



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 22, 29/30 August

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		<i>FB - Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</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 Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Michelle Proctor</i> <i>Paul Woodgate</i>
Monday 31 August			
Tuesday 1 September			
Wednesday 2 September	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Albert Allan</i>
Thursday 3 September	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Faithful Departed (Nov List)</i>
Friday 4 September			
Saturday 5 September	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	12.00nn Mass 4.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i> <i>Special Intention (BE)</i>
Sunday 6 September	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Cath-. Chris-, & Lawrence Timmons</i> <i>Jerzy Gorecki</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

Do we, maybe, recall a past blessing and hope God will do the same for us again? He will not. He is not that poor. He is God. He does not copy or duplicate yesterday's favours. Each day is a new day, a new gift of love. Each day his gifts come to us with love, like freshly picked roses with the dew still on them. God does not parcel up his gifts or leave them ready to be sent to us by some heavenly Post Office. Each new day he comes personally, with a new smile and new love. This encounter is not a repeat of yesterday; it is fresh, amazing grace. He is God, so any miracle of love can happen. His actions today have new meaning, life, power, for today, with today's moods and needs. The prophet Isaiah refers to this new thing God is doing and notes it as a matter of joy and gladness.

'For now I create new heavens and a new earth, and the past will not be remembered and will come no more to men's minds. Be glad and rejoice for ever and ever for what I am creating, Because I now create Jerusalem 'Joy' and her people 'Gladness'. I shall rejoice over Jerusalem and exult in my people.' (Is. 65:17-19)



God speaks of joy and gladness. Must this not also involve humour and laughter? Imagine God laughing. Surely this God, who made us a people who smile and laugh, and enjoy a good joke, must be a God who also smiles and laughs! Brian Keenan, in his book 'An Evil Cradling', tells of how John McCarthy and he coped with their terrible experience of loneliness and isolation, during their long captivity as hostages, in a dark prison cell, in Lebanon. They invented all kinds of activities and games to preserve their sanity. He writes:

'We would imitate different characters as we played, or more frequently we would create characters out of our imagination. With these characters we entertained ourselves for many hours. Through them we brought other people into the cell to be with us, to talk to us or to make us laugh. In laughter we discovered something of what life really is. We were convinced by the conditions we were kept in and the lives that we managed to lead, that if there was a God, that God was, above all else, a comedian. In humour, sometimes hysterical, sometimes calculated, often childish, life was returned to us.'

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

Things happening in our Parish

Live-Streamed Images At our Sunday 10.45am Mass, Readers will be on camera and Servers might be on camera, at some points. Adult Readers and Servers are asked to gain a copy of 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, of course, relates *only* to our 10.45am Mass.

Toilet facilities Advice has been received that we can now more freely open our church toilets, but that a strict cleaning regime should be followed, after each Mass or Liturgy, when a toilet has been used. For the present, we will leave open for use, at both of our Churches, just the disabled toilet (to hopefully reduce cleaning time). Please observe the following:

if someone is in the toilet, there should be no more than one person (unless a parent/carer is with their child), waiting for the toilet, in the corridor at The Sacred Heart, or the side entrance at St Joseph's;

if someone is already waiting in the corridor/entrance, please wait at the back of the Church until the one in the toilet comes out;

if waiting presents a problem, please speak with the nearby steward, who will give appropriate assistance;

if you observe that waiting in church before then waiting in the entrance/corridor becomes usual, please be sure to inform a steward or Fr Anthony, so that more facilities will be available;

please, if seeking to use a toilet, *remember physical distancing guidelines* - and after use - *be sure to wash your hands for at least twenty seconds*.

Apologies if some of this is teaching grandma to suck eggs, but the management is required to cover all!

Changing times Please note that as **from Wed 2 Sep**, there is 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 Thursdays and Mondays.

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

Parish Finance Committee is due to meet **Wed 9 Sep**, 2.00pm: members please note, in our Parish Hall.

Parish Pastoral Council is due to meet on **Thu 10 Sep**, 7.00pm, and note, in our Parish Hall.

If any have items for the agenda, they should please give them to Elizabeth Smith, Janet Ward, or Fr Anthony, by **Sun 6 Sep**, at latest.

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.

Do make sure that others know how we are working hard to make our Churches safe for any to join us.

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?

