



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, Assumption of Mary, Mother of God, 15/16 August

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		<i>FB - Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 15 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Intentions Janice Coyle Parish Family</i>
Sunday 16 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Josephine Spencer June Brown</i>
Monday 17 August			
Tuesday 18 August			
Wednesday 19 August	St Joseph's	11.30am Mass	<i>Dominic Stones</i>
Thursday 20 August	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	
Friday 21 August	Sacred Heart	11.45am Funeral Mass <i>Official mourners only please - attendee limit reached</i>	<i>David Olbison</i>
Saturday 22 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family Albert Allan</i>
Sunday 23 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Joseph & Kathleen Smith Decd Mair Relatives & Friends</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

We need continual reminders that we cannot understand God with our minds, or describe him in words. There is a danger that we identify God with the words we use to talk about him. Carlo Martini says we want to enmesh God in the nets of our minds. We say the word and instinctively feel we know what God is like. We must tear all nets and let God go free, let him be God in our lives and in our world. As we let him go free, we find we are more free to praise him and rejoice in his love and beauty. But - words like good, true, beautiful, free, close - all have limitations for us. We might then transfer these limitations to God. We might invert the divine order and make God in our image and likeness. We need often remind ourselves God has no limitations. Sometimes we might try to solve the problem by saying, 'Well, his love, his forgiveness is like ours, but to an infinite degree.' But this is not so. His love is not like ours. It is 'other'. Then, what does the word infinite mean? We cannot imagine the reality it suggests. We think of length, space or bulk and try to imagine them going on and on, without end. We have to speak of God, but let us rejoice that our words don't describe him but always point past themselves. What can we truly say? Nothing: but we can rejoice in wonder and awe, and throw ourselves into his arms and celebrate.



When the Samaritan woman, at Jacob's Well, realised that Jesus was a very special prophet, she asked him: 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that

Jerusalem is the place where we ought to worship.' Jesus replied: 'Believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem; true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.' (Jn 4:20-23) Jesus is not criticising holy places or pilgrimages, but is reminding her and us that God must not be tied to a place, person or object. There is no more of God in Lourdes than in our own kitchen. God is not more present in a church than in a factory. There is not more of God in a great saint than in the most degraded sinner.

In 63 BC, the Romans conquered Palestine. The Roman commander, Pompey, led his troops into Jerusalem and captured the temple. Then to the horror of pious Jews, he fought his way to the heart of the temple and entered the Holy of Holies. To his amazement, Pompey found only a small empty room. His dreams of finding silver and gold and rich images of the Jewish gods were dashed. The Holy of Holies was empty of precious images - but full of the Glory of God.

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.

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.

Scheduled Meetings Our Parish Finance Committee is due to meet Wed 9 Sep, 2.00pm, and our Parish Pastoral Council is due to meet on Thu 10 Sep, 7.00pm. Presently it is expected that both meetings should be able to occur, but both will be held in our Parish Hall, to ensure physical distancing can easily be maintained.

Are any wondering? As to what happened with the idea of a Parish booklet of prayers old and new - only a very small number of favourite prayers were handed in. For now, they are being held for if the idea takes off again.

Please Remember Any copies of newsletters, readings and such like, that you use at Mass, do please take away with you after Mass. You might like to use the readings for reflection, in the days following. If you know someone near to home who is housebound/shielding, perhaps they would appreciate a copy of the newsletter, particularly if they are of our Parish Family.

It is a great help and lessens the possibility of errors when Intentions for Masses are put in writing. Intentions may be written on an envelope, put in an envelope, or on a slip of paper. Please write clearly. If you wish a Mass to be celebrated at a particular one of our Churches, please note which. It is not always possible to keep Intentions on a particular date, but if you would like a particular date, note that also.

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.

If you do not think stewarding is for you but you are able to help clean/sanitize, after Mass, please do help.

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.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The Benedictine monks of Buckfast Abbey, in Devon, began making their fortified 'Buckfast Tonic Wine' in the 1890s, using a traditional French recipe. It has a high caffeine content, which adds a further kick to its 15% alcohol level. In terms of alcohol, we live in a more enlightened age today, but originally it was sold under the banner: 'Three small glasses a day, for good health and lively blood.'

