



# 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, Feast of All Saints, 30 October / 1 November

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<b>Saturday</b> 31 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>For Jackie</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 1 November	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <b>FB</b>	<i>Dominic Stones Edna Whitehead</i>
Monday 2 November			<i>Faithful Departed (Nov List)</i>
Tuesday 3 November			<i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 4 November			<i>Parish Family</i>
Thursday 5 November			
Friday 6 November			
<b>Saturday</b> 7 November	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Geoff Marston</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 8 November	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am 10.45am Mass	<i>Ron Ventom</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 telephone the Presbytery.**  
*If you make an answerphone booking for 7/8 or 14/15 Nov, you will be contacted only if there is not a place.*

**At our Churches, do please remain seated throughout Mass - and so do not kneel - and do not stand.**  
*This helps the safety of all, especially any with an infirmity requiring them to sit, so as not to have anyone kneeling or standing close behind.*

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.

*Cushions may be brought, but please remember to take them home after Mass.*

*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

How do you imagine the presence of God in and to you? Don't answer quickly. We have already said that God is wonder and mystery and will always be infinitely more wonderful than we can imagine. This is true of all his activities and applies to the way he is present in us. We speak of people being present with and for each other. They offer advice, consolation and help, or just listen to each other. But many are not so good at listening to others with their hearts. Our attention is often fragmented and it can be hard to give total attention. But God is totally present to each of us, listening deeply, understanding, consoling. Maybe we think of God present as an object in its container, say a necklace in its box. But if the necklace is removed, the box remains. But if God were to leave us, we would cease to be. God does not watch us from a distance. He is intimately close in a way we cannot imagine. Fr de Mello once said, 'God and I are not one. That would be heresy. But God and I are not two. This would be another heresy.' St Paul, preaching in Athens, reminded his listeners, 'In God we live and move and exist.' (Acts 17:28)

Sometimes, we may think of God as present in us in a kind of material way, as if he were inside us, in our body, as it were. But God is present not in our body, but in the deepest reality of our self. He is present in those deep places which we seldom visit, because we live so much on the surface and seldom meet our full self. He is in those deeper places where we fear to go, because we don't understand those depths in ourselves - 'Why did I say that? What made me do that? Why did I react so angrily or foolishly?' And God is present in those even darker deep regions of self where we have thought of evil and dallied with evil - places where we have memory of wrongs we have done and maybe hate self - places where we have suppressed memory of wrongs done to us, which might lead us to hate the one responsible and rejoice in the thought of revenge. God is present in those deep, dark and fearsome places. We say, in our creed, that God



descended into hell? We may not understand fully what that article of the creed means, but we can be sure it refers to a journey of love. Yes, God is present within the whole of us, the dark as well as bright places, and not as an observer or onlooker, much less as a judge. He is present as lover, healer, saviour. He holds us, embraces us and whispers, 'Don't be afraid. It's alright. I understand. Let me be here with you. Accept my light, my healing, my love.'

*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.

**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 have now ceased. To help our housebound Parishioners to keep in touch, however, we intend to live-stream our 10.45am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Our first monthly live-stream is this **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.

**As we are unable** to take an Offertory Collection during Mass, just now, please remember that Offertory Baskets are available near the point of entry at our Churches, and near the point of exit also. Should you forget to add your offering, donations may still be made by text or on-line.

Or why not let your bank remember for you? If you would like to start giving your donation via a Bank Order, please have a word with Margaret Whitehouse, Jackie Ventom or Fr Anthony.

**Christmas Cards** have arrived and are available at both our Churches. This year we have packs only and NO individual cards, to buy. Any wishing to purchase cards:

*at our Sacred Heart Church*, may enter the Hall, and view the packs well spaced out on tables;

*at our St Joseph's Church*, the packs are in the main exit hall - there should be no more than four people in the hallway at the same time - any arriving early enough may view the packs before Mass - otherwise, please let any who are leaving immediately after Mass do so, and then enter the hallway to view the packs.

*At both Churches*, please leave the appropriate money in the pot provided - **ensure physical distancing of at least 1 metre+** - and please remember that others also need time to look and buy.