In Catholic circles, 'Sister' might refer to any woman who belongs to a religious order and lives according to the *rules* or *oaths* of that order. A 'Nun', properly speaking, is a woman who is committed to living according to very specific *vows* of poverty, chastity, and obedience in their monastic enclosure (sometimes referred to as obedience and stability). Catholic monks and nuns have these same vows in common.

Within Yorkshire there are presently five communities of nuns and one of monks. Where are they?

AND SERIOUSLY!

Love letter lament

Dearest Jimmy,

No words could ever express the great unhappiness I've felt since breaking our engagement. Please take me

back. No one could ever take your place in my heart so please forgive me. I love you, I love you.
Yours forever,
Marie
P.S. And congratulations on winning the lottery.



Parish Monies

Many Thanks for donations, 10-16 August:

Loose £ 79.90
Envelopes £181.00

Donations to our Parish

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

GOD OF SURPRISES

Clearing the Approaches

The dangers of the infancy stage of growth is inherent in its advantages. What is provided for us in infancy answers our most basic needs and allows us to be relatively passive while remaining protected and secure. The danger is that we find this stage so satisfactory that we are disinclined to move out of it, preferring to remain infantile. Even if we do move out, we may revert to infantilism if the following stage becomes too uncomfortable. We may even use our adult guile to get us back to being cared for like a child by feigning illness. If our deceit is successful enough, we may become seriously ill.



The danger in the institutional element in religion is that we never advance beyond a religious infantilism. We attend religious services, hear sermons and religious instructions, are told what is, and what is not, the Church's moral and doctrinal teaching,

and the danger is that we may be content with this and desire to go no further, using perhaps, our adult guile to justify us in our passivity. The way in which religion was often taught to Catholics, for example, since the Council of Trent in the sixteenth century, namely through a catechism of questions and answers, which were a summary of the very technical theological language contained in Trent's Council documents, encouraged Catholics to believe that religion is a subject which you are not expected to understand, but to which you must give your whole-hearted assent! This approach instilled a childish attitude with little or no encouragement to move beyond it. Much of the present tension within the Catholic Church is tension between those who assume that the institutional is the only essential element in the Church and others who are demanding more of the critical and mystical elements.

There is also a danger for those in authority in the Churches that they may encourage people to remain in the infantile stage, calling this retarded state 'being humble, loyal, faithful and observant', and threatening with the wrath of God anyone who dares to disagree. There is no more effective way of destroying true faith in God than by misusing words like loyalty, humility, obedience and faithfulness. These are important virtues which can help to keep us true and attentive to the promptings of God at work 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 Geoff Marston, 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, Dennis Fricker
John O'Brien, Monica Lowe, Janice Coyle, Nicola Glew, and all our housebound

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 22, Commentary

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

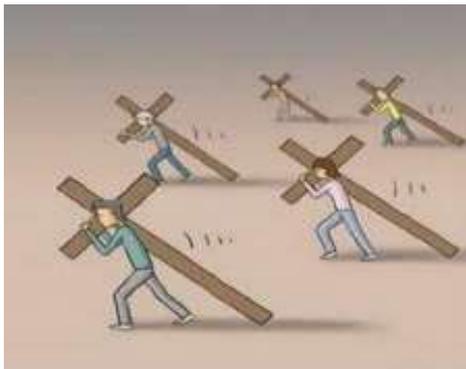
What a turn-around! Last Sunday Peter was being congratulated on at last realising the Jesus was the Christ. He was promised the keys and authority to make decisions valid in heaven. Now Jesus shoos him away and tells him that he is Satan, the Tempter. Why the change? Jesus had told Peter that his role as Christ Messiah was to suffer and die in order to achieve his purpose, and Peter shied away from it. What is that particular soft option which you

find it so easy to take? What is the difficult task Christ is asking of you, and you are avoiding? We are no better than his first disciples! It happens twice more in the gospel that Jesus foretells his passion and each time the disciples simply fail to understand. Each time Jesus puts it bluntly that you cannot be a Christian without following Jesus in carrying a Cross. We see people suffering the whole time, physical disabilities, breakdown of relationships, heartless treatment from others, financial worries – and then we grouse at a twinge of pain or a hurtful word. Carry the Cross behind Jesus? Yes, of course I will, but if you don't mind, I'll just take that section which is well padded and fits my shoulder nicely. No point in unnecessary splinters in my neck!

