



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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Saturday 24 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>For Jackie</i>
Sunday 25 October	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Gordon English Paul Woodgate</i>
Monday 26 October	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Thanks Prayers Answered</i>
Tuesday 27 October			
Wednesday 28 October	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Geoff Marston</i>
Thursday 29 October	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Friday 30 October			
Saturday 31 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Fr Lawrence Lister</i>
Sunday 1 November	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Dominic Stones Edna Whitehead</i>

As numbers have to be limited at all Masses, to enable physical distancing, all are requested to pre-book.
To book: see our Parish Website, our Parish Facebook Page, or contact Fr Anthony.

Request to all, with immediate effect, at both of our Churches, do please remain seated throughout Mass - and so do not kneel - and do not stand.

Also, while both ends of the benches may be used, to the middle there should be, at the very least, one metre+ between any of different households.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: presently can be celebrated by appointment with Fr Anthony.

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From Fr Anthony

In prayer, we don't have to make something happen. We are invited to become still and become aware of what is happening all the time, namely that God is within us, seeking us, revealing himself to us. He reveals the meaning of our life. A reflection from Thomas Merton's *Contemplative Prayer* might help here:

'In seeking to know God we must forget the familiar subject-object relationship characterising our ordinary acts of knowing. Instead, we know him in so far as we become aware of ourselves as known through and through by him. We 'possess' him in proportion as we realise ourselves to be possessed by him in the inmost depth of our being. Meditation or prayer of the heart is the active effort we make to keep our hearts open, so that we may be enlightened by him and be filled with this realisation of our true relationship to him.

We all seek meaning in life. We might feel - it is connected with success, image, possessions - or we must be somebody, we must achieve - or we compare ourselves with others. So we become over-busy, worried, anxious. Many of us feel we have not made it, cannot make it and so end up not liking ourselves. We run from stillness, afraid to meet our self. But this is to run from reality. I must return to stillness, where God can talk to me and tell me my meaning and who I really am. I don't have to dress up for the meeting, just come as I am and let God embrace me as he embraced the prodigal boy, tired and dirty from his journey.

The God who is love awaits us in the place of prayer which is our own heart. In stillness, we enter this holy place to meet him. St. Paul reminds us we are the temple of God (1 Cor.3:16). It's hard for us to accept we are holy. But so we are. We might not always good or devout, but we are holy because we are part of God. In the holy places of our heart we meet God and he meets us. Prayer is a word for this meeting, this being together. It is a meeting of friends, of lovers. It is encounter, not a religious duty. God wants this meeting and looks forward to it. Can I make time with him, just that, to be with him? Saint John Vianney, told



how each evening, as he prayed in the village church, a farm labourer would enter and spend a long time before the Blessed Sacrament. One evening, the Saint asked him, 'What do you do in your prayer time in the church?' The man answered simply, 'I just look at him and he looks at me.' Prayer is simply being with God.

Abbreviated from 'Be Still and Know', Chapter 5, by Robert Kelly SJ

Things happening in our Parish

We really, really do need more Stewards, especially at our Sacred Heart Church

Fr Anthony is waiting to hear from you.

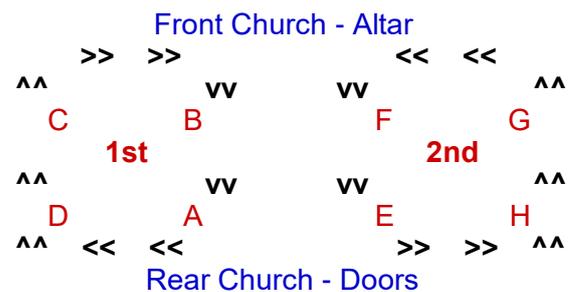
Processing to Communion As more restart to come along to Mass, all are asked to please remember, and at both of our Churches:

those to the **centre aisle**, in the **left hand benches**, are the first to go for Communion, starting from the back (A), with all going round the back and down the left side aisle;

those to the **side aisle**, in the **left hand benches**, this time starting from the front (C), follow on, and return via the centre aisle, and round the back;

those to the **centre aisle**, in the **right hand benches**, next go for Communion, starting from the back (E), with all going round the back and down the right side aisle;

those to the **side aisle**, in the **right hand benches**, this time starting from the front (G), follow on, and return via the centre aisle, and round the back.



Following this allows for the least face to face movement and the Stewards will continue to guide all as to when and in which direction to move. If those less mobile find walking all round the Church a struggle, please do have a word with a Steward or Fr Anthony.

