



# 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 7, 15/16 May 2021

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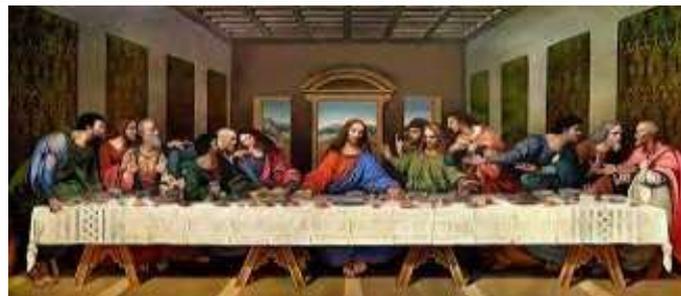
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			<i>Mass Intentions</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 15 May	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Pat Cochran</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 16 May	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Trevor Stones Parish Family</i>
Monday 17 May	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>James McNally</i>
Tuesday 18 May			
Wednesday 19 May	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Thursday 20 May	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Faithful Departed (November List)</i>
Friday 21 May			
<b>Saturday</b> 22 May	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	12.00nn Nuptial Mass ** 5.00pm Mass	Anita Bodurka & Paul <i>Kazia Andruszko</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 23 May	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Thomas Kenneth Withers Czajko, Tickle, Woodall Family</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.**  
\*\* No spare places available for the Wedding, this Saturday 22 May

Holy Father,  
keep those  
you have  
given me  
True  
to your  
name.



Consecrate  
them  
In the  
truth;  
your word  
is  
truth.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (in silence) -&- Also Sacrament of Reconciliation available**  
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5-6.00pm, at our Sacred Heart Church

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation only**

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 10.00am, at our St Joseph's Church  
or by appointment with Fr Anthony

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## From Fr Anthony

Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, as it is in praising God that we shall rejoice for ever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless they train for it now. So, we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We are promised a thing we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by one who keeps his word, we trust him and are glad; but as possession is yet delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised; then, yearning over, praise alone will remain.

Because there are these two periods of time – the one that now is, with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy – we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter, the other after. The season of Lent signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are now celebrating, signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise.

Both of these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ, our head. The Lord's passion depicts for us our present life of trial – shows how we must suffer, be afflicted and die. The Lord's resurrection and glorification show us the life to be given to us in the future.

Now then, let us praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say *Alleluia*. You say to your neighbour, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We praise God as we assemble in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good way of life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts.

*From a discourse on the Psalms by St Augustine of Hippo (abbreviated)*



This weekend, on their receiving their  
First Holy Communion,  
we especially pray for and congratulate  
Amelia Sakowicz, Antoni & Maria Schmiegel  
Wictor Komoroswski  
Diamond Jones-Mensah, Caidee & Lottie-Mae Hall  
Dawid Taraskowski

## First Sacraments Celebrations

Between both of our Masses, this Sunday, we complete our celebration of First Communions - then, between our three Masses next weekend (22/23 May), eight of our Parish Family are to be Confirmed. Though Covid-19 regulations bring some limitations to how we celebrate these great events, we will do all that we can, as a Parish Family, to help our Candidates have a special day.

*Please keep all Confirmation and First Communion Candidates in prayer.*

It is hoped that the easing of Covid-19 regulations will allow a fully celebratory *Thanksgiving Mass*, at 11.00am on **Sat 3 Jul**, with all those who are receiving their First Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation, during May. All will be welcome at that event, so do note the date now - and hopefully we'll be allowed a shared lunch.

## Things happening in our Parish

**Please Note** While there may be less pressure for places at our Masses next weekend, against at some Masses this and last weekend, it is still much recommended that all pre-book, on account of the planned celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, at all three Masses.

**As We Get Going** along the way to restoring more of the good things from before Covid-19, it's time to encourage as many as can to continue, or to take on newly, various tasks about our Churches. In the near future, we will highlight other things too, but for now - how about **you** joining our lists of Readers for our Masses? Please have a word with Mary Day, at our Sacred Heart Church, with Margaret Whitehouse at St Joseph's, or with Fr Anthony for either Church.

**Funerals** As from this week, the number of mourners at funerals can now be at the Covid-19 designated number for our Churches. This is usually up to 70 at both of our Churches. **But note:** attendees still have to be registered and maintain distancing. For this to happen smoothly and in reasonable time, it is all the more essential that the mourners are registered and seated in the Church **before the coffin is brought in**. The only exception is that the immediate family members (parents, children, siblings of the deceased) may register with the stewards and then wait at the entrance, to follow the coffin, but then only if they have previously arranged this with Fr Anthony.

**Reconciliation** Scheduled times, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will resume from this week. On account of the continued requirement for Covid-19 sanitizing, times will be fortnightly mid-week (see pg 1), until July at least.

*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 Programme of Preparation is presently expected to begin following the summer holidays. The Application Forms should become available soon after the coming Spring Bank Holiday.

