



# 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 B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 2, 16/17 January 2021

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		<i>FB - Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 16 January	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Pat Attwood</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 17 January	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <b>FB</b>	<i>Tony Austin</i> <i>Ronnie, Mary &amp; Andrew Clarkson</i>
Monday 18 January	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Thanksgiving (CMD)</i>
Tuesday 19 January			<i>Davis, Parson, Mongon Families</i>
Wednesday 20 January	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Samuel Towson</i>
Thursday 21 January	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Sheila Jordan</i>
Friday 22 January			<i>Parish Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 23 January	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Peter Worrall</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 24 January	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <b>FB</b>	<i>Janice Coyle</i> <i>Debbie Lane</i>

As numbers have to be limited at all Masses, to enable physical distancing, all are requested to pre-book.  
**To book for Mass: see our Parish Website, Parish Facebook Page, or telephone the Presbytery.**



*Let us all continue to 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.

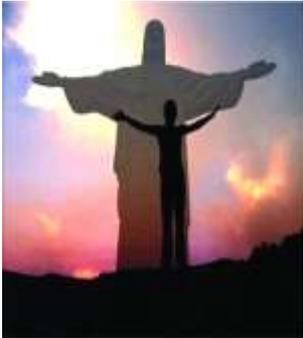
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## From Fr Anthony

*From a Rule for Monks, by St Basil the Great.*

Love of God is not something that can be taught. We did not learn from someone else how to rejoice in light or want to live, or to love our parents or guardians. It is the same – perhaps even more so – with our love for God: it does not come by another's teaching. As soon as the human person comes to be, a power of reason is implanted in us like a seed, containing within it the ability and the need to love. When the school of God's law admits this power of reason, it cultivates it diligently, skilfully nurtures it, and with God's help brings it to perfection.

For this reason, as by God's gift, I find you with the zeal necessary to attain this end, and you on your part help me with your prayers. I will try to fan into flame the spark of divine love that is hidden within you, as far as I am able through the power of the Holy Spirit.



First, let me say that we have already received from God the ability to fulfil all his commands. We have then no reason to resent them, as if something beyond our capacity were being asked of us. We have no reason either to be angry, as if we had to pay back more than we had received. When we use this ability in a right and fitting way, we lead a life of virtue and holiness. But if we misuse it, we fall into sin.

This is the definition of sin: the misuse of powers given us by God for doing good, a use contrary to God's commands. On the other hand, the virtue that God asks of us is the use of the same powers based on a good conscience in accord with God's command.

Since this is so, we can say the same about love. Since we received a command to love God, we possess from the first moment of our life an innate power and ability to love. The proof of this is not to be sought outside ourselves, but each one can learn this from himself and in himself. It is natural for us to want things that are good and pleasing to the eye, even though at first different things seem beautiful and good to different people. In the same way, we love what is related to us or near to us, though we have not been taught to do so, and we spontaneously feel well disposed to our benefactors.

What, I ask, is more wonderful than the beauty of God? What thought is more pleasing and wonderful than God's majesty? What desire is as urgent and overpowering as the desire implanted by God in a soul that is completely purified of sin and cries out in its love: I am wounded by love? The radiance of divine beauty is altogether beyond the power of words to describe.

## Things happening in our Parish

**During Lockdown** Presently any wishing to marry may do so only under exceptional circumstances (eg if one of the couple has a terminal illness). Otherwise, regulations for Churches are mostly as they have been since early December - 30 mourners maximum for funerals, numbers at Masses measured by 1mtr+ distancing. Baptisms and Vigil Receptions of any Deceased, consult Fr Anthony.

**Please do be sure** when you leave Church, to take with you all that you brought, but also any papers that you have used, such as Newsletters and Readings' sheets.

**Diocesan Directories** (Year Book). A couple of copies are now available for purchase, at both of our Churches, at £4 per copy.

**Catholic News** Each week we have a handful of copies of the Catholic Universe (now incorporating the Catholic Times, also), at £2.40 per copy. If you're not familiar with the same, you might like to purchase a copy, to see if you would like to buy a copy regularly.

**The Government's Coronavirus Places of Worship** task force, last Monday, among other things, concluded:

Research by health professionals, to date, indicates that the new coronavirus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter. - The Government stressed that there would be no blanket closure of places of worship. They asked that each place of worship should re-evaluate their own local situation and examine all factors that could affect the good covid security demonstrated by places of worship so far.

