



# 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, Season of Lent, Sunday 3, 6/7 March 2021

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		<i>FB - Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 6 March	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Luke Alphonsus Fitzpatrick</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 7 March	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <b>FB</b>	<i>Vic France Malgorzata Dabrowska</i>
Monday 8 March	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Faithful Departed (November List)</i>
Tuesday 9 March			<i>Donor's Intention (AF)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 10 March	Sacred Heart St Joseph's	9.30am Mass 12.00nn Stations of the Cross	<i>Intentions C Davis</i>
Thursday 11 March	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Friday 12 March			<i>Foundation Mass</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 13 March	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Paul Morris</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 14 March	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <b>FB</b>	<i>Audrey Daley Barbara O'Donnell</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.**

All are invited to join our Lent Activities each Wednesday of Lent: and to join in as many as you can, whether with all or just one or two.

### **Stations of the Cross, 12.00nn, at St Joseph's**

On-line Parish Sycamore Course, 7-8.00pm, (see pg 2 for details)

*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

*Some thoughts of St Cyprian,  
on the Lord's Prayer (abbreviated).*

The commands of the Gospel are nothing else than God's lessons, the foundations on which to build up hope, the supports for strengthening faith, the food that nourishes the heart. They are the protection that keeps our salvation secure. As they instruct the minds of believers on earth, they lead safely to the kingdom of heaven.

God willed that many things should be said by the prophets and listened to by his people. How much greater are the things spoken by the Son. These are now witnessed to by the very Word of God, who spoke through the prophets. The Word of God does not

now command us to prepare the way for his coming: he comes in person and opens up the way for us and directs us towards it. Before, we were



wandering aimlessly in darkness. Now we are enlightened by the light of grace, and are to keep to the highway of life, with the Lord to precede and direct us.

The Lord has given us many counsels and commandments to help us towards salvation. He has even given us a pattern of prayer, instructing us on how we are to pray. He has given us life, and with his accustomed generosity, he has also taught us how to pray. He has made it easy for us to be heard as we pray to the Father, in the words taught us by the Son.

He had already told that the hour was coming when true worshippers would worship the Father in spirit and in truth. He fulfilled what he had promised before, so that we who have received the spirit and the truth, through the holiness he has given us, may worship in truth and in the spirit, through the prayer he has taught.

What prayer could be more a prayer in the spirit than the one given us by Christ, by whom the Holy Spirit was sent upon us? What prayer could be more a prayer in the truth than the one spoken by the lips of the Son, who is the Truth?

So, let us pray as God our master has taught us. To ask the Father in words his Son has given us, to let him hear the prayer of Christ ringing in his ears, is to make our prayer one of friendship, a family prayer. Let the Father recognise the words of his Son. Let the Son who lives in our hearts be also on our lips. We have him as an advocate for sinners before the Father; when we ask forgiveness for our sins, let us use the words given by our advocate. He tells us: *Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.* What more effective prayer could we then make in the name of Christ than in the words of his own prayer?



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.

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](mailto:catechist.sacredheartstjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) for an invitation, by the Sunday before.

## Things happening in our Parish

**Please Note** There appears to be growing evidence that catching Covid-19 is much less likely in open air settings than indoors. There is also some evidence that those who have had one or both of the relevant injections might still be able to carry Covid-19. Do remember that the regulations regarding distancing and socialising have not yet eased. So for the time being, please do not linger in our Churches or their entrance halls, chatting away. Just a little while longer and hopefully we will all be liberated!

### **International Course for Catholics**

**The Called and Gifted** Discernment Process, of Sherry Weddell and the Catherine of Siena Institute, is now available online, at: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>.

Called and Gifted is designed to help individuals to discern the charisms God has given them for mission and service. It begins with a teaching workshop in which participants complete a Spiritual Gifts Inventory, then a one-to-one interview process, and a follow-up, in which participants learn how to develop and use the charisms identified. More details are on the website, including an easy-to-use booking process. If any wish to join but need assistance with the cost, please speak with Fr Anthony.