**First Reconciliation** Our Children who are registered to join our up-coming Programme of Preparation, will meet on **Sat 19 Jun**, in our - Sacred Heart Hall, **10.00-11.30am**.

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

When they looked to replace Judas Iscariot, as the twelfth apostle, the eleven agreed that it should be either Joseph (known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus), or Matthias. The apostles then prayed and next cast lots - and the lot fell to Matthias.

*The Greek word Pentecost means fiftieth, and Pentecost is on the fiftieth day after Our Lord's Resurrection. But our Christian Pentecost also coincides with the Pentecost Festival that devout Jews have celebrated from a time long before Christ walked on earth, in his own sandals. What is this Jewish Festival otherwise known by and what does it celebrate?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

Scientists decided man no longer needed God and told God so. God said: "Let's have a man-making contest, like I did it in the old days with Adam". The scientist agreed and grabbed a handful of dirt. God said: "No, no, no, you make your own dirt".



## Parish Monies

**Offertory Monies** **Many Thanks**  
26 April - 2 May

Loose £ 60.99  
Envelopes £ 252.50  
April Bank Orders £1574.00

## 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

### General Directions for Digging.

We have emasculated the word 'soul', thinking of it as an invisible, intangible entity of which we have no direct experience but which, we are told, is the most important part of us, being the immortal element in our being, destined to spend an eternity either in heaven or in hell. If we think of the soul in this way then we cannot know what is for its salvation and what leads to its damnation, because it is invisible and intangible. We must therefore rely on what other people tell us. We then surrender our freedom and become slaves to those who can convince us that they know the vital answers: our own experience becomes an irrelevance and we are locked into a religious infantilism.

'Soul' means my very self, the deepest, the most sensitive part of myself, the point of unity in all that I am. The soul manifests itself in everything I experience, whether consciously or unconsciously. All my longings and hopes, fears and anxieties, restlessness and ambition are expressions of my soul. There are many possible ways of describing the phrase 'salvation of my soul', for example, 'the answer to the indefinable longings that are in me, to my fear of meaninglessness and inner emptiness, the answer to my wildest dreams'.

.....We can compare the soul to a flock of sheep together with the sheep dog. The sheep dog represents the deepest part of the soul, the part St. Augustine discovered when he wrote, 'You have created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You' (Confessions, Book 1). The deepest part, the sheep dog will always be restless until the whole soul is moving towards God. The sheep represent those drives and desires in us which are not integrated into the movement of our being towards God. And which keep trying to find satisfaction independently of the deepest part of the soul. We wander this way and that trying to satisfy our hunger, but the deepest part, the sheep dog, keeps harrying us. When we try to satisfy ourselves with something that is not leading us to God, then we feel dissatisfied, bored, empty and frustrated, which is the harrying of the sheep dog. That is why our negative feelings of sadness, anxiety, agitation, etc. can be so important: they can be telling us that our direction is wrong. If we ignore these feelings, or stifle them, we may feel less harried, but we are resting in a false security. It is possible for us to ignore the harrying of the sheep dog that we no longer notice our negative feelings when we are moving in the wrong direction.

*To be continued . . .*

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

O God, sanctify your whole Church  
in every people and nation;  
pour out, we pray,  
the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
across the face of the earth  
and, with the divine grace that was at work  
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,  
fill now once more the hearts of believers.



**Please Keep  
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**,  
especially Jennifer Howcroft, Susan Margaret Hopton,  
and their families.



*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, Tim Byrne, Dean Lovely, and all our housebound

**The Word: Year B, Eastertide, Sunday 7, Commentary on the Readings**

**Gospel: John 17:11-19**

Surprisingly, this wonderful final chapter of Jesus' discourse after the Last Supper comes in the Sunday readings only on this Sunday (in each year of the three-year cycle). In the whole discourse (John 14-17) Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time of the Church, after his death and resurrection. In this final chapter, however, he is speaking of his death itself, or rather of his consecration by his death. How exactly it is the actual words of Jesus we do not know, but it is a great prayer which is fully in accord with what Jesus would have been thinking on this daunting occasion. The prayer centres on the Fatherhood of God and the coming of the Kingdom or Kingship of God by the sanctification or consecration of the world, especially in the sanctification of the disciples, praying also for the deliverance of the disciples of Jesus from evil (as in the final petition of the Lord's Prayer). Fully in view of his own approaching sacrifice Jesus prays that by his own glorification his disciples also may be consecrated. The prayer is also a fitting preparation for Pentecost at which the Church is consecrated by the coming of the Spirit.



