



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 13 February	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Faithful Departed (November List)</i>
Sunday 14 February	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Audrey Daley Victims Covid-19</i>
Monday 15 February	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Margaret Bradley</i>
Tuesday 16 February			<i>Yorkshire Brethren</i>
Wednesday 17 February	<i>St Joseph's Sacred Heart</i>	<i>9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mass</i>	<i>Vic France Bernard Conway</i>
Thursday 18 February	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass <i>11.00am Funeral Mass</i>	<i>Parish Family Veronica Harratt</i>
Friday 19 February			<i>Deceased Davis Family & Friends</i>
Saturday 20 February	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Betty & John Anthony Byrne</i>
Sunday 21 February	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Josephine Knepshield Intentions Kath & Paul Stuart</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.

Ash Wednesday, 17 February, and the Season of Lent are upon us.
At both Masses, on Wednesday, there will be a no touch distribution of Ashes.
 In ancient times, much dry ash might have been poured onto the head of penitents, but we will receive just a pinch! Please book, if you can, and note times and venues.
 Wednesday is also a day of fasting (any aged 18-60) and abstinence from meat (any aged 14+)

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

There are those who say that Catholics have an obsession with guilt, and this may be true for some. If, however, we repent, we can and should enjoy the life giving forgiveness and healing won for us by Christ. The following is from a letter of Pope St Clement I to the Corinthians

Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognise how precious it is to God, his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world.

If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has offered the opportunity of repentance to any who were willing to turn to him. When Noah preached God's message of repentance, all who listened to him were saved. Jonah told the Ninevites they were going to be destroyed, but when they repented, their prayers gained God's forgiveness for their sins, and they were saved.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the ministers of God's grace have spoken about repentance; indeed, the Master of the whole universe himself spoke of repentance, with an oath: *As I live*, says the Lord, *I do not wish the death of the sinner but his repentance*. He added this evidence of his goodness:

House of Israel, repent of your wickedness. Tell the sons of my people: If their sins should reach from earth to heaven, if they are brighter than scarlet and blacker than sackcloth, you need only turn to me with your whole heart and say, "Father," and I will listen to you as a holy people.



In other words, God wanted all his beloved ones to have the opportunity to repent and he confirmed this desire by his own almighty will. That is why we should obey his sovereign and glorious will and prayerfully entreat his mercy and kindness. We should be suppliant before him and turn to his compassion, rejecting empty works and quarrelling and jealousy which only lead to death.

We should be humble in mind, putting aside arrogance, pride and foolish anger. We should act in accord with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom, nor the strong man in his strength, nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories, glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just*. Recall what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forbearance. *Be merciful*, he said, *so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your giving will be the measure of your receiving*. Let these precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to his sacred words.

Are you ready for your date with the Season of Lent?

Now is the time to be thinking about what you might do extra - give up - be more like - be less like. Think of your behaviour towards yourself and others; are there ways in which you might improve? Think of your generosity or lack of towards others; might you give more time, more care, more money, and not just to your family and best mates? Especially, too, think of your relationship with God; do you really give enough time and energy to talking with him and listening to him, in prayer?

Things happening in our Parish



Looking for a way to connect with God this Lent? Are you bored of lockdown and wanting an opportunity to meet with someone new? Pour yourself a cuppa and do join our online

Parish Sycamore course

running Lent Wednesdays, 7-8.00pm, from 24 February.

Each session involves watching a video, with time for chatting (joining in or listening). You don't have to commit to coming to all the sessions.

Email catechist.sacredheartstjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for an invitation.

& In our Diocese

God with us Exploring the Old Testament together, in a course for Lent, with Fr Tim Swinglehurst, on-line via zoom, each Monday of Lent, 7-8.00 pm. To receive an invitation, email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Our 2021 Lent Project

Founded in Scotland, they now raise money throughout Britain, to help feed Children in many Developing Countries - but in school. This *practical help*, enables more parents to be able to afford to send their Children to school. Also, what would otherwise be hungry and listless Children can learn, to have a real hope of a better and more secure future. They presently feed, every school day, over 1.6 million Children. They are also proud to have as their Patron, **Mary, Mother of Jesus** - so the name, **Mary's Meals**.