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

As we saw some weeks ago (in the first reading of the 12th Sunday of the Year), Jeremiah had a tough time, telling the citizens of Jerusalem that their city was to be besieged and destroyed, and that they themselves were to be dragged into exile. He tried to evade his duty of announcing this dire message, but the Lord gave him no peace, no matter how much he attempted to drive the message from his mind. So God overpowers or 'seduces' the prophet and compels him to proclaim the message. Jeremiah almost has a sort of love-hate relationship with the Lord. In the same way, Paul says he has no choice

but to proclaim the message of Christ. In the gospel reading Peter suggests to Jesus that he should avoid the way of suffering, and Jesus refuses to take any escape-route. In all these cases the natural human tendency to take the easier path crashes headlong into the brick wall of God's will. We are always slow to accept the way of suffering. In the gospel, each time Jesus teaches that he can achieve his glory only through suffering, the disciples seem to refuse to listen.



Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul has concluded his account of the saving work of Christ and its consequences for Israel. Now he goes on to detail some of its implications for the Christian life. The overall banner-headline is that Christian behaviour must be totally different from that of the world, for the Christian is a new creation with a new set of values. Two aspects

are most striking in this introductory passage, first the novelty, second the motivation. In chapter 8 on the Spirit, Paul repeatedly stresses that not only Christians, but the whole of creation is straining to be set free from slavery to corruption. The presence of the Spirit of Christ makes all things new; it is a totally new world. In today's passage again he stresses the renewing of our minds. Secondly, Paul emphasises that the motivation comes from within; it is a matter not of the external compulsion of the Law, but of inner compulsion. The Christian has become a living sacrifice, dedicated to God with mind transformed, discerning personally the will of God and acting upon this. This is Christian personal responsibility; we must 'discern for ourselves what is the will of God'.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 23

1st Reading: Jeremiah
2nd Reading: Romans
Gospel: Matthew 16:

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun Seasonal Proper
Mon Seasonal Proper (or + Common Pastors)
Tue Seasonal Proper
Wed Seasonal Proper
Thu Proper Saints
Fri Seasonal Proper (or + Common Pastors)
Sat Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Aidan and Lindisfarne Saints
Tue Ordinary Time
Wed Ordinary Time
Thu St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of Church
Fri St Cuthbert, Bishop
Sat Ordinary Time

Gathering Psalm 103(104) (All say)

Bless the Lord, my soul,
Lord God, how great you are.

From your dwelling you water the hills;
earth drinks its fill of your gift.
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.

The trees of the Lord drink their fill,
the cedars he planted on Lebanon;
there the birds build their nests;
on the tree-top the stork has her home.
The goats find a home on the mountains
and rabbits hide in the rocks.

You made the moon to mark the months;
the sun knows the time for its setting.
When you spread the darkness it is night
and all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
The young lions roar for their prey
and ask their food from God.

At the rising of the sun they steal away
and go to rest in their dens.
Man goes forth to his work,
to labour till evening falls.

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.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
Lord God, how great you are.

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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm 62(63)

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



Mass continues over page . . .

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

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 praise to our victorious king,
 who hath washed us in the tide
 flowing from his pierced side;
 praise we him, whose love divine
 gives the guests his blood for wine,
 gives his body for the feast,
 love the victim, love the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
 death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
 Israel's hosts triumphant go
 through the wave that drowns the foe.
 Christ the Lamb, whose blood was shed,
 paschal victim, paschal bread;
 with sincerity and love
 eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky,
 powers of hell beneath thee lie;
 death is conquered in the fight,
 thou hast brought us life and light:
 now thy banner thou dost wave,
 vanquished satan and the grave;
 angels join his praise to tell -
 see o'erthrown the prince of hell.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
 only sin can this destroy;
 from the death of sin set free
 souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
 Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
 Father, unto thee we raise;
 risen Lord, all praise to thee,
 ever with the Spirit be.

*Anonymous 7th century
 Tr Robert Campbell (1814-68)*

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Especially for our Children

All the words below can be found in the Gospel for this Sunday - but only 12 can be found in the Word Search - which 2 are missing from the Word Search?

- JESUS
- DESTINED
- SUFFER
- ELDERS
- PRIESTS
- SCRIBES
- HEAVEN
- PRESERVE
- BEHIND
- SATAN
- OBSTACLE
- PATH
- CROSS
- FOLLOW

Two Missing Words Satan Cross

S	U	F	U	F	A	B	D	E	T
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