**First Reading: Acts 1:15-17,20-26**

During Eastertide we have been working through the Acts of the Apostles, listening to the progress of the earliest community. Now, on the final Sunday before Pentecost, we suddenly return to the very beginning, the very first incident after the Ascension. This is important for three reasons. Firstly, it shows the importance of the apostolic body, the Twelve. With the defection of Judas it was still important that there should be that number. Not only is it a good solid number, three times four, but also it is the number of the tribes of Israel, and the apostolic community is the continuation of the Chosen People. Secondly, but still in the same sense, it fulfils the scripture, as Peter

points out. The early Christian reflection in the New Testament on the events of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord is constantly linked to the scriptures, and a multitude of details is shown to be 'in accordance with the scriptures'. It was obviously important for the community to know that everything that occurred was running according to the will of God for the Christian community as it was expressed in the scriptures. Thirdly, the witness of the Twelve had included the earthly life and ministry of Jesus as well as to the final events of his life; we need to know about these in order to see that Jesus was proclaiming and bringing the Kingship of God by his teaching and his healing. What difference does it

**Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16**

To conclude the series of readings about the love which God shows to us, and which we in our turn should show to one another, comes this lovely Trinitarian reading, obviously also preparing for Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. The love of Father for Son is an eternal factor, technically known by theologians as the 'circuminsession' ('sitting in and around' or mutually enveloping each other). That love reaches to us in time by God's sending of his Son to us to give us a share in his Spirit. So in Christ and in his Spirit we too are enveloped in that cloud which is the divine love. If we take this seriously we can hardly abstain from passing on that love to others. Love is not something private, for myself, but is something transitive, passing on and on the warmth and openness from one person to another. If I love you, you will love me, and our love will pass on and ignite others.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year B, Feast of Pentecost**

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16:12-15

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter: Week 3**

- Sun** + Seasonal Proper
- Mon** + Seasonal Proper
- Tue** + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)
- Wed** + Seasonal Proper (or + Common Pastors)
- Thu** + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)
- Fri** + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)
- Sat** + Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

- Mon** Of Easter 7
- Tue** St John I, Pope & Martyr
- Wed** St Dunstan, Bishop
- Thu** St Bernadine of Siena, Priest
- Fri** St Christopher Magallanes, Priest &  
Companion Martyrs
- Sat** St Rita of Cascia, Religious



**Gathering Verse:**

Lord, Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us  
you are one with us, Mary's Son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin  
pouring your love and goodness in  
Jesus our love for you we sing,  
living Lord.

Lord, Jesus Christ,  
now and ev'ry day  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.  
Into our lives your pow'r breaks through,  
living Lord.

Lord, Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
born as one with us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see  
you are Lord.

Lord, Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your pow'r breaks through,  
living Lord.

*Patrick Appleford*

**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 1:15-17,20-26**

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

**Responsorial Psalm: 102(103)**

R Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

Happy the man who considers the poor  
and the weak.

The Lord will save him in the day of evil,  
will guard him, give him life, make him happy  
in the land  
and will not give him up to the will of his foes.

The Lord will help him on his bed of pain,  
he will bring him back from sickness to health.  
As for me: I said: 'Lord have mercy on me,  
heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

If you uphold me I shall be unharmed  
and set in your presence for evermore.  
Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel  
from age to age. Amen. Amen.

R Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

**Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16**

My dear people,  
since God has loved us so much,  
we too should love one another.  
No one has ever seen God;  
but as long as we love one another  
God will live in us  
and his love will be complete in us.  
We can know that we are living in him  
and he is living in us  
because he lets us share his Spirit.  
We ourselves saw and we testify  
that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is  
the Son of God,  
God lives in him, and he in God.  
We ourselves have known and put our faith in  
God's love towards ourselves.  
God is love  
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,  
and God lives in him.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: John 11:17-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:  
'Holy Father,  
keep those you have given me true to your name,  
so that they may be one like us.  
While I was with them,  
I kept those you had given me true to your name.  
I have watched over them  
and not one is lost  
except the one who chose to be lost,  
and this was to fulfil the scriptures.  
But now I am coming to you  
and while still in the world I say these things  
to share my joy with them to the full.  
I passed your word on to them,  
and the world hated them,  
because they belong to the world  
no more than I belong to the world.  
I am not asking you to remove them from the world,  
but to protect them from the evil one.  
They do not belong to the world  
any more than I belong to the world.  
Consecrate them in the truth;  
your word is truth.  
As you sent me into the world,  
I have sent them into the world,  
and for their sake I consecrate myself  
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

### Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

### Communion Verse

O, the love of my Lord is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see  
he has given to me  
and his giving is gentle as silence.  
Every day, every hour, every moment,  
have been blessed by the strength of his love.  
At the turn of each tide  
he is there at my side,  
and his touch is as gentle as silence.  
There've been times when I've turned from his  
presence,  
and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on his name  
in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

*Estelle White*

### Concluding Verse

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below,  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, star of the sea  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.  
O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee;  
Remind thy Son that He has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.  
Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
To thee, blest advocate, we cry;  
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,  
And sooth with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,  
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above  
In Godhead one, in Persons Three,  
The source of life, of grace, of love,  
Homage we pay on bended knee:  
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,  
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

*John Lingard (1771-1851)*

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