



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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

Diocese of Leeds: Registered Charity No 249404

## Year B, Eastertide, Feast of Pentecost, 22/23 May 2021

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			<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 22 May	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<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>
Monday 24 May	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Donor's Intention (AG)</i>
Tuesday 25 May			
Wednesday 26 May	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Mass **	<i>Josephine Shaunessey Susan Margaret Hopton</i>
Thursday 27 May	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	
Friday 28 May			
<b>Saturday</b> 29 May	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 30 May	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Michael Murtagh Christina Glass</i>

Covid distancing still requires limiting numbers in our Churches. Please pre-book for Weekend Masses. **To book for Mass: see our Parish Website, Parish Facebook Page, or telephone the Presbytery.**

**\*\* Funeral of Susan Hopton: to attend, please contact Fr Anthony, if not already included with her Family**

When  
the Spirit of  
truth  
Comes,  
he will lead you  
to the complete  
truth.



He  
will be  
my witness  
(Jesus, said).  
And you too  
will be  
witnesses.

**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

The titles given to the Holy Spirit must surely stir the soul of anyone who hears them, and make them realise that they speak of nothing less than the supreme Being. Is he not called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, the steadfast Spirit, the guiding Spirit? But his principal and most personal title is the Holy Spirit.

To the Spirit all creatures turn in their need for sanctification; all living things seek him according to their ability. His breath empowers each to achieve its own natural end.

The Spirit is the source of holiness, a spiritual light, and he offers his own light to every mind to help it in its search for truth. By nature the Spirit is beyond the reach of our mind, but we can know him by his goodness. The power of the Spirit fills the whole universe, but he gives himself especially to those worthy, acting in each according to the measure of his faith.



Simple in himself, the Spirit is manifold in his mighty works. The whole of his being is present to each individual; the whole of his being is present everywhere. Though shared in by many, he remains unchanged; his self giving is no loss to himself. Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth his grace in full measure, sufficient for all, and yet is present as though exclusive to everyone who can receive him. To all creatures that share in him he gives a delight limited only by their own nature, not by his ability to give.

The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those who are making progress. He enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin and makes them spiritual by communion with himself.

As clear, transparent substances become very bright when sunlight falls on them and shine with a new radiance, so also souls in whom the Spirit shines become both spiritual themselves and a source of grace for others.

From the Spirit comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of the mysteries of faith, insight into the hidden meaning of Scripture, and other special gifts. Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, enter into eternal happiness, and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire true greatness; we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations - we become not God, but yet like to God.

*Adapted from the treatise On the Holy Spirit by Saint Basil the Great*

This weekend,  
we especially pray for and congratulate  
*on their Covenanting Marriage*  
Anita Bodurka and Paul Taylor

*on their being Confirmed in the Holy Spirit*  
Zofia Zalewska, Edward Smith, Olivia Brown  
Kate Kolodziejczyk, Oliwia Kucharczyk  
Nomie Ruzvidzo  
Jasmine Serebour, Dominic Kirwan

## Things happening in our Parish

**More Changes** Now we are in Covid Roadmap Step 3, documents received via our Bishop confirm that some further adjustments can be made, at our Liturgies.

**Readers** may now read from the Lectionary, without a need to sanitize hands afresh or wear gloves. They should, however, **touch the book only to turn pages**. As well as reading from the Lectionary, readers please note that the copy of the Intercessions, on weekends and high-days, will now also be left for them on the Lectern.

**Communion** will continue under the form of the Bread of Our Lord only. However, it is affirmed that on giving Communion, **the Minister be asked to say 'The Body of Christ' to each communicant**. Please note, though, that the response of 'Amen' should not be said loudly.

**Pre-Booking** and registration is to continue, for now, **at weekend and some other larger congregation Liturgies (eg Funerals)**. Booking/registration of attendees at events with lesser numbers (eg weekday Masses) is suspended, however. If, for some reason, registration will be required for such as a weekday Mass, due notice for booking will be given in our Parish Newsletter.

**Seating** Distancing and sanitizing procedures are still required, so the Stewards may still indicate where any who are attending are asked to sit, at any of our Liturgies, to avoid risks or unnecessary cleaning.

**Track & Trace** When any are attending either of our Churches, for whatever reason, if their attendance is not being registered by a Steward (eg at a weekday Mass), they are personally responsible for Track and Trace (find the relevant QR Code in the Church entrances).

**Collection Monies** These should continue to be put in the basket in the Church Entrance Hall, please, as we still should not pass baskets person to person.

**Funerals** 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, it is all the more essential that the mourners are registered and seated in the Church **before the coffin is brought in**. Exception may be made for immediate family members to register with the Stewards and then wait to follow the coffin, but only if this is previously arranged with Fr Anthony.

**Trial Run** The NHS have asked to use our Sacred Heart *lower* car park, for Covid-19 pop-up testing, on the next two Tuesdays and Fridays, and Wednesday 2 June.

*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.