**Please Note** If Fr Anthony is away, be it a day or several days, it is important requests for funerals, at either of our Churches, go via our **Sacred Heart Presbytery**. A daily check is made for messages and procedures are in place to assist Funeral Directors with the arrangements.

**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 £655 (to 18 Oct) towards the total cost of £2170. Further donations very welcome.

### & In our Diocese

**Sycamore for Young People** The Diocesan Youth Service invite all aged 13-17 to an on line series of short films and discussions, exploring the Catholic faith and what it means for us today: Wednesdays, 4:30-6.00pm, on Zoom, starting 4 Nov. For information and to register please email: [youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

*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, during December.

**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 traditional top or over vestment, worn by a bishop or priest, at Exposition and Benediction, is known as a Cope. While Copes may be seen in any of the liturgical colours, at Exposition and Benediction it would usually be white, ivory or gold.

*At a funeral, the priest may wear any of a choice of three colours of stole and chasuble? What are the colours?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

Two friends are in a pub, watching the news. A report comes on about a man threatening to jump from the top of a building.

One says, 'I'll bet £10 he doesn't jump.'

'It's a bet says his friend.



A few minutes later the man jumps. His friend says he can't take the bet as he saw the news earlier. 'Me too,' said the other, 'but I didn't think he'd do it again'.

## Parish Monies

**Many Thanks** for donations, 12-18 Oct

Loose	£ 42.30
Envelopes	£257.90
Light Donations	£140.00

## 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).*

If we insist that we must first prove that God exists before we turn to him, then we shall never find him, because we are trying to treat the God of our being as though he were an intellectual problem which we can solve, define clearly, put in his place and then grant him what we consider his due. Such a God does not exist. We may, by intellectual argument, reach the conclusion, 'Therefore, there must be an uncaused cause' or 'Therefore, there must be a necessary being, and to the uncaused cause and necessary being we shall give the name 'God', but such an intellectual conclusion, although it may be a useful step does not bring us to a personal



God, to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and to the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The God of the philosophers and the God of the Old Testament prophets are very different Gods. The God of the prophets is mysterious but he is also full of feeling, a God of great compassion, tenderness and

love, and therefore also of anger, wrath and fury when those he loves and cherishes treat one another unjustly. The God of the philosophers is remote and impersonal: the God of the prophets is like a two-edged sword which pierces our inner life, laying bare our inner thoughts and feelings, the most base as well as the most sublime, and the psalms are full of both.

The ancient writers of the Church said of prayer that it is 'Heart speaking to Heart'. We find God, the true, living and loving God first with our hearts, and only then can we also find him with our minds. It is not that our hearts are mindless. The heart has its reasons, but they are often hidden from our conscious minds which only catch up with the reasons later.



In turning to God we must first acknowledge that whatever and however he is, he is mystery. We can never, with our finite minds, adequately grasp who he is. If you are searching for a clear and precise notion of who God is, you will not find him in reading this book, and if ever you do find a neat and clear definition, you may be sure that it is false. God is mystery: but that does not mean he is totally unintelligible. We can come to know a mystery and grow in knowledge of it, but the more we enter into the mystery of God, or more accurately, the more the mystery of God takes hold on us, the more we realise that he is mystery.

*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 household

## The Word: Year A, Feast of All Saints, Commentary

### Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

These eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing, possible only if the hand of God is upon us. That is why the first and the last beatitudes knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living that kingship. For each of the beatitudes, do you know someone in the parish or elsewhere in your life who exemplifies that particular attitude? Or is there a saint whom you consider typifies each of these beatitudes for you? What is your own favourite beatitude? Jesus illustrates the beatitudes in various incidents in the gospels: he enters Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king; he shows love in his welcome to sinners; he brings peace to those tortured by disease or contempt; he manifests purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will; finally, he accepts persecution for what he knew to be right. All Christians may suddenly find themselves face to face with similar shattering challenges.