Do, please, support them via our 2021 Lent Project. You can put money in the named collection basket, at either of our Churches, post donations at our Sacred Heart Presbytery (make sure to name the cause on or in the envelope), or donate electronically to a dedicated site for our Parish, using the link on our Parish Website (see link below *Register for Mass* buttons), Facebook Page, or at: https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/projects/sfx2-parish-of-the-sacred-heart-hemsworth-and-st-joseph-s--moorthorpe

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 next Preparation Meeting will be on **Sat 27 Feb**, in our Sacred Heart Hall (if possible by then), 9.30-11.00am. Families will be notified, by email, as to whether we will be in the Hall or are to meet online, about a week before.

First Communion Next Preparation Meeting **Sat 6 Mar**, 10.00-12.00am, in our Sacred Heart Hall (if possible by then). Families will be notified, by email, as to whether we will be in the Hall or are to meet online, about a week before.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The word *shrove* is a form of the English word *shrive*, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Shrove Tuesday was named after the custom of Christians then being *shriven*, or making their Sacramental Confession, to prepare for Lent.



While a great many will be eating pancakes this Tuesday, not so many will know why they are associated with the day before Lent begins. So why?

AND SERIOUSLY!



A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time as I am."

Parish Monies

Offertory Monies	Many Thanks
25-31 Jan	
Loose	£ 82.75
Envelopes	£295.27
France Funeral	£130.00
(+ previous £70 = £200)	

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)

In every experience of our lives we encounter God. The more we are in touch with ourselves, the more we are in touch with him. As you pray in this way suggested, avoid, as far as you can, any self-judgement, whether of approval or disapproval, because it is in these judgements that our false notions of God are likely to be most operative. If you cannot avoid self-judgement, then treat the judgement as you treated the itch: acknowledge its presence, but turn your attention back to your feelings.

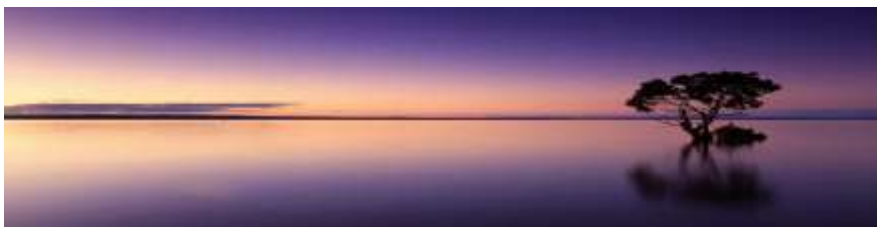


Another similar exercise is to sit in the same position as already described, this time concentrating all your attention on the physical feelings of breathing in and breathing out, without deliberately changing the rhythm of your breathing. Focus attention on feeling the cold air entering your nostrils and the warm air when you exhale. At first you may become self-conscious about your breathing and find it becomes irregular, but this does not, as a rule, continue. If it were to do so and you find yourself becoming breathless, then this exercise is not for you at present. Most people find that on doing this exercise the pattern of their breathing changes, the breath becoming deeper and slower, and they begin to feel drowsy. In itself, it is a very good relaxation exercise, but if you care to use it for more explicit prayer, then let the in-breathing express all that you long for in life however impossible it may seem in practice, and let the out-breathing express your surrender of everything to God, all of your life with its worries, sins, guilt and regrets. Again it is very important to do this without self-judgement, whether of approval or disapproval. Keep your attention fixed on your desire to hand over all these worries about self and do not clutch at them as if they were a treasured possession.

These suggestions for finding stillness must be accepted for what they are, namely suggestions, not imperatives. What is imperative is that you should eventually find stillness in prayer, but how you do it is going to vary with each person. Some people can only get to sleep by lying very still: others can only do so if they roll restlessly from side to side for a while. Some find stillness by sitting: others may have to walk about first. To busy, active people these stillness exercises can appear to be a waste of time. The more active and busy we are, the more necessary and helpful the stillness.

To be continued . . .

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



Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Veronica Harratt, and her family.



Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing
George Potts, Cynthia Potts, Peggy Heneghan, Kazia Andruszko, Liz Allen, Dennis Fricker, John O'Brien
Monica Lowe, Nicola Glew, Elizabeth Taylor, and all our household

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 6: Commentary

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Mark shows the warmth of Jesus' humanity with his concern for a leper. The leper had no right even to approach Jesus, but must have felt that he would get a favourable response and no word of reproach. "Jesus felt sorry for him" is rather a weak translation - the Greek is far stronger: colloquially it literally means 'was gutted'; so Jesus felt compassion to the depths of his being. Then Jesus touched him - in this touching he was both reaching out to someone ritually impure and risking infection. There have been famous repetitions of this brave and heartfelt gesture: Francis of Assisi kissing a leper's hand, Princess Diana shaking hands with an AIDS sufferer (when the sickness was thought to be contagious by touch). One can imagine the awestruck horror of the bystanders at this outrageous expression of love and sympathy. Why, then, does Jesus 'sternly' send him away? A more faithful rendering would be not 'sternly' but 'in anger'. It is possible that the anger is directed at the leprosy, considered as an exterior invasion, and so he sent it (the disease) away. At least Jesus' whole-hearted emotional involvement with the sufferer is palpable.

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

This reading from the Law sets the scene for Jesus' healing in the gospel reading. Leprosy in its modern medical sense (*Mycobacterium leprae*) is a devastating disease, leading to the loss of fingers, and then even whole hands and feet. These biblical regulations were, with good reason, designed to prevent contagion. In biblical times lack of precise diagnosis meant that other skin diseases, such as psoriasis and even acne, were often lumped together with what we today call leprosy. So the worst thing about many of the lesser forms of 'leprosy' would have been the isolation, for all 'lepers' were cut off from all human society. The priests were involved not

so much as sacred ministers but as reliable persons to judge the symptoms, though the sacrifice of thanks for disappearance of the disease was a genuine religious thanksgiving.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

This is the last reading this year from First Corinthians. It ends a section of the letter, and so should be read as a summing up. Paul has just quoted a slogan which that difficult community had thrown in his face, 'Everything is permissible'. This was the conclusion they drew from the abolition of the restrictions of the Jewish Law. Paul's principle was that the Spirit was an inner guide, so that no external restrictions were necessary. With their slogan the Corinthians had come to believe that there were no limits on what they might do, so Paul now adds various pieces of guidance. Firstly: 'whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God'. If the glory of God is always before our minds, we can hardly go wrong. 'Never do anything offensive'; that is, never lead anyone else into sin. It is easy sometimes to put people in a situation in which they are bound to fail, through fear or anger or frustration, or just because they are unequal to the task. 'Take me as for your model, as I take Christ'. To us moderns this may sound arrogant, but Paul regarded himself as the Servant of the Lord Jesus, just as Jesus regarded himself as the Servant. So Paul is encouraging the self-confident Corinthians to put themselves in the position of servants, serving the community for the glory of God. No matter what our position, we can always do something more for the community.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Season of Lent, Sunday 1

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Of Week 2 to Tue & Week 4 from Wed

Sun Proper of Season

Mon Of the week

Tue Of the week

Wed Of week 4 + Seasonal Proper

Thu + Seasonal Proper

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Of Weekday

Tue Of Weekday

Wed Ash Wednesday

Thu After Ash Wednesday

Fri After Ash Wednesday

Sat After Ash Wednesday



Gathering Verse: Psalm 117(118)

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.

I called to the Lord in my distress;
he answered and freed me.
The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.
What can man do against me?
The Lord is at my side as my helper;
I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

I was hard-pressed and was falling,
but the Lord came to help me.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he is my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate
where the just may enter.
I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches
even to the altar.
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love endures 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: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm: 31(32)

R You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven.
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt.
In whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

R You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your recovery prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise?—
"I am with you evermore."

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Here on earth our Food, our Stay;
Alleluia! Here the humble
Flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me;
Where the songs of all the sinless,
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, Heav'n thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest
Thou on earth both priest and victim,
In the eucharistic feast.

W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)



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