



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

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

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		<i>FB - Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 23 January	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Peter Worrall</i>
Sunday 24 January	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Janice Coyle Debbie Lane</i>
Monday 25 January	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Hilda Bailey, Family & Friends</i>
Tuesday 26 January			<i>Peter Townend</i>
Wednesday 27 January	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Andrew Tyrrell</i>
Thursday 28 January	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Hugh Patrick Byrne</i>
Friday 29 January			<i>Parish Family</i>
Saturday 30 January	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Patricia Attwood</i>
Sunday 31 January	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Peter Hurst For Healing (MOD)</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.



Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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.

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

This week, we keep the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Initially, as a devout Jew, he believed it right to persecute Christians. However, on being converted, Paul became one of Christ's most devoted and loyal followers, ever. Below is from what St John Chrysostom said about him.



Paul, more than anyone else, has shown us what man really is, and in what our nobility consists, and of what virtue this particular animal is capable. Each day he aimed ever higher; each day he rose up with greater ardour and faced with new eagerness the dangers that threatened him. He summed up his attitude in the words: I forget what is behind me and push on to what lies ahead. When he saw death imminent, he bade others share his joy: Rejoice and be glad with me! And when danger, injustice and abuse threatened, he said: I am content with weakness, mistreatment and persecution. These he called the weapons of righteousness, thus telling us that he derived immense profit from them.

Thus, amid the traps set for him by his enemies, with exultant heart he turned their every attack into a victory for himself; constantly beaten, abused and cursed, he boasted of it as though he were celebrating a triumphal procession and taking trophies home, and offered thanks to God for it all: Thanks be to God who is always victorious in us! This is why he was far more eager for the shameful abuse that his zeal in preaching brought upon him than we are for the most pleasing honours, more eager for death than we are for life, for poverty than we are for wealth; he yearned for toil far more than others yearn for rest after toil. The one thing he feared, indeed dreaded, was to offend God; nothing else could sway him. Therefore, the only thing he really wanted was always to please God.

The most important thing of all to him, however, was that he knew himself to be loved by Christ. Enjoying this love, he considered himself happier than anyone else; were he without it, it would be no satisfaction to be the friend of principalities and powers. He preferred to be thus loved and be the least of all, than to be without that love and be among the great and honoured.

To be separated from that love was, in his eyes, the greatest and most extraordinary of torments; the pain of that loss would alone have been hell, and endless, unbearable torture.

So too, in being loved by Christ he thought of himself as possessing life, the world, the angels, present and future, the kingdom, the promise and countless blessings. Apart from that love nothing saddened or delighted him; for nothing earthly did he regard as bitter or sweet.

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 you have used, **such as Newsletters and Readings' sheets.**

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.

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.

& In our Diocese

Diocese of Leeds Annual Review 2020 now available! Online only this year - highlighting 'good news stories' sent from many parishes, schools and charities, which together comprise our One Diocesan Family. Download a copy from www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/communications.

Online Weeks Of Guided Prayer: 8-19 Mar 2021. Week one, online meetings from 7.30-8.30pm - introductions and different ways of praying. Week two - commitment to daily prayer and individual online meeting with prayer guide (about 30mins each.) Suggested offering £50. Further information - please contact: www.briery.org.uk or tel 01943-607287.

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 6 Feb**.

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 presently contacting families, by email, to arrange times for the Children to celebrate their First Reconciliation.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

When we trace a small sign of the cross, with our thumb, on our forehead, lips and heart, our action represents our prayer, 'May the Lord be in all that I think, in all that I say, and always in my heart.'

Immediately before his conversion to Christ, where was St Paul going and for what reason?

AND SERIOUSLY!

One woman to another at the office:

"Did you wake up grouchy today?"

"No, I just let him sleep in."



Drive-through confession:

'Bless me father for I have sinned'

Speaker: 'Will you be wanting fries with that?'



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies	Many Thanks
4 - 10 Jan	
Loose	£ 221.12
Envelopes	£ 384.50
Jan Bank Orders	£1421.00
France Funeral	£ 70.00

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

Tools for digging – Some Methods of Prayer

Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 40:10)

Totalitarian governments recognise the value of control by the expert and so they label their recalcitrant dissidents 'psychiatric patients' and send them off for treatment.

The Roman emperors did not need psychologists and psychiatrists to help them control dissidents. Their pagan subjects were religious people who believed in gods, so the emperors declared themselves to be divine and so hoped to gain a more complete control over the minds and hearts of their subjects, not all of whom could be controlled by the provision of bread and circuses. Christ was tempted to exercise the same kind of control, to turn stones into bread, to put on a show by leaping from the temple, finally to take over all the kingdoms of the world. He rejected all these temptations: 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.' Religious authorities and teachers will always be tempted to control and dominate in the name of God. Christ warned his followers against submitting to this kind of domination.



You must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. (Matt. 23:9-11)

We need doctors, psychiatrists, religious teachers, and specialists in every branch of knowledge, and we should be fools if we did not listen to them, but we must never allow any expert to dominate our lives. We need religious teachers and authorities, and we need an institutional element in the Church which includes authoritative teaching, but the object of all Christian teaching and of all the discipline and laws within the Church is to make us more perceptive, responsive and obedient to God at work within us. If the mystical element is not emphasised in the Church and if we do not meet God within our own unique inner selves, our religion can degenerate into an idolatry of the institution, or the worship of an ideology, a system of ideas.

