



# 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, Eastertide, Sunday 3, 17/18 April 2021

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			<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 17 April	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Joan Wilson</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 18 April	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Vic France Potenciana L &amp; Jenito M Gabriola</i>
Monday 19 April	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Tuesday 20 April			<i>McNally Family</i>
Wednesday 21 April			<i>Thanksgiving</i>
Thursday 22 April			
Friday 23 April			
<b>Saturday</b> 24 April	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Kazia Andruszko</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 25 April	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Mary Fennelly</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.**

**'A GHOST**  
has no  
flesh and  
bones  
as you can  
**SEE I HAVE,**  
Jesus  
said.



**'SEE HOW IT**  
is written  
that  
the Christ  
would  
Rise  
from the  
dead,

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Anthony, presently by appointment.  
It is expected that set times will resume by mid May.

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## From Fr Anthony

*From a sermon of Saint Leo the Great, who lived 400-461, and was Pope from 440 until his death.*

My dear brethren, there is no doubt that the Son of God took our human nature into so close a union with himself that one and the same Christ is present, not only in the firstborn of all creation, but in all his saints as well. The head cannot be separated from the members, nor the members from the head. Not in this life, it is true, but only in eternity will God be all in all, yet even now he dwells, whole and undivided, in his temple the Church. Such was his promise to us when he said: *See, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.*

And so all that the Son of God did and taught for the world's reconciliation is not for us simply a matter of history. Here and now we experience his power at work among us. Born of a virgin mother by the action of the Holy Spirit, Christ keeps his Church spotless and makes her fruitful by the inspiration of the same Spirit. In baptismal regeneration she brings forth children for God beyond all numbering. These are the sons of whom it is written: *They are born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

In Christ, Abraham's lineage is blessed, because in him the whole world receives the adoption of sons and daughters, and in him the patriarch becomes the father of all nations through the birth, not from human stock but by faith, of the descendants that were promised to him. From every nation on earth, without exception, Christ forms a single flock of those he has sanctified, daily fulfilling the promise he once made: *I have other sheep, not of this fold, whom it is also ordained that I shall lead; and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.*

Although it was primarily to Peter that he said: *Feed my sheep*, yet the one Lord guides all his disciples in the discharge of their calling and leads to rich and fertile pastures all those who come to the rock. There is no counting the sheep who are nourished with his abundant love, and who are prepared to lay down their lives for the sake of the good shepherd who died for them.

But it is not only the martyrs who share in his passion by their glorious courage; the same is true, by faith, of all who are reborn through baptism. That is why we are to celebrate the Lord's paschal sacrifice with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. The leaven of our former malice is thrown out, and a new creature is filled and inebriated with the Lord himself. For the effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. As we have died with him, and have been buried and raised to life with him, so we bear him within us, in body and in spirit, in everything we do.

## Things happening in our Parish

**Offertory Envelopes** The new packs start this weekend and a few still remain to be collected. Those yet to collect their pack are asked to please have them collected at the earliest opportunity.

**Baptisms** It might well soon be possible to celebrate the Baptism of infants and under 7s with up to 30 attending, and from mid-June, still more attendees. But do remember that parents need first to share in our Preparation Programme, for infant Baptism. The first step is for parents to have a short chat, after a weekend Mass, with Fr Anthony, to set things in motion.



For children over 7 as well as adults, a greater time of preparation is required, much involving the one to be Baptised (more information can be got from Fr Anthony).

**Gift Aid** Please remember that if you pay anything more than a minimum amount of income tax, we can reclaim the tax you have already paid on the money you give to our Parish. If you do not already Gift Aid, all you need do is sign a Gift Aid Form and allow us to record what you give (eg by numbered envelopes or a bank standing order): and it won't cost you a penny more than what you are already giving. For more information, please consult Jackie Ventom, Margaret Whitehouse or Fr Anthony.

Please note: one off donations, favouring our Parish, can also be gift aided by income tax payers.

**Please Note** Fr Anthony is taking his Spring 'Jollies' from this Tuesday 20 Apr, to Thursday 6 May, inclusive. If a need arises for the arranging of a funeral, it is important that the family have their Funeral Director contact/leave a message at the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The Director should then receive a response no later than the end of their next working day.