## Our 2021 Lent Project

**Mary's Meals** presently feed, every school day, more than 1.6 million Children, in several developing countries.

*This practical help enables* - more parents to be able to afford to send their Children to school - and what would otherwise be hungry and listless Children to learn, so to have a real hope of a better and more secure future.

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](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, on **Wed 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 20 Mar**, and will be *on-line*, 9.30-10.30am, As before, parents will receive an invitation, via email, for parents and their children.

**First Communion** Next Preparation Meeting, *on-line*, **Sat 13 Mar**.

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. All involved please note carefully the time allocated for your family.

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

Mount Panium and Mount Hermon have been noted as possible sites where Jesus was transfigured, as they are close to Caesarea Philippi, where St Matthew places Jesus just before the transfiguration. Since the third century, however, many have favoured Mount Tabor (in lower Galilee) as the mountain on which Jesus was transfigured. This is where the Church of the Transfiguration now stands.

*Today's Gospel tells that Jesus ejected money changers from the Temple, in Jerusalem. Why did not just foreigners, but many local Jews need the services of the money changers, when visiting the temple?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!



A little girl talking to her friend in the playground: 'You have to be very brave to go to church. My uncle said last Sunday they had a canon in the pulpit, the

choir murdered the hymn and the organist drowned the choir.'

## Parish Monies

**Offertory Monies** **Many Thanks**  
15-21 February

Loose	£ 97.20
Envelopes	£379.12
Feb Text/Donate	£ 64.00
Mary's Meals *	£ 93.00

\* In Church/Presbytery only. Digital giving will be added later.

## 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)*

The passage from Isaiah is included in the scriptures not primarily as a piece of historical information nor as a fine example of Hebrew poetry, but because it expresses the mind and heart of God for all people and for all time, so that when I read these words I hear God addressing me at this moment. It can be helpful to begin the prayer by spending a few moments pondering the mystery of our own



being. Our body is a most complex structure, containing, literally, billions of cells, each most mysterious and intricate in form, yet all interconnected and unified in a wonderful harmony, an internal communications system which makes all the world's transport systems seem clumsy in comparison. The billions of cells which form me are co-ordinated and linked with every other particle in the universe, as though the whole universe is one giant organism. No man is an island. When a baby throws its rattle out of its pram, the heavens rock. When I read the Scriptures, it is good to hear the words as if they were coming not from a page of print outside me, but as if they were words coming from within the mystery of my own being. In this way we can listen to Isaiah.

But now, thus says Yahweh, who created you, Jacob, who formed you, Israel: Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. Should you pass through the sea, I will be with you; or through rivers, they will not swallow you up. Should you walk through fire, you will not be scorched and the flames will not burn you. For I am Yahweh, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your saviour.... Because you are precious in my eyes, because you are honoured and I love you, I give men in exchange for you, people in return for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. (Isa. 43:1-5)

Read over the passage several times and see if any word or phrase stands out for you, and stay with that phrase for as long as you like before turning your attention to any other. The process is analogous to sucking a boiled sweet. Do not try to analyse the phrase just as you would not normally break up a boiled sweet and subject it to chemical analysis before tasting. Often a phrase will catch the attention of our subconscious mind's needs long before our conscious mind is aware of the reason for the attraction. That is why it is good to remain with the phrase for as long as possible without trying to analyse it.....

*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 Kazimiera Andruszko, 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, Ann Stoner, Tim Byrne, and all our housebound

**The Word: Year B, Season of Lent, Sunday 3: Commentary on the Readings**

**Gospel: John 2:13-25**

According to John, this scene took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, on the first of Jesus' four visits to Jerusalem. At each subsequent visit the Temple authorities lay in wait for Jesus, increasingly keen to eliminate him, but unable to do so till his Hour had come. The other gospels place both this incident and all other scenes of Jesus in Jerusalem as the final climax of Jesus' ministry. Whichever is correct, the incident is the basic cause of Jesus' arrest and his tortured death. By his action Jesus had demonstrated that the worship carried out in the Temple had become vain in God's eyes owing to its lack of integrity and must be superseded. To the Temple authorities this was intolerable, and he must be removed. Again, Jesus demanded a complete reversal of standards. His puzzling saying about building the Temple anew in his body was at last understood by his disciples after his resurrection when they realised it meant the Temple that was his Body, the Church. The material building which had been the centre of worship was no longer important. Henceforth all worship would take place in any place, but within the Christian community. The community - or the Church - was now the place of sanctification and of prayer to God.