### First Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

The Book of Revelation, from which this reading is taken, was written during the first persecutions of Christians. It is built on the promise that, after persecution, those who are faithful to God and to Christ will be delivered and gathered into the peace of God's presence. At the time of writing, the persecuting force from which the persecuted were to be delivered was the might of the Roman Empire, with its immorality, its materialism, its consumerism, and above all its demand that all its subjects should worship the Emperor as Lord. For Christians at that time, the late first century, the great test was whether they would accept the standards of the Empire or



remain faithful to the demanding standards of Christianity. The same decision stands before Christians in today's world. Who is my Lord? Is it Christ or the standards for which the Emperor stood: carelessness about sexual morality, materialism, consumerism, putting myself first in everything without regard for the cost to others? Do I connive at and approve standards of behaviour which are built on a morality far from that of Christ? More pressingly, do I accept those standards for myself?

### Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

The second reading also contains hints of an opposition from a godless world, but concentrates much more on the union of God's children to God himself. We are already God's children, because we have been adopted in Christ and can cry 'Abba, Father!' What are the implications of this adoption to sonship? Sometimes a son is almost absurdly like his father in looks, gestures, mannerisms and ways of approaching any task. For ourselves we cannot yet fully know what this likeness to the Father will consist of, but we are promised that in the fullness of revelation we will be assimilated to God. Not only must we be close to our Father in prayer, but we must also show the qualities of God in our actions: God's generosity, his forgiveness, his openness. Part of this must be that we will find that God has developed in us all the qualities we most love and admire; we will be assimilated to the father and filled with a universal joy and appreciation, as all is suffused with the generosity and love of the Father. 'We shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is', and this means that the vision of God will be so overwhelming that we cannot but become like him.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

### The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 32

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

## Prayer of the Church

### Psalter Week 3

**Sun** Proper of Saints

**Mon** Proper of Saints + of Faithfull Departed

**Tue** Seasonal Proper (or + Proper of Saints)

**Wed** Seasonal Proper + Proper of Saints

**Thu** Seasonal Proper

**Fri** Seasonal Proper

**Sat** Seasonal Proper (or + Proper of Saints)

## This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** All Faithful Departed

**Tue** St Martin de Porres, religious /  
St Winefride, religious

**Wed** St Charles Borromeo

**Thu** Weekday Ordinary Time

**Fri** Weekday Ordinary Time

**Sat** St Willibrord, Bishop

## Year A, Feast of All Saints, at Mass

### Gathering Psalm 113B(115) (All say)

Lord, you show me the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
My happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love  
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.  
Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.  
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.  
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
The lot marked out for me is my delight:  
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

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.

Lord, you show me the path of life.

### 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: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises,  
carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a  
powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to  
devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any

damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we  
have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of  
our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a  
hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes  
of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to  
count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and  
language; they were standing in front of the throne  
and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and  
holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud,  
'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the  
Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a  
circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and  
the four animals, prostrated themselves before the  
throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads,  
worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise  
and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and strength to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do  
you know who these people are, dressed in white  
robes, and where they have come from?' I answered  
him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These  
are the people who have been through the great  
persecution, and they have washed their robes white  
again in the blood of the Lamb.'

### Responsorial Psalm 23(24)

R. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

### Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has  
not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
Surely everyone who entertains this hope  
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

*Mass continues over page . . .*

## Year A, Feast of All Saints, at Mass

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour  
and are overburdened  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the  
cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and  
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny  
against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be  
great in heaven.'

### 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.

### Communion Verse

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

Stuart K Hine (1898-1989)  
after Carl Boberg (1850-1940)

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### Saints of the Week



St Winefride Very little is known about her, except that she lived in the 6/7th century, near Treffynon (Holywell), in Clwyd, in Wales. Various miraculous stories are told about her and her cult has been widespread since the Middle Ages. Its main centres were Shrewsbury, where her remains were enshrined in 1138, and the well at Holywell, that sprang up where, according to one version of her life, she was beheaded and then restored to life by her uncle, St Beuno. The well has remained a place of pilgrimage to the present day.

St Willibroard was born in Yorkshire. After being a pupil of St Wilfrid, he studied at Rathmelsige, in Ireland, where he was ordained priest. He returned to England but set out, in 690, to evangelize Frisia. He was ordained bishop by Pope Sergius, in 695, and founded the See of Utrecht, in the Netherlands. He preached in Denmark and North Germany, and founded dioceses and monasteries in the Netherlands and Luxembourg. He died in 739, at Echternach in Luxembourg. He is remembered not just for his devotion in preaching the Gospel, but also for his joyful character and holiness of life.

