauty ever ancient, ever new. You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless till they rest in you.'

When we are in touch with the real God, the God beyond God, God who is 'other', we can be open to the infinite variety and freshness of his Being. We can constantly be surprised and recreated by his activity and the revelation of his beauty, truth, love, healing, compassion. To echo the psalm, *We can clap our hands in wonder and sing a new song as he makes all things new.* Scripture constantly speaks of God as the one who always does a new thing. 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.' (*Rev. 21: 5*).

Abbreviated from 'Be Still and Know', Chapter 2, Robert Kelly SJ

Things happening in our Parish

On-line Booking for Mass Those who book on-line, to join in our Parish Masses, do not need to print/bring their tickets to Mass, as our Stewards will have a tick list. But when booking, you are advised to check the 'View Ticket' button, to be sure your registration has been successful. If you repeatedly have problems booking, please inform Fr Anthony. Also, if plans change and you will not be at a Mass you registered for, please remember to cancel.

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

Fr Anthony can provide details of what is required. The more Stewards we have, the less will be the number of times each Steward will be needed

Disability Matters Whether because of Covid-19 or not, if any find the way things are, at our Churches, hinders their ability to attend either Church, please speak with a Steward and/or Fr Anthony. Most effects of disability, if not all, can be accommodated, with a little planning.

Baptisms and Funerals The present Government set number for both is a maximum congregation of 30. For now, we are not allowed to have congregational singing.

For Funerals, families are being asked, as best they can, to draw up a list of their attendees, and to 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).

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.

Live-Streamed Mass Please note that we continue to live-stream our 10.45am Mass, each Sunday. Should any be concerned about being caught on camera, the camera is so positioned that only the Sanctuary area and those on it are within shot. *No one* in the *pew area* and *no one* who is *approaching to receive Communion* will appear on camera. The camera will stop transmitting or be pointed to another part of the Sanctuary as Mass ends, so *none exiting* will be on camera. Readers at this Mass will be on camera and Servers might be on camera at some points. Adult Readers/Servers should please gain a copy of the consent details from Fr Anthony: their agreeing to read will be taken as consent to be filmed. Parents of children who read/serve at this Mass will need to sign and return the consent form. This note, of course, relates *only* to our 10.45am Mass, as others are not live-streamed.

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,
27 July - 2 August:

Loose	£ 87.70
Envelopes	£363.95
Donate/Text	£ 59.00

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

We cannot live as human beings unless we can find some kind of unity and meaning in our lives. Even those who are labelled insane have some pattern of unity in their thinking and their acting, although the 'sane' may not be able to find it. The man who is paranoid is totally mistaken in his basic assumption that the world is created to hunt him down but, given that assumption, his behaviour is logical and consistent. The most terrifying fear to which a human being can be subjected is the fear of annihilation and of meaninglessness, so we struggle with all our strength to find some kind of sense and meaning. The temptation is to settle for that theory of existence, or that pattern of meaning, which will ensure our material comfort and cause us the least inconvenience. If we are to develop as human beings we must find some unity in our experience, formulate some theory about our lives, however elementary and crude the theory may be; We must have some plans and dreams for the future and some idea of how to accomplish them, even if the plan is only to think as little as possible and ensure a minimum output of energy. To find meaning in our lives we have to question, criticise, systematise and theorise about our experience. This was the activity in which the Agnostic's Club were engaged and none of us can escape it, although we may try to do so.



The church must answer this deep human need by evolving hypotheses and theories to show the coherence not only of its own teaching, but the coherence of its teaching with life as we experience it. A Church which concentrates simply on the coherence of its own teaching, without relating it to everyday experience is behaving like the paranoid. There may be a coherence between the teaching and the practice of the Church, but if its basic assumptions are false, then there will be a disharmony between the teaching of the Church and our everyday life, and the teaching presented will split off and become a part of our consciousness which has nothing to do with the rest of our human experience. A Church isolated from our human experience can only survive as long as it can succeed in forbidding its adherents to ask questions and think for themselves.

It must lay heavy emphasis on the importance of obedience to religious authority, obedience being understood as unquestioning acceptance of whatever is presented by the teaching authority, and by making it sinful for its members to criticise, or to read or listen to anyone who may propose any contrary teaching.

A mark of true Christianity will be its intellectual vigour and its search for meaning in every aspect of life.

To be continued . . .

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Ampleforth Abbey, near Helmsley, in North Yorkshire, grows 70 varieties of apples, some of which are common but others are rare varieties. The monks have gained international fame and sell seeds world wide. From some of their apples they now brew cider, in their on-site cider making plant.

Another English Benedictine Abbey has long had a reputation for its fortified tonic wine. Which Abbey would this be?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A friend took his small son to town and they went to a familiar café for lunch. The father lifted the boy on to the seat beside him and ordered a sandwich.

When it came the father said 'Son we'll just have a silent prayer.' Dad got through praying first but the boy sat for an unusually long time. 'What were you praying about?' his father asked. Innocently and honestly the child replied, 'How do I know? It was a silent prayer.'