The monks of a Welsh Island, much of which is covered with gorse bushes, discovered that the making of scent is a good earner. What is the name of the Island and which Order of Monks inhabit it?

AND SERIOUSLY!

During a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mummy, will you sleep in my bed tonight?"

His mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said.

"I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."



Parish Monies

Many Thanks for donations, 3 - 9 August:

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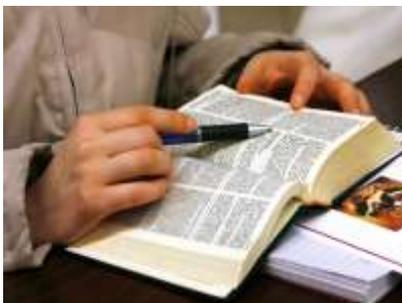
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CHURCH SHSJ to 70500
to contribute £5 - weekly
- fortnightly - other;
- or by using the **Donate Button**
on our Parish Website Home Page.

GOD OF SURPRISES

Clearing the Approaches

A mark of true Christianity will be its intellectual vigour and its search for meaning in every aspect of life. True Christianity will always be critical, questioning and continually developing in its understanding of God and of human life. The subject matter for religion is every human experience. In Christian understanding, God is immanent, that is, he is present in all things, and creation itself is a sign, and an effective sign, of his presence – a sacrament. That is



why there has been such an emphasis on scholarship and learning in the Christian tradition. Faith as St. Anselm wrote, 'seeks understanding', for it is the nature of true faith to trust that God is at work in everything and that there is no question which falls outside the scope of religious enquiry. When faith in God weakens, the critical element will also weaken, and there will be more warning against false doctrines than encouragement to develop our understanding. If the critical element is not fostered, Christians will remain infantile in their religious belief and practice, which will have little or no relation to everyday life and behaviour.

The characteristic of adulthood is a growing awareness of inner consciousness, of the complexity of feeling and emotion within us, revealed to us through our activity, our encounters and relationships with others, our work, what we read, hear and see, and of the internal activity which results from this, our hopes and despairs, sadness and joy, fears and expectations, certainties and doubts. As we become more conscious of this inner world, we are both attracted and frightened by it.



We are coming closer to ourselves and, therefore, to God, experienced by the mystics as 'tremendum et fascinans', 'frightening, yet attractive'. This inner world is unique to each of us, mysterious and incommunicable even to ourselves in its complexity. Although we cannot understand this hidden world, we know that it holds the key to our happiness and to our personality, and that the way we perceive, think, and therefore act, has its explanation in this inner world, which exercises a much greater influence on us than any external circumstances. That is why different people faced with the same situation can act in such contrary ways. In adulthood, if we allow ourselves any time to think, we become increasingly conscious of the complexity of our inner life, of the mystery and incommunicability of it, and of the layers upon layers of consciousness within us.

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**
especially Paul Woodgate, David Olbison, and their families



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, Dennis Fricker
John O'Brien, Monica Lowe, Janice Coyle, Nicola Glew, and all our housebound

The Word: Year A, Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God, Commentary

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

The core of this gospel reading is Mary's canticle of thanksgiving for God's gifts to her. It is, however, fitting that, on the Feast of the bodily Assumption of Mary, it should begin with her bodily attention to the bodily needs of her elderly relative. With her own baby on the way, she would have plenty of other priorities, making her long journey a real act of kindness. Her canticle, sung daily in the liturgy of Evening Prayer, sums up God's faithfulness to his promises, focussed on his gifts to this simple peasant girl. It combines a wonderful sense of the holiness of God with warmth of gratitude, showing the thoughts that revolved constantly in Mary's mind. As is fitting in the mouth of a girl whose only knowledge of books was the Bible, Mary's song is a texture of scriptural phrases. We cannot assume that Luke wrote it down at Mary's dictation, for putting words in the mouth of his characters is a feature of Luke the historian; but it must reflect her thinking. If any theme resounds again and again throughout the Bible, it is God's care for the poor, for the simple and for those in need. It is this which sets the Hebraeo-Christian tradition apart from the ways of the world.