### **Government 'National Lockdown Stay at Home' Guidance**

While we are able to continue to hold communal celebrations of Mass, during the present pandemic 'lockdown' restrictions, it is important that we continue to look after one another and remain vigilant, especially given the increased transmission rate of the new Coronavirus variant.

**Using face-coverings, hand sanitisation and social distancing (face - hands - space) remain the most effective ways to enable all to attend Mass safely.**

It is also important that we pay attention to the way we come to, and leave the church building and premises. For this heightened period of the pandemic, and to maintain as healthy an environment as possible, all those attending Mass are encouraged not to gather outside but to leave as promptly as possible. It is, too, very important not to linger with others, in Church or in the Entrance, before or after Mass. In following these simple rules, we not only treat one another with care and respect, but give good witness to others in our community.

**A major factor, in our being able to continue our Masses, lies in the continued services of a fair number of Stewards and those who help to clean/sanitise our Churches. If you can help, please let Fr Anthony know.**

*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 3 & 10 Mar**. 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** Our first Preparation Meeting will be *on-line*, **Sat 30 Jan**, 9.30-10.30am. Details are being sent to parents via email. If any who have returned application forms have not yet received any details from Fr Anthony, they should please contact him asap.

**First Reconciliation** Next Preparation Meeting, *on-line*, **Sat 23 Jan**.

As before, parents will receive an electronic invitation to join the allotted 45min time slot, for parents and their children, for 10.00am or 10.45am.

Fr Anthony is to contact our families in the next week or so, by email, about arranging times for the Children to celebrate their First Reconciliation.

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

Jesus was born of the line of Jewish priests, and was often found in the temple, in Jerusalem, where he also preached, but he never served as a temple priest. He once only acted as a priest, when he, as priest, offered himself as the Victim on the Cross. His ministry, at the Last Supper, is so intimately linked with and dependant on his death and resurrection, that it is part of and one with the same priestly act of Jesus, on the Cross.

*Immediately before the Gospel, at Mass, Catholics commonly, with their thumb, trace a small sign of the cross on their forehead, lips and heart. What is the meaning of this?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

A drunken man meets a preacher, baptising people in the river, and stumbles into him saying he's ready to find Jesus. The preacher dunks him three times in the river and asks if he has found Jesus yet.

The drunk says, 'Are you sure this is where he fell in?'



## Parish Monies

**Offertory Monies** **Many Thanks**  
28 Dec - 3 Jan

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Envelopes £199.86

## 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)

Our treasure lies hidden in the field of our own experience and in the inner life which results from that experience. In this chapter we have looked a little more closely at the complexity of our inner life with its conflicting desires and emotions. Our temptation is to ignore this inner life, but it refuses to be ignored. If not acknowledged and harmonised, it will, sooner or later, take us by surprise, sometimes in ways which can harm both ourselves and others. Spiritual writers tell us to turn to God in prayer, but God, for us, can become part of the complexity. False images of God operating within us can make us more fearful, exercising a ruthless tyranny which stifles the life in us.

I shall suggest some methods of prayer which can enable us to detect more quickly any false images of God which may be operating:

Tools for digging – Some Methods of Prayer  
*Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 40:10)*



These methods are suggestions not prescriptions and describe only a few methods. If you do not find them helpful, it does not follow that you cannot pray, but that you do not find these methods helpful. There are as many ways of praying as there are human beings, Everybody has the ability to pray and each must find their own way. The suggestions are simply a few methods which may help the reader to get started for that is all you need to do. I have belaboured this point because it is of

fundamental importance. God alone can teach us how to pray. We must not allow particular methods to get in the way.

In ancient times peoples could be enslaved by wicked kings, cruel tyrants and sadistic emperors. In modern times, in democratic as well as in totalitarian countries, we are enslaved by experts, who can, if we allow them, control every detail of our lives. Fortunately, the experts rarely agree among themselves. If, for example, the medical profession were always unanimous in the assertions of their experts, there would be little left which we could safely eat or drink and few forms of exercise which we could safely perform. Experts in psychology and psychiatry can become an even greater threat to our freedom, if we have such an exaggerated respect for their views that we assume our own thoughts and instinctive feelings on any subject must be mistaken. They can then dictate to us how children should be reared and how we are to think, feel and act if we are to become integrated, meaningful, humane, beautiful persons.....