**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Paul Woodgate, 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 19, Commentary

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

The Christian people are often depicted as a boat, with Peter at the helm. As in a boat, everyone has their part to play: kids to bring the excitement and the challenge, parents to take the responsibility, grandparents just to be there to comfort and reassure. Without Jesus the disciples were getting exhausted, frustrated and probably bad-tempered and quarrelling. When Jesus appears everything changes: first, terror and awed amazement, then Peter rushes to meet him – and loses confidence, only to be swiftly rescued. How does Jesus come to me? In the joys of family? In the unwelcome criticism of an angry neighbour who tells me the truth about myself? In the worries of a job or the agonies of a failed relationship? In the staggering beauty of creation? In physical pain? In all these situations we may discover God's presence, and without that presence we cannot expect to cope. Jesus does not force himself upon us. He just jogs us, and says, 'Here I am if you want me.' He may disappear into the sea-mist again for a time, and we may sink into the water like mistrustful Peter. But it all ends with a welcome and a recognition that Jesus can help, even in a life-threatening situation.



jah's is described quite differently from that of Moses, who experienced God in thunder, lightning and earthquake: the light, murmuring sound (the 'sound of a gentle breeze') which Elijah hears is literally 'a sound of silence'. In this case the meeting so strengthened Elijah that he returned to his mission. It is because of these encounters that Moses and Elijah are present at the Transfiguration, when the closest disciples experience the divinity of Jesus on the holy mountain.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

After his exposition of Christ's saving work Paul turns to the question which tortures him: how is it that Israel, so long prepared, failed to recognize the fulfilment of the prophecies. Paul was a Jew through and through, and was deeply wounded by the failure of his own people to welcome Jesus, despite all the privileges given them which he enumerates in today's reading. For Paul, Christianity is the conclusion to which Judaism was meant to lead. But God never revokes his gifts, and these gifts still belong to the Jews; it can never be said that the Jews have been superseded and lost their status as God's chosen people. For the next two chapters in Romans Paul quotes every conceivable scripture to show that the rebellions of the Jews against God throughout their history made it inevitable that they would fail to recognize the Messiah. Nevertheless, he insists, a remnant will turn to the Lord in the end. The dead branches have been cut off to make room for the gentiles to be grafted in, and the old branches will be grafted in again at the end. But this horticultural image does not quite work – you can't graft in dead branches – so then Paul simply throws up his hands and praises the inscrutable wisdom of God.

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

This magnificent story of Elijah's encounter with the Lord is read today in church to pair with Peter's encounter with Jesus, the Son of God, on Lake Galilee. Elijah was fleeing from the threat of persecution, and had trekked for forty days and forty nights. Mount Horeb is an awesome place, a rocky mountain on Sinai. No earth, vegetation, or animals there - just stark rock, some iron-ore red, some granite-grey, some almost sulphur-green. It was here that Moses and the People of Israel had their experience of God, too, and the silent mountains almost speak of the Lord. There are experiences which cannot be put into words, whether it is the ecstasy of love or music or beauty. No one can adequately express in words the experience of an encounter with God, and Eli-

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Assumption of Mary, Mother of God

1st Reading: Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6,10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 3

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon Proper Saints

Tues Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

Wed Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

Thu Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

Fri Seasonal Proper + Common Martyrs

Sat Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

Tue St Clare, Virgin

Wed St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Thu Ss Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Fri St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

Sat Of Week 3



Gathering Psalm 144 (All say)

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds. Alleluia.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due 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,
who call on him from their hearts.

He grants the desires of those who fear him,
he hears their cry and he saves them.

The Lord protects all who love him;
but the wicked he will utterly destroy.

Let me speak the praise of the Lord,
let all mankind bless his holy name
for ever, for ages unending.

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.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds. Alleluia.

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 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not

in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm 84(85)

R. Let us see, O Lord your mercy
and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

R. Let us see, O Lord your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Mass continues over page . . .

Year A, Ordinary Time, Mass of Sunday 19

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

Master Christ God, King of the ages and Creator of all
 things, I thank you for all the good gifts you have given
 me, and especially for the communion of your pure and
 life-giving Mysteries.
 I therefore pray to you good Lord who loves mankind:
 keep me under the protection and in the shadow of
 your wings; grant that even to my last breath I may
 with a pure conscience partake worthily of your Holy
 Gifts for the remission of sins and for eternal life.
 For you are the Bread of life, the Source of holiness, the
 giver of good things, and to you we send up glory,
 together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and
 ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer of St Basil the Great

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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 them 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?

DISCIPLES	WATCH
BOAT	JESUS
EVENING	WALKING
BATTLING	LAKE
HEAVY	COURAGE
SEA	PETER
FOURTH	ANSWERED

Two Missing Words *Jesus* *Heavy*

H	O	R	E	N	H	A	R	D	W
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F	T	Y	S	T	A	A	K	P	P
O	G	N	I	K	L	A	W	L	J
U	A	V	E	Y	L	I	E	E	E
G	N	I	N	E	V	E	N	S	S
A	S	W	E	R	I	N	G	G	E