First Reading: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

This vision of the Woman giving birth and of the huge red Dragon is bewilderingly rich in biblical symbolism. The context of the Book of Revelation is the struggle between the Church and the demands of Roman paganism, particularly the demand that all should worship the Emperor as God. The purpose of Revelation is to reassure the faithful of victory, despite the threat of martyrdom. The Woman represents Israel, the people of God, who gives birth to a son, the true ruler of the universe. The Dragon, of great sagacity and immense power, is the Roman Empire. The Son is unhesitatingly whipped up to heaven, frustrating the evil Dragon of its prey and

issuing immediately in the hymn of triumph. The perspective is, of course, foreshortened, omitting the details of Christ's earthly life, to show the certainty of the Son's triumph. Secondly, tradition sees in the Woman the earthly mother of the Saviour, Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of the Church, who triumphs over all the powers of evil. The secondary symbolism, therefore, is that Mary is the great sign in heaven of triumph over evil. Evil has no hold on Mary, and her children are sure of victory.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

On the Festival of the Assumption of Mary it is important to get things in the right order. Christ is the first-born from the dead. In him all will be brought to life, but all in their proper order. Mary is the first after her Son, and raised by her Son because she is part of his Body, the Church. The perfection of the Mother of the Saviour is won for her by her Son. He draws her after him in his retinue. In this chapter Paul is teaching about bodily resurrection. This is not merely immortality of the soul, but the resurrection of the whole person, an animated body, not a soul hidden in a body. Bodily resurrection is particularly fitting when we consider Mary, the physical mother of Jesus, who gave to him her genes, her personality, her features and her talents. If any son takes after his mother physically, it must have been Jesus. The declaration by the Church of the Assumption of Mary is an assertion of the saving value of all our activity, the healing touch, the conquest of pain, exhaustion, moodiness and physical temptation in all its forms. That is why Mary goes ahead of us all and leads the way to full resurrection.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 21

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 4

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

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Ordinary Time
Tue Ordinary Time
Wed St John Eudes, Priest
Thu St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of Church
Fri St Pius X, Pope
Sat Queenship Mary, Mother of God

Year A, Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God

Gathering Psalm 45(46) (All say)

The Lord chose Mary: he chose her before she was born.
He has brought her to live in his own dwelling-place.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea;
even though its waters rage and foam,
even though the mountains be shaken by its waves.

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken:
he lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away.

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.
He puts an end to wars over all the earth;
the bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.
He burns the shields with fire.

'Be still and know that I am God,
supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!'

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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 chose her: he chose her before she was born.
He has brought her to live in his own dwelling-place.

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: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the

earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm 44(45)

R. On your right stands the queen,
In garments of gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold and Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words;
forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

R. On your right stands the queen,
In garments of gold.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up to heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will
call me blessed,

for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age
for those who fear him.

Mass continues over page . . .

Year A, Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God

He has shown the power of his arm,
 he has routed the proud of heart.
 He has pulled down princes from their thrones
 and exalted the lowly.
 The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent
 empty away.
 He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of
 his mercy
 – according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
 of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.
 Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then
 went back home.

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

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?

ELIZABETH	PROMISE
GREETING	GREATNESS
CHILD	ALMIGHTY
LEAPT	EXALTED
HONOURED	FILLED
MOTHER	EMPTY
LORD	MERCY

Two Missing Words

Leapt Almighty

A	L	M	I	E	L	I	E	R	G
D	S	S	E	N	T	A	E	R	G
E	E	L	I	Z	A	B	E	T	H
R	D	L	I	H	C	E	S	Y	O
U	M	O	L	E	T	X	I	T	N
O	O	R	E	I	Y	A	M	Y	Y
N	T	D	N	T	F	L	O	C	C
O	E	G	P	E	A	T	R	I	G
H	O	M	O	R	G	E	P	N	A
R	E	H	T	O	M	D	E	G	R