



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 21, 22/23 August

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		<i>FB - Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 22 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i> <i>Albert Allan</i>
Sunday 23 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Joseph & Kathleen Smith</i> <i>Decd Mair Relatives & Friends</i>
Monday 24 August			
Tuesday 25 August			
Wednesday 26 August	St Joseph's	11.30am Mass	<i>Bill Torpey</i>
Thursday 27 August	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	
Friday 28 August	Sacred Heart	11.00am Funeral Mass <i>Family mourners</i> <i>only please - attendee limit reached</i>	<i>Paul Woodgate</i>
Saturday 29 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i> <i>David Olbison</i>
Sunday 30 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Michelle Proctor</i> <i>Paul Woodgate</i>

As numbers have to be limited at all Masses, to enable physical distancing, all are requested to pre-book. All Saturday and Sunday Masses are 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

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.

Changing times Please note that as **from Wed 2 Sep**, there will be a change to weekday Masses. There will be Mass at the Sacred Heart, Wednesdays at 9.30am, and at St Joseph's, 9.30am on Mondays and Thursdays.

Saturday and Sunday Masses are expected to continue as now for a while longer, but will be reviewed during the next month or so.

Scheduled Meetings Our Parish Finance Committee is due to meet **Wed 9 Sep**, at 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 Welsh Island of Caldey, a few minutes boat ride from Tenby, is home to a group of Monks of the Cistercian Order. As well as living by farming the island, they produce scents, with island grown gorse as a common ingredient.

In Catholic circles, while the words nun and sister are often used of any woman committed to belonging to a religious community, there is a difference between a nun and a religious sister, which is?

AND SERIOUSLY!

Three engineers are in a car, an electrical engineer, chemical engineer and a Microsoft engineer. Suddenly the car engine shuts off. The electrical engineer suggests stripping down the electronics, the chemical engineer suggests the fuel is becoming

emulsified and causing blockage. The Microsoft engineer suggests, 'Why don't we close all the windows, get out, get back in, open the windows again, and maybe it will work?'



Parish Monies

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Envelopes £255.00

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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



Religion must answer this stage of your growth with encouragement and guidance, fostering our fascination and allaying our fears, explaining this phenomenon to us and showing us that this is the most important stage in our journey towards God whom we are now invited to meet in

these hidden, and often very frightening, recesses of our minds and memories – God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts are not our thoughts, the God of surprises who is now encountered rather than thought about, who communicates himself through these mysterious inner experiences, rather than the articulate phrases of set prayers, who is now being experienced from within rather than theorised about, is action and power rather than any external constraint and discipline as in the institutional stage, or intellectual reasoning as in the critical. To help us in adulthood the Church must include a mystical element.

These three stages have been described successively, but each stage contains elements of the other two. In the child there is already the beginnings of the critical and sometimes of the mystical stage. Similarly, in the critical stage there are still elements of the institutional and glimmerings of the mystical, but our attention has been on the needs and activities which predominate at each stage. In the adult, all three elements are present to some extent. When one or two elements are missing in the adult, there is imbalance in the personality. We shall now look again at these three stages, this time seeing more clearly the need and the inherent danger of each stage in life, and therefore also in religious development. We shall see, too, the effort which is required to move from one stage to the next and, in moving, the care that must be taken not to reject totally the stage we have just left. It is as though the journey through life was across a broad river and the bridge is built in three sections. We start along the institutional section, then move to the critical, but we shall be swept away by the river if we cut off all connection with the institutional section, even though it is not where we are standing at the moment. Similarly, on the mystical section of the bridge, we must keep our connection with the institutional and the critical.



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, Geoff Marston, 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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 21, Commentary

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

At last Peter recognizes that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. At last he realizes that in Jesus he can see the action of God made visible. The disciples followed Jesus as soon as he called, but for a long time they were puzzled about what to make of him, of his wonderful teaching and his godlike personality. Now comes a shaft of light and understanding. We too often take some time to appreciate the true worth of someone we know well: a little gesture can sometimes reveal just how generous and thoughtful they are. Peter suddenly grasps that here is the Son of God, acting among them, a daunting or even terrifying thought. Jesus replies to Peter's recognition with his own generosity, giving him a new name, 'Rock', for this is what 'Peter' means. If you name something, you make it your own, take it to yourself. This is just what Jesus does with Simon who becomes his own Peter, his own 'Rock'. That is the importance of the naming of a child at Baptism: Jesus takes us to himself and we become his. The early Christians called themselves 'Those over whom the name of Jesus has been called'. We may have been named Mary or John, but the name of Jesus has been called over us and we have become his.