**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

The Ten Commandments are not harsh rules, but an invitation to Israel, showing them how to be God's people: if you wish to keep close to God, you must behave in a way compatible with God's own nature. They come in an order which may surprise us perhaps, opposite to the priorities of the modern materialistic world: for God comes first, then they deal with the value of persons; the value of things and possessions comes only at the end. We need to think of the commandments not as prohibitions but as expressing positive values. So 'keep holy the Sabbath day' implies freedom of worship and freedom for leisure. 'Honour your parents' includes not only obedience of children, but real parental care

for children and of adult children for aged parents, as well as other family values. 'No adultery' means fostering the marriage bond and continually deepening it. 'No false witness' includes the right to free speech, and giving others a good reputation, free of slander - no brainwashing or distortion by the media. Many of these laws occur in other ancient law-codes, but in Israel they have a special meaning, for here they are the guidelines for living under divine protection and in the company of the Lord.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

This reading is all about power and wisdom: 'the Jews demand miracles (works of power) and the Greeks look for wisdom'. These are two measures of success in the normal terms of our modern materialistic society. Power comes in the form of wealth, authority, command, being the boss. Wisdom results in the respect and reputation we accord to particular people: he or she is someone who makes the right decisions. But where do we find 'power' and 'wisdom' in the crucified Christ? He was a prisoner, powerless, horribly tortured, mocked and derided. He commanded nobody. Surely there is nothing we can respect about a tortured prisoner? God's standards are different, and we heard them in the form of the commandments in the first reading. It was these standards that brought Jesus to the situation of the Passion, for these were the standards he had sought to live out and show to people by his way of living and acting. This way was the Kingship of God which he came to proclaim and to spread. In the first reading we heard the demanding, positive standards for membership of God's people. Now in this second reading we receive strength and comfort from the reassurance of the model of Christ.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year B, Season of Lent, Sunday 4**

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter: Of Week 3**

**Sun** + Seasonal Proper  
**Mon** + Seasonal Proper  
**Tue** + Seasonal Proper  
**Wed** + Seasonal Proper  
**Thu** + Seasonal Proper  
**Fri** + Seasonal Proper  
**Sat** + Seasonal Proper

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon** Weekday of Lent  
**Tue** Weekday of Lent /  
St Francis of Rome, Religious  
**Wed** Weekday of Lent  
**Thu** Weekday of Lent  
**Fri** Weekday of Lent  
**Sat** Weekday of Lent



**Gathering Verse: Cantic of Zechariah**

Destroy this temple and in three days  
I will raise it again, says the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!  
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour  
in the house of David his servant,  
as he promised by the lips of holy men,  
those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled  
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,  
that free from fear, and saved from  
the hands of our foes,  
we might serve him in holiness and justice  
all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child,  
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.  
You shall go ahead of the Lord  
to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation  
through forgiveness of all their sins,  
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God  
who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness,  
those who dwell in the shadow of death,  
and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Destroy this temple and in three days  
I will raise it again, says the Lord.

**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord  
your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or  
any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth  
beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall  
not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord  
your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's  
fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-  
grandsons of those who hate me; but I show  
kindness to thousands of those who love me and  
keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God  
to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished  
the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For  
six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the  
seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You  
shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son  
nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women,  
nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you.  
For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the  
earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the  
seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has  
blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you  
may have a long life in the land that the Lord your  
God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your  
neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You  
shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant,  
man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything  
that is his.'

**Responsorial Psalm: 18**

R You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

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**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son:  
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel: John 2:13-25**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

**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**

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know:  
But oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
Who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King:  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
And for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
That he his foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heaven was his home;  
But mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend

*Samuel Crossman (c 1624-83)*

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