## Parish Monies

### Offertory Monies

3 May - 9 May

Loose £223.06  
Envelopes £343.00

Many  
Thanks

## 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.

The second sentence of 'The First Principle and Foundation' reads:

*The other things on the face of the earth are created for man, to help him in attaining the end for which he is created.*

This dry and formal statement is a most optimistic expression of faith, for it is asserting that there is nothing in creation, nothing in our experience, neither the damage done to us nor the damage we have done, no sickness, no weakness, physical or mental, which cannot lead us to God. This optimistic statement re-echoes St. Paul: 'For I am certain of this neither life nor death, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, not any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.' (Rom. 8:38-9)

How can the evil done to us, the evil we have done, lead us to God, for surely these are the very things which separate us from him? The events of our lives may be compared to a ladder stretching from earth to heaven. Some rungs we must grasp firmly and they help us upwards: other rungs we must step on and this also helps us upwards, so the third sentence of 'The Principle and Foundation' reads:

*Hence, man is to make use of them (creatures) in so far as they help him in the attainment of his end, and he must rid himself of them in so far as they prove a hindrance to him.*

This may sound all very clear and logical, but it has not always been clear in the history of Christian spirituality. There is a constant temptation to despise and reject the limitations of our human nature, and to believe that perfection consists in being as independent of it as possible a temptation which is at the route of much Christian neurosis.

There are attachments, attitudes and patterns of behaviour, which may be helpful and creative at one stage of our life, but may become destructive later. How are we to know what really is helpful or a hindrance? And how am I to rid myself of something which I know to be destructive in my life, if it seems to possess me and I cannot let it go?

*To be continued . . .*

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



## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

One of the greatest Feasts of the Jews, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, became one with their Passover Feast, recalling their escape from slavery in Egypt. From ancient times, seven weeks and one day after this, Jews celebrate the Feast of Weeks, or their Pentecost (fiftieth day), which is a Harvest Festival, in thanksgiving for God's many good gifts.

*The Old Testament recognises our one God relating to his Children within two persons or from two aspects - as Father and as Spirit. In case any have forgotten - apart from Jesus, who in the gospels is the first and indeed only one to state that Jesus is divine (and so also a person or another aspect of the one God)?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

A father once told his wife he was certain his son had taken money out of his wallet. When she asked how he was so certain, that it might have been her, he shook his head, "No, there was some left."



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 Susan Margaret Hopton, 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, 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, Feast of Pentecost, Commentary on the Readings**

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

None of the gospels gives an account of the Day of Pentecost, but St John tells us of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples. There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth; each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace; the letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace - the reversal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness; Jesus came to show this by his constant meeting with and welcoming of sinners. Moreover, the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.



**First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

The ministry of Jesus starts with the coming of the Spirit at his Baptism, and in a similar way the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. There can be no witness to Jesus or to his message, no spreading of the Kingship of God, without the Spirit of Jesus. Another lesson from this parallelism between Jesus' Baptism and Pentecost is that the task of the Church and the life of the Church are the same as those of Jesus himself: to bring God's kingship to its fulfilment by bringing healing, love and joy through the message of the Risen Christ. The rushing wind and the tongues of fire are an allusion to the account in the Old Testament of the coming of God's Spirit upon Moses and the Elders. So the message of the New Testament is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, breaking out beyond

the borders of Judaism to include all peoples of the world. The union of all these peoples, all understanding one language in their own way, is a deliberate contrast to the Old Testament scene at the Tower of Babel, when all the peoples of the world defied God and so were split up and could no longer understand one another's languages. The list of unpronounceable peoples is itself a witness to the universality of the Church!

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

The slightest glance round a church full of people is enough to show the variety within the Christian community. But it needs the words of St Paul to remind us that every member of that community has his or her own special gift to contribute. Mercifully, these gifts are all different. It is good to reflect on the natural gifts that we find all around us. It is also valuable to reflect how dull, or even intolerable, life would be if I lived with a lot of clones of myself, all with the same gifts and the same faults as myself! Every one of us contributes something different and valuable, whether it is the baby squeaking as a sign of new, developing life or the older person contributing wisdom, experience and even the suffering of Christ. Another inspiring thought is that all we varied and diverse people go to make up the Body which is Christ. We all have experience of various corporate bodies, organisations and companies, but none of these 'bodies' manifest the presence of a person as do our own individual bodies. But as the Body of Christ, the Church, we show forth to the world the presence of Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, through the indwelling of the Spirit.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year B, Feast of The Holy Trinity**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter: Week 4**

**Sun** Of the Feast

**Mon** + Common of Blessed Virgin

**Tue** + National Proper

**Wed** + Proper of the Saints

**Thu** + Of The Feast

**Fri** Of the Weekday

**Sat** (Or + Common of Pastors)

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon** Our Lady, Mother of the Church

**Tue** St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Dr of Church

**Wed** St Philip Neri, Priest

**Thu** Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

**Fri** Of the Weekday

**Sat** St Paul VI, Pope