



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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

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		<i>FB - Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 27 March	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Bob Unwin</i>
Sunday 28 March	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Pat Holmes</i> <i>Brian McDonough</i>
Monday 29 March	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Vic France</i>
Tuesday 30 March			<i>Josephine Shaughnessy</i>
Wednesday 31 March	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Kazia Andruszko</i>
Maundy Thursday 1 April	St Joseph's	7.00pm Mass of Our Lord's Supper then Watching until 9.00pm	<i>Parish Family</i>
Good Friday 2 April	Sacred Heart St Joseph's	3.00pm V Liturgy of the Passion 5.00pm A of Our Lord Jesus	
Holy Saturday 3 April	Sacred Heart	7.00pm Easter Vigil and Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection	<i>Albert F Allan</i>
Easter Sunday 4 April	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Marie Moran</i> <i>Maria & Josef Pianiazek</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.



As more now feel able to come to our Churches and we still seem set to soon have such as non-essential retail shops opening, this Easter Sunday will be the last day of our weekly live-streaming of Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Anthony, by appointment, or
Sunday 28 March, 12.00-1.00pm at Sacred Heart

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From Fr Anthony

The **Holy Saturday Celebration of the Paschal Vigil and Mass of Resurrection** is rightly the most colourful among our Christian liturgies. It is the climax and highlight not only of the *Three Act Drama* we are about to follow, this coming week, but of the *entire* Christian year.

The Paschal or Easter Vigil follows the quieter, but joyful and hope-filled Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, and the deep sadness of the day of the Lord's Death (though even here there are clear hints of what is to follow).

This year, Holy Saturday (not to be confused with Easter Saturday, the Saturday after Easter Sunday) will begin, as usual, with the tabernacle empty; with its door open reminding of our world seeming to be empty of Christ's presence and activity. As evening falls, in a darkened Church, the Paschal Candle will be lit at the rear of our Church, with all in their places. While only the ministers will process through the Church, the Church gradually getting brighter will still have a moving effect.



The great Easter Proclamation will then remind of how Christ is our Light, our Way, our Truth, our Life, our bringer of Salvation. We will go on to recall how the history of Israel, through the Old Testament times, especially the Exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land, was a lead up to the coming of this same Christ, Our Lord Jesus, into our world.

We will go on to give thanks for the gift of our Church, our brothers and sisters in Christ, those in heaven and those still with us on earth, in the Litany of the Saints. This year there will be none Baptised during this great celebration, but we will still Bless the Font and have the opportunity to renew our Baptismal Vows. This act will enable us both to give thanks for the gift of our being God's Beloved Children, and to pray that we will be all the more committed to helping build God's Family here on earth, through our words and example.

Despite not being able to have congregational singing, with a full Easter joy, we will follow on with the great Thanksgiving or Eucharist of the *Lord's Death and Resurrection*; the sign that we can have a new life here on earth, dead to sin, and one day be brought to eternal joy in heaven.

This is, indeed, the awesome celebration of all celebrations. One of the greatest signs of an alive parish is in how its Family *celebrate the great, Holy Triduum (or Three Days) of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.*

Do be sure to be with us, if at all you can..

Things happening in our Parish

First Sacraments/Reconciliation Our next Programme is to start during the summer term, with a view to those children who join celebrating their First Confession during July, and then going on to prepare for First Communion during Advent of this year. This Programme is for our baptised Children now in school year 3 or above. Parents of eligible Children need to obtain an Application Form from Fr Anthony, after any of our Parish Masses, and be sure to return it direct to him by **Sun 11 April**.

Offertory Envelopes Any who have yet to collect their 2021/22 envelopes are asked to please do so, or to ask another to collect them if they can - at our Sacred Heart Church, in the Hall and St Joseph's, on the bench by the Confessional.

If you cannot find the named pack, please inform Jackie Ventom, Margaret Whitehouse or Fr Anthony.