*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, Peggy Heneghan, Kazia Andruszko, Liz Allen, Dennis Fricker, John O'Brien  
Monica Lowe, Nicola Glew, Elizabeth Taylor, and all our housebound

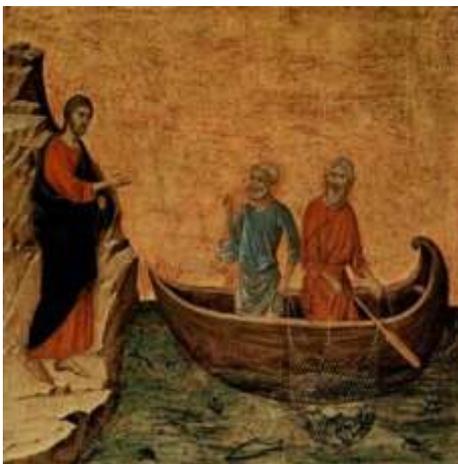
## The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 2: Commentary

### Gospel: John 1:35-42

This year the ordinary Sunday gospel readings are taken from Mark, and this provides us with a full picture of that gospel. But Mark is the shortest of the gospels, and is not quite long enough, so just occasionally a reading from John slips in to enrich our understanding of the meaning of Jesus' words and actions. Today's story is about the call of the first disciples and takes place in the Jordan valley, where John was baptising. The first two to be called are disciples of John, so they had already joined his group who were waiting for the Messiah. They were ready when John pointed him out. It is striking that Jesus first calls them to be with him, and that they remain with him for a time. In our call to follow Christ, first comes prayer and getting to know him, before we can actively work for Christ and bring others to share his joy. Only after this repose with the Lord do the disciples sprint off in their enthusiasm and bring others to join in the benefits they have received from that tranquillity and refreshment which comes from keeping company with Jesus.

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

In the readings of Sundays 'in Ordinary Time' the first reading normally links with the gospel reading, and this is a superb example of such a link: the call of Samuel and his response prepare for the call of the first disciples of Jesus. The call of the young boy Samuel into the Lord's service is always a favourite story. It is easy to imagine the boy lying, dozing on his mat in the half-darkness, hearing the voice murmur 'Shmuel' (the Hebrew form of his name). Was it really a call, was it the old prophet calling, or was it just the wind in the pillars of the Temple? Samuel has all the directness, willingness and simplicity of a child, the sort of qualities needed for



the Kingdom of God. Similarly, we too may find it hard to know whether an 'inspiration' is really the call of God or our own imagination. Prayer and advice help in discerning the genuine call from a madcap scheme! Others may know us better than we know ourselves, and God's call is always fitted to our true nature.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

This is the first of six consecutive Sunday readings from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The Christian community at Corinth was a troublesome lot, and seems to have lacked any resident human guide. They relied on the Holy Spirit, backed up by several letters from Paul. Here we have Paul's most forceful argument for sexual self-control: as Christ lives in us by his Spirit, all our bodily members are Christ's, and Christ is involved in every movement of them. This should give us a wonderful reverence for our bodies, knowing that we involve Christ in all our body's activities. The most powerful expression of this comes in verse 16 (omitted in the public reading, perhaps as being too pointed): "anyone who attaches himself to a prostitute is one body with her, since the two become one flesh". This drives the lesson home: Christ, too, becomes involved with the prostitute. Christ is involved in a wonderful way in the sexual act of procreation, giving a couple the inestimable privilege and joy of sharing in God's work of creation. But Christ is also abused by a Christian's abuse of sex

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

### The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 3

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

## Prayer of the Church

### Psalter Of Week 2

**Sun** Proper of Season

**Mon** Of the week

**Tue** Of the week (or + Proper Saints)

**Wed** Of the week (or + Proper Saints)

**Thu** Proper Saints

**Fri** Of the week (or + Proper Saints)

**Sat** Of the week

## This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** Of weekday

**Tue** St Wulstan, Bishop

**Wed** St Fabian, Pope, Martyr / St Sebastian, Martyr

**Thu** St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

**Fri** St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

**Sat** Of weekday

**Gathering Verse: Psalm 103(104)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever.

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent.  
Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servant.

You founded the earth on its base,  
to stand firm from age to age.  
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small.  
The ships are moving there  
and the monsters you made to play with.

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill.

You hide your face, they are dismayed;  
you take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
the mountains send forth smoke at his touch.

I will sing to the Lord all my life,  
make music to my God while I live.  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.  
world without end.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever.

**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: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!'

Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

**Responsorial Psalm: 39(40)**

R Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

R Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20**

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!



Come and See

**Gospel: John 1:35-42**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

**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.

**Communion Verse**

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I, who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain  
I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
They turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
Who will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart*  
*Daniel L. Schutte*

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