To be continued . . .

Abridged from: The God of Surprises – Gerard W. Hughes

All-powerful, ever-living God,
direct our steps in the way of your love,
so that our whole life may be fragrant
with all we do in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 3: Commentary

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

What is going on? We had last Sunday the story of the first two disciples joining Jesus. One of them was Andrew, the other unnamed. Now we get another story, in another place, of other first disciples being called. So the Church underlines, two weeks running, the importance of Jesus' new community. The first thing he does is call disciples. He can't do everything on his own, and that is the point of the Church. He calls disciples to make a new people, a new Israel - old, young, middle-aged: we all have our part to fill in Jesus' play. Tired old people, busy parents, lively youngsters - each of us can make a unique contribution, especially since Jesus has chosen us himself. An odd choice, some of us! What did he want ME to do in the new family of Jesus? The two different versions of the calling of the disciples show that at least two different people told this story. When two people tell the same story, there are bound to be variations. The place didn't matter, or the order in which the disciples were called. The point of the story was the call, the response and the companionship, the working together with the Lord.



First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

The story of Jonah (whale and all) does not even pretend to be historical. For one thing, it takes about ten minutes to walk across the ruins of Nineveh - not three days! The story is a joke by Jews against Jews who think they alone can be saved: Jonah the Jew tries to run away from God, whereas the gentiles at Nineveh repent as soon as they hear God's message - even the animals wear sackcloth! This is like the story about St Peter showing Protestants round heaven: Peter points to a high wall: "Hush! The Catholics are behind there. They think they are the only people here!" This reading is chosen to pair with

the call of the disciples because of the immediacy of their response: the Ninevites and the disciples take the message to heart without hesitation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The earliest Christians were very aware that the Resurrection of Christ ushered in the last period of the world. With the fulfilment of God's promises in Jesus' death and resurrection everything important had happened. They believed that the end was imminent, and it was urgent for everyone to get ready. What must we think of this attitude two thousand years later? Yes, it is urgent for every individual to respond to God's call, and there is no time to lose. Every decision counts, every step along the path leads in one direction or the other, closer to God or further away. However, this is an instance where we must consider the message of the Bible as a whole, where one teaching balances another. "The Kingdom of God is close at hand!" does not mean that the world will end tomorrow. Matthew's gospel is quite clear that there is time before

the last judgment to practise good works of prayer and generosity. At the last supper Jesus teaches that his disciples have a task to do in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit. So Paul is not teaching here that Christians should 'down tools' and sit waiting for the end, but that we must not absorb the values of those around us who think that the supermarket, the sports centre and the holiday cottage are the only realities worth thinking about; for us the Kingdom and its values are paramount.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 4

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Of Week 3

Sun Proper of Season

Mon Proper of Saints

Tue Of the week + Proper Saints

Wed Of the week (or + Proper Saints)

Thu Of the week + Proper of Saints

Fri Of the week

Sat Of the week

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Tue Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Wed St Angela Merici, Virgin

Thu St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of Church

Fri Of weekday

Sat Of weekday

Gathering Verse: Psalm 144(145)

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

Age to age shall proclaim your works,
shall declare your mighty deeds,
shall speak of your splendour and glory,
tell the tale of your wonderful works.

They will speak of your terrible deeds,
recount your greatness and might.
They will recall your abundant goodness;
age to age shall ring out your justice.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,

to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

He grants the desires of those who fear him,
he hears their cry and he saves them.
The Lord protects all who love him;
but the wicked he will utterly destroy.

Let me speak the praise of the Lord,
let all mankind bless his holy name
for ever, for ages unending.

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: Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: 24

R Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path,
he teaches his way to the poor.

R Lord, make me know your ways.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand:
repent, and believe the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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

Godhead here in hiding,
Whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows,
Shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service
Low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder
At the God thou art.



Seeing, touching, tasting
Are in thee deceived:
How says trusty hearing?
That shall be believed;
What God's Son hath told me,
Take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly
Or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy Godhead
Made no sign to men,
Here thy very manhood
Steals from human ken:
Both are my confession,
Both are my belief,
And I pray the prayer
Of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas,
Wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee
Lord and God as he;
This faith each day deeper
Be my holding of,
Daily make me harder
Hope and dearer love.

O thou our reminder
Of Christ crucified,
Living Bread, the life of us
For whom he died,
Lend this life to me then:
Feed and feast my mind,
There be thou the sweetness
Man was meant to find.

Bring the tender tale
True of the Pelican;
Bathe me, Jesu Lord,
In what thy bosom ran
Blood whereof a single drop
Has power to win
All the world forgiveness
Of its world of sin.

Jesu, whom I look at
Shrouded here below,
I beseech thee send me
What I long for so,
Some day to gaze on thee
Face to face in light
And be blest for ever
With thy glory's sight.

ascr St Thomas Aquinas (1227-74) tr G.M Hopkins (1844-89)

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