Also, please have a word with one of them, if you wish to change from using envelopes to having a bank standing order in favour of our Parish - or to begin using envelopes. Standing orders have certainly shown some of their advantages during the past year, for users and our Parish both!

!Envelope users - please don't forget to collect!

Thanks are to be conveyed to Kazia Andruszko's family, for their donations of £350 to our Parish SVP and £800 to our Parish Funds, in memory of Kazia.

Unfortunately last Sunday night saw a fire at Hemsworth telephone exchange, cutting off telephone lines through areas of our Parish. An initial BT report suggested the Presbytery line would be restored notably sooner than it was. As the 'fix' date became later, Fr Anthony was then advised that because of the nature of the problem, calls to the Presbytery could not be diverted to a mobile, but also that the work was at least progressing to a sooner 'fix' date (by Fri 26 Mar). Regrets are offered to any who have been inconvenienced by this, with a hope that the line is back for this weekend.

Your Easter Offerings taken at next weekend's Masses, are traditionally your gift to your Priest.

Please Note: Our Lent Project ends this week

Our 2021 Lent Project



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

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 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 17 Apr**, and is expected to be in our -

Sacred Heart Hall, 9.30-11.00am. It is important all arrive in good time, so as to start on time.

First Communion 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.

Parish Monies

Offertory Monies	Many Thanks
8-14 March	
Loose	£125.13
Envelopes	£251.50
Mary's Meals *	£ 91.40

* 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)

There is no thought, feeling or desire within us which cannot become the substance of our prayer. 'Distractions' do not refer to thoughts and feelings, but to the direction of our attention. For example, I may in prayer remember a crossword clue and find myself trying to find the word. I can turn this searching into prayer. 'Lord keep me searching for the one clue that matters, the clue to my emptiness and longings, the clue to the meaning of my life.' The crossword clue is no longer a distraction, but has become a springboard to prayer. It is only a distraction if I allow it so to preoccupy me that I turn my attention away from pray and search for a ten-letter word for 'inattentive' while being pulled apart

I have already made mention of the use of the imagination in prayer. Imaginative contemplation is especially useful for praying from the Gospels. Read the passage and then imagine the scene as though it were happening at this moment and you were an active participant.

I shall illustrate the method in greater detail with a few verses from St. John's Gospel:

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'(John 20:19-21)



As with any Scripture passage, I approach it believing that through the medium of this passage I meet the Risen Christ, Lord of all creation offering me his peace. For the moment I lay aside my intellectual questioning and doubts about my own faith – did the resurrection really happen? What is its nature? What certainty can I have? Why are the resurrection narratives so conflicting and sometimes contradictory? Is there not a danger that I am simply fooling myself by using this method of prayer? Might I not end up some kind of religious fanatic if I pray in this way? These are all valid questions: to lay them aside for the moment is not to run away from them, for they can be considered later. But if I insist on trying to answer them before I begin to pray imaginatively, I shall never get started.....

To be continued . . .

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Each Jewish town had a Sanhedrin, which was a court or tribunal of 23 members who ruled on matters of Jewish laws and traditions. There was then just one greater Sanhedrin with 71 members, which acted as a Court of Appeal. Both had an odd number so as to avoid an even split in any rulings.

In the Easter Proclamation, sung during the Paschal Vigil, which little creatures are given credit for their contribution to the celebration of the Easter Vigil and Season of Easter (and, too, Baptisms and Funerals)?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A man goes into a cinema with his dog to watch a romantic comedy and the dog laughs and cries in the appropriate places. A man, sitting behind, notices this and says "That's truly amazing!" "It certainly is," the dog owner replied, "He hated the book!"



Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
Margaret Bontoft, 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, Holy Week, Palm Sunday: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

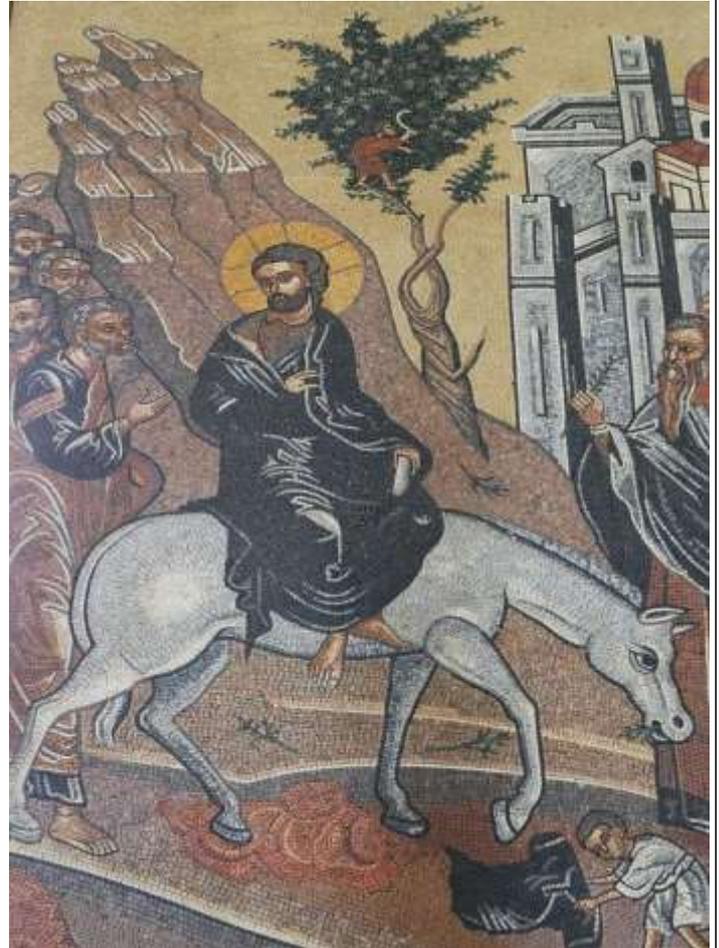
The procession of palms is joyful and sad at the same time. It is the triumphant entry of the Messiah as King into his holy city. The crowds were celebrating and singing the psalm for the festival as they entered the city, not knowing that they were in fact welcoming the Messiah who ushers in the Kingship of God. Often in Mark the actors in the story do not realise the full significance of their actions, as when the Roman soldiers later mock Jesus as King, not knowing that that is what he truly is. As Christians we believe that the Kingship of God was brought to fulfilment by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The drama, which begins with this entry into Jerusalem, ends with the story of the empty tomb. John tells us that it was only afterwards, when Jesus had risen from the dead, that the disciples realised the significance of the event. The resurrection at last made sense of everything, showed everything in a new light. John also tells us that this was the humble king of the prophecy, riding not on a triumphant war-horse but on a humble donkey.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In the Book of Isaiah there are four songs, of which this is the third, sung by a mysterious Servant of the Lord. It is not clear who this Servant is, but he is totally dedicated to the service of the Lord, a disciple who listens devotedly. Through suffering, this Servant brings to fulfilment the salvation which the Lord intends for Israel and for the world. Jesus saw himself in terms of this Servant, and the four songs feature throughout the liturgy of Holy Week.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:8-9

This hymn was probably not written by Paul himself, but is likely to have been a very early Christian hymn taken up by Paul into his letter to the Church in Philippi. It celebrates the triumph of Jesus through his selflessness. The assertions at the end are staggering. The hymn claims for Jesus the titles and



the worship which are due only to God. What is more, this acknowledgement of Jesus' authority does not detract from the glory of God, but is precisely 'to the glory of God the Father'. This is perhaps the fullest statement in Paul of the divine glory of Jesus, a glory won by his humiliation in death.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34-37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Of Week 2

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper

Tue + Seasonal Proper

Wed + Seasonal Proper

Thu + Seasonal Proper (am) / Of Maundy Thu (eve)

Fri Of Good Friday

Sat Of Holy Saturday

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Holy Week

Tue Holy Week