Live Streamed Masses As the environment of 'shielding' has ceased and a requirement to self-isolate applies to very specific situations (eg test and trace, or any nearing an operation), and as our Catholic Churches are rated as lower risk (on account of measures we are all following), our weekly live-streamed Masses will now cease. To help our housebound Parishioners to be in touch, however, we intend to live-stream our 10.45am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Our first monthly live-stream will be next **Sunday, 1 November**. Some will likely be sad to see less live-streamed Masses, but we now also need to begin to re-emphasise the great importance of our Parish Family meeting together, as far as can be.

The new lights have now been fitted in our Sacred Heart Hall and Entrance Hall. Very many thanks to those who have already contributed to the £605 (to 20 Oct) towards the total cost of £2170. Further donations, of any amount, continue to be very welcome.

Please, if you can, volunteer to be a Steward, and/or after Mass cleaner/sanitizer: much help is needed.

Keeping up with Catholic News

Copies of the Universe (amalgamated with the Catholic Times) are available for purchase each weekend, in the entrances of each of our Churches.

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, **Weds 2 & 9 Dec**. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, after one of our Parish Masses, 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 6 or older*, before the summer of 2021. Watch for application details, coming soon.

First Reconciliation Our *Children* are next due to meet in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall, **Sat 21 Nov**, 10-11.00am, and their parents in our Sacred Heart Church, at the same time.

On arrival, Parents should please not enter the Hall with the Children, but go immediately into the Church.

Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact Fr Anthony.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The world's largest thurible (in Galician botafumeiro - smoke expeller) is in the Cathedral Church of Sanitiago de Compostela, in the Galician region of northern Spain.

When celebrating Mass, in our Western tradition, bishops and priests normally wear a chasuble as the top or over vestment. At Exposition and Benediction, however, they would normally wear a different top vestment, known as a ...?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A boastful American was being shown the sights of London, by a taxi driver. Passing the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace, he said: "In Texas we could put up places like these in a



week!" Later they were passing Westminster Abbey. After being asked what it was, the cabbie said: "I don't know, sir, it wasn't there this morning"

Parish Monies

Many Thanks for donations, 4-11 Oct

Loose	£ 68.90
Envelopes	£685.16
Light Donations	£200.00

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

Inner Chaos and False Images of God

Every single time I want to do good, it is something evil that comes to hand (Rom. 7:21).

What was written before will sound exaggerated and unbalanced to some who can find no resemblance between themselves and the Gerasene demoniac. Their lives are content, well ordered, virtuous and respectable, and they experience no great frustration, no restless longing, no fear of themselves. This may be because they have already passed through the conflict, have faced their own fears and their pain, have acknowledged their own nothingness without God, in whom they have now found peace; or it may be because they have not yet passed through an emotional infancy and are not yet conscious of what is happening within themselves.

If you are conscious of a similarity between yourself and the Gerasene demoniac, then you have made progress and you are on the track of truth, although it may feel the opposite of progress.

It is true that there is danger in becoming aware of our inner chaos and conflicting desires, which can overpower us and lead us to do what we do not want to do. If, like the Gerasene demoniac, we can take ourselves to Christ and show him the mess we are in, then provided we keep the focus on him as we show him our own problems, he does begin to illuminate our inner darkness, revealing to us desires which we did not know were in us and which go beyond anything we had thought or imagined even in our wildest dreams. It is the power of these deeper desires which can overcome, subdue and bring into order and harmony those other desires which had been tearing us apart. In other words, the answer to the conflict that is in us is to turn to God, or, for Christians who believe that, Jesus is the image of God, we cannot see, turn to Jesus. But what does it mean, 'turn to God' or 'turn to Jesus'? Can I be sure that there is a God? Even if I believe there is a God, can I be sure it is God to whom I am turning and not some private image of my own, a projection of myself whom I call God?



When teaching at Stonyhurst, besides the atheist class of 15-year-olds, I also taught religion to a very bright class of 13-year-olds, who were forever asking for a proof that God exists. St. Thomas Aquinas's 'Five Ways', St. Anselm's ontological argument, and any others I could find, which had satisfied the great minds of old, failed to impress this class; and they made the very valid point that if they were not sure of God's existence, then what was the point in having two religious periods every week, not to mention daily Mass and other religious services? That God should be accepted as a working hypothesis until the end of term did not satisfy them.....

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**



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, Elizabeth Taylor, and all our housebound

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 30, Commentary

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Familiarity with Jesus' answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Many answers could be given, perhaps singling out any one of the ten commandments as the greatest, the most important basis of society. A frequent answer to the question was and is the Golden Rule which exists in many cultures: 'Do not do to another what you would not have done to you'. This is basically a selfish answer, protecting one's own interests. By contrast, Jesus' answer hits home, turning us away from self to God. 'Love' (not 'obey' or 'adore' or 'fear' or 'reverence') is the command. Love is not simply the warmth of companionship or of sex, but is the willing generosity of mother to helpless young child or daughter to helpless old parent, of wife to alcoholic husband or husband to paralysed wife, seeking no reward but the happiness of the receiver. Paul gives a useful check-list about love in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians. John's first letter provides a useful summary: 'No one who fails to love the brother or sister whom he can see, can love God whom he has not seen'.