### & In the Diocese

**Online service** with reflections, to help the Eastertide journey, with (Catholic Care) *Growing Old Gracefully*, Sat 24 Apr, 4.00pm. Details/Booking at - <https://www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk/>

## In Memory of . . .

Already, the first anniversary has passed for some whose deaths occurred during Covid-19 regulations. It is hoped that from mid-June, numbers of people in Churches can be determined not on distancing, but simply on the size of the Church. Some families may wish to have memorial services for those whose funerals happened during the past year or so, when limited numbers were allowed. Any thinking of this are welcome to contact Fr Anthony. Do bear in mind, however, that until attendance restrictions cease, any dates fixed would be subject to the end of the limitations not being delayed.

*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 16 & 30 Jun**. 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 15 May**, and will be in our -

Sacred Heart Hall, **9.30-11.30am**. It is important all arrive in good time, so as to start on time.

**First Communions** Our Children will rehearse for their celebration of their First Communion, on **Sat 8 May** -

9.30-10.30am, *St Joseph's*, for all who are to receive Communion there, 11-12.00am, *Sacred Heart*, for all who are to receive Communion there.

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

It is implied, in John's Gospel, that after the resurrection, Jesus had a breakfast of bread and grilled fish with his apostles, by the Sea of Tiberias. Luke more emphatically states that when Jesus visited the Apostles, in the Upper Room, he asked for something to eat, and they gave him grilled fish.

*Talk to sheep out on the Yorkshire Moors, and if they haven't already put some distance between you and them, at best they'll look at you suspiciously, or as like as not move away. So why would Jesus talk of sheep listening to his voice?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

A gang of eight-year old children found a dead bird and made ready for burial. The minister's son said prayers as his father would say:

"Glory be to the Faaaather,  
and to the Sonnnn....  
and unto the hole you goooo."



## Parish Monies

**Offertory Monies** **Many Thanks**  
29 March - 4 April

*Again, many thanks  
for the very generous  
Easter Offerings  
given for Fr Anthony.*

## 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)*

We have a very tough psychic inner defence system which does not permit entry to memories, feelings or thoughts with which we are unable to cope at the moment. A good general spiritual maxim is, 'never do violence to yourself'. As long as we observe this and do not force ourselves into an imaginative prayer which we know is likely to overwhelm us, there is little risk of our suffering any harm. The method has been practised from earliest times in the Christian tradition and has inspired generations of Christian artists, poets and spiritual writers.

During his convalescence, when Ignatius of Loyola asked for novels and was given instead a copy of Ludolph of Saxony's *Life of Christ*, the book's preface introduced him to this method of



imaginative contemplation. Ludolph advised the reader: Read of what has been done {in the gospels} as though it were happening now.... Offer yourself as present in what was said and done through Our Lord Jesus Christ with the whole effective power of your mind.... Hear and see these things being narrated as though you were hearing with your own ears and seeing with your own eyes.

It was this method of imaginative contemplation which started Ignatius on his conversion journey, and his Spiritual Exercises (a carefully graded series of Scripture-based passages designed to allow our hidden self to grow strong) consists mostly of imaginative contemplations.

In our own times, psychologists and psychiatrists have come to appreciate the value and power of our active imagination. Jung used this method to help his clients become more aware of, and open to, the unconscious. St. Ignatius was an instinctive psychologist. Modern psychology, especially Jungian, can help us understand and appreciate the value and wisdom in Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises, hidden often in a laconic, abrupt style, an example of which we shall be considering.

We have looked at some methods of prayer. In terms of the treasure hidden in the field, it has offered some digging tools. The very important question remains, where do I dig?



*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, Liz Allen, Dennis Fricker, Elizabeth Taylor, Monica Lowe  
John O'Brien, Nicola Glew, Ann Stoner, Tim Byrne, and all our housebound

## The Word: Year B, Eastertide, Sunday 3: Commentary on the Readings

### Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples had met Jesus on their way to Emmaus. There Jesus had used the Eucharistic meal to reveal himself to them, for the Eucharist is always an occasion for us to get to know the Risen Christ better. Now he meets the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room. It is perhaps an account of the same incident that we heard last Sunday, but with different emphasis. Now the stress is on the meeting with a real person, and not with a ghost. That is why Jesus eats a piece of fish. The important lesson of this is that, in our resurrection to true life, it is the whole person that is raised, not just the soul. Christian teaching is that a person is an animated body. We work out our salvation with fingers and toes and other bodily members, and all will be raised to life. It is not just a matter of thoughts and intentions! The whole body is baptised into Christ and is the instrument of our salvation. The body will be changed, and St Paul reminds us that we should not get bogged down with worrying about what sort of body we will have at the resurrection, but rejoice that each of us will be raised as a whole person.