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This reading from Isaiah is chosen to pair with the gospel reading about the appointment of Peter, for there Peter is appointed as head of Jesus' own team. In this first reading Isaiah predicts that Eliakim will take the place of Shebna as master of the king's palace in Jerusalem and that God will invest him with authority. In Isaiah's time, to open and close the doors of the palace was the privilege of the master of the place. To the Hebrew mind such a pair of opposites often signifies everything in-between them, so that opening and closing the doors means having control of everything that goes on; no one else may interfere. Similarly by the pair of opposites 'binding'



and 'loosing', Peter is given total authority over the assembly or community of Jesus that is the Church. Equivalently, as Eliakim is given the key of the palace on his shoulder (or, as we would say, round his neck), so Peter is given the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Peter is sometimes pictured as the doorkeeper of heaven, but 'the kingdom of heaven' is far wider: it means 'God's sovereignty', which Jesus came to establish on earth, in which all obey, worship and give glory to God.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

After his long and thorough exposition of the way in which the work of Christ won our salvation and how, by his loving obedience, Jesus wiped away the proud sin of Adam's disobedience, Paul has been agonizing in his letter to the Romans about how the Jews can have failed to recognize this fulfilment of God's promises to Abraham. Quoting one passage of scripture after another Paul finally comes to the conclusion that in the end, in God's good time, a remnant of Israel will be saved. How this will be he really cannot explain. Throwing up his hands in incomprehension, he can only burst into this wonderful hymn of praise to God's inscrutable Wisdom. We simply cannot understand God's plans and methods. This concluding passage in Romans is reminiscent of the passage at the end of the Book of Job. Job rejects shallow explanations of his suffering suggested by friends, when God intervenes to show Job how mighty and wise he is. Job can only admit that God's Wisdom surpasses anything humans can conceive, and God's might infinitely transcends any human power. So Paul willingly grants that God must run his world, as all things begin and ends in God.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 22

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon Proper Saints

Tue Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

Wed Seasonal Proper (or + Common Pastors)

Thu Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

Fri Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

Sat Seasonal Proper + Proper Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Bartholomew, Apostle

Tue St Joseph Calasanz, Priest /

St Louis, Holy Man

Wed Bl Dominic of Mother of God, Priest

Thu St Monica, Holy Woman

Fri St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of Church

Sat Passion of St John the Baptist

Gathering Psalm 96(97) (All say)

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right.

A fire prepares his path;
it burns up his foes on every side.
His lightnings light up the world,
the earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.

Let those who serve idols be ashamed,
those who boast of their worthless gods.
All you spirits, worship him.

Sion hears and is glad;
the people of Judah rejoice
because of your judgements, O Lord.

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the souls of his saints;
he sets them free from the wicked.

Light shines forth for the just
and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;
give glory to his holy name.

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 king, let earth rejoice,

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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,

entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm 137(138)

R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
Discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Mass continues over page . . .

Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 21

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

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
 Body of Christ, save me
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me
 O good Jesus, hear me
 Within thy wounds hide me
 Permit me not to be separated from thee
 From the wicked foe defend me
 At the hour of my death call me
 And bid me come to thee
 That with thy saints I may praise thee
 For ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of St Thomas Aquinas

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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?

- JESUS
- PHILLIPI
- QUESTION
- BAPTIST
- ELIJAH
- JEREMIAH
- HAPPY
- MAN
- REVEALED
- FATHER
- HEAVEN
- CHURCH
- BOUND
- LOOSED

Two Missing Words *Revealed Father*

E	U	Q	U	S	T	O	I	N	E
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E	L	I	S	O	M	J	P	V	O
D	H	O	U	F	A	I	T	A	R
P	H	N	S	C	H	U	A	E	B
P	D	U	E	H	C	R	U	H	C
E	L	I	J	A	H	A	P	V	A