First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

These are the very primitive laws of the Old Testament, the heart of the first law-code laid down for Israel in the desert of the Exodus, before the Israelites even reached the Holy Land. 'Primitive'? Does our modern society equal them and the values they express? The principle is to help everyone who needs help, even foreigners, widows and orphans - just as God helped the Hebrews when they were slaves in Egypt. Men and women, made in the image of God, are God's representatives on earth, and must continue God's work of caring and healing. Anyone in need must not be humiliated, but must be given full

human dignity, allowed to stand tall before his or her neighbours. The creditor may not enter the debtor's house to hassle him, the worker must be paid on time to get his dinner, the homeless must get back his cloak for the night, the vulnerable are not to be exploited. To summarize all this, Jesus will say, 'You must love your neighbour as yourself' - and here too he is quoting the Old Testament (Leviticus 19:18).

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

After the consecration at every Mass we remind ourselves that Christ will come again, and the Thessalonians to whom Paul is writing were especially alert to this 'Second Coming' as they waited for Christ to come again from heaven. Paul had taught them that Christ has conquered death, that death is no more, and they mistakenly took this to mean that Christians would not physically die. Paul will answer this misunderstanding later in the letter. We don't know what this 'Second Coming' of Christ will be, but for Christians, history has a purpose and a direction. We do know that each of us will face Christ for our individual judgment when we die. We should not imagine that this will simply consist of Christ doling out suitable penalties to us; but as scripture says, 'No human being can see God and live'. Faced with the stunning purity of the glory of God we will be filled with longing and love, but will surely know too that we are not yet ready to enter into the pure and overwhelming love of God: only when the dross is purged away will we be prepared for entering into Christ's embrace.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Feast of All Saints

1st Reading: Revelations 7:2-4

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon Seasonal Proper (or + Common Pastors)

Tue Seasonal Proper

Wed Proper of Saints

Thu Seasonal Proper

Fri Seasonal Proper

Sat Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops

Tue Weekday Ordinary Time

Wed Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

Thu Weekday Ordinary Time

Fri Weekday Ordinary Time

Sat Weekday Ordinary Time



Gathering Psalm 113B(115) (All say)

You who fear him, trust in the Lord.

Not to us, Lord, not to us,
but to your name give the glory
for the sake of your love and your truth,
lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?'

But our God is in the heavens;
he does whatever he wills.

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.
He remembers us, and he will bless us;
he will bless the sons of Israel.
(He will bless the sons of Aaron.)

The Lord will bless those who fear him,
the little no less than the great:
to you may the Lord grant increase,
to you and all your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
The heavens belong to the Lord
but the earth he has given to men.

The dead shall not praise the Lord,
nor those who go down into the silence.
But we who live bless the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

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.

You who fear him, trust in the Lord.

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: Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him,
for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You
must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan;
if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to
me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will
flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own
wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any
poor man among you, you must not play the usurer
with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must
give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering
he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else
would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I
am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm 17(18)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king,
and shown his love for his anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were
with you, which was for your instruction, and you
were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord;
and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took
to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round
you. This has made you the great example to all
believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from
you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and
not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the
news of your faith in God has spread everywhere.
We do not need to tell other people about it: other
people tell us how we started the work among you,
how you broke with idolatry when you were converted
to God and became servants of the real, living God;
and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son,
whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven
to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!



Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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 after Communion

Come down, O Love divine!
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (d 1434)
Tr R.F Littledale (1833-90)*

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Saints of the Week - Ss Chad and Cedd

St Chad (- 672) was educated at Lindisfarne, under Aidan. He became abbot of Lastingham (now in the North Yorkshire Moors) and was chosen to be bishop of Northumbria, but St Wilfrid contested his appointment, and so Chad obediently withdrew. He was then sent as bishop to Mercia, where he founded the see of Lichfield. His ministry there was very short, as he died at Lichfield on 2 March 672, but he was immediately revered as a

saint because of the holiness of his life, his outstanding humility, and his dedication to preaching the Gospel.

St Cedd (- 664), a brother of Chad's, was also educated at Lindisfarne, under Aidan. He founded many monasteries. He also was sent, as a bishop, to evangelize the East Saxons. He established his see at Bradwell, in Essex. Always, however, he had a great fondness for his monastery at Lastingham, and there he died on 26 October 664.