### First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

This reading is the final section of Peter's speech to the people of Jerusalem after Pentecost, when he is explaining to the crowds the significance of the first miracle worked by the apostles in the power of the Spirit. Like all the speeches in Acts, it is not a word-for-word, tape-recorded report, but is a sample of Peter's preaching to the people. He lays the blame for Jesus' rejection squarely on them, but shows that it was just as scripture had foretold. All of the speeches end with an invitation to repent. This does not mean simply to get all weepy about past sins, thinking 'how dreadful and wicked I have been'. It means that the listeners (and this includes us) must



change our ways and adopt God's system of values (as fully revealed by the Risen Christ). To convert means that, whereas before I was going in one direction, now I turn round and go in another. Then the way I look at the world becomes different: I see things from a different angle – from God's, from Christ's angle. This sort of conversion does not so much look at the past with regret as look at the future with confidence. It is the new determination that allows God to wipe out our sins.

### Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

This second reading advances a step further beyond the first. The first is about conversion, the second about blotting out former failures. Jesus Christ is our Advocate with the Father, 'standing at the right hand of the Father', because he takes our sins away. How does he do this? By his act of obedience on the Cross, Jesus wipes out the disobedience of Adam, that is, of all humanity. Adam (which is the Hebrew word meaning 'man') is the figure of all humanity, and Adam's sin is the symbol of all human sin, a sort of 'prequel' of all sin, an act of turning away from God, of independence and disobedience. On the Cross, Jesus was perfectly united to the Father, in an act of obedience in love, to which the Father responds, with a renewal of love for all humanity. For us, too, it is true that if we have any appreciation of God and any personal bond to God, we cannot but obey him. God's commands are not arbitrary, but are the way of keeping close to him. By the command of love God reveals himself and invites us to be like him.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

### The Word: Year B, Eastertide, Sunday 4

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

### Prayer of the Church

#### Psalter: Week 3

**Sun** + Seasonal Proper

**Mon** + Seasonal Proper

**Tue** + Seasonal Proper

**Wed** + Seasonal Proper (or + Common Pastors)

**Thu** + Seasonal Proper

**Fri** Proper of Saints + Common Martyrs

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

### This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** Of Easter Week 3

**Tue** Of Easter Week 3

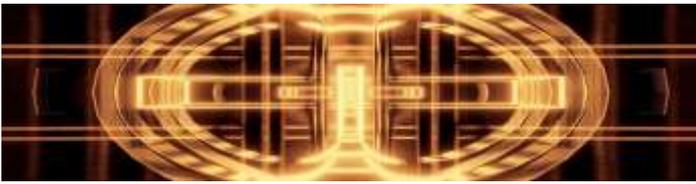
**Wed** St Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of Church

**Thu** Of Easter Week 3

**Fri** St George, Martyr, Patron of England

**Sat** St Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr /

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr



**Gathering Verse: Psalm 65**

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Because of the greatness of your strength  
your enemies cringe before you.  
Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!

Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.  
He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might.  
His eyes keep watch over the nations:  
let rebels not rise against him.

O peoples, bless our God,  
let the voice of his praise resound,  
of the God who gave life to our souls  
and kept our feet from stumbling.

For you, O God, have tested us,  
you have tried us as silver is tried:  
you led us, God, into the snare;  
you laid a heavy burden on our backs.

You let men ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water  
but then you brought us relief.

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
to him I cried aloud,  
with high praise ready on my tongue.

If there had been evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
But truly God has listened;  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.

**Gloria**

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: Acts 3:13-15**

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Responsorial Psalm: 4**

R Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy  
and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those  
whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

R Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

**Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5**

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.  
We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!



### Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

### 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

The Lamb's high banquet we await,  
In snow-white robes of royal state;  
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,  
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross  
His body hath redeemed our loss;  
And tasting of his scarlet blood,  
Our life is hid with him in God.

Now Christ our paschal Lamb is slain,  
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,  
The true oblation offered here,  
Our own unleavened bread sincere.

O thou, from whom hell's monarch flies,  
O great, O very Sacrifice,  
Thy captive people are set free,  
And endless life restored in thee.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,  
All glory, Lord, thy people give:  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To Father and to Paraclete.

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*May your people exult for ever, O God,  
In renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now  
in the restored glory of our adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
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.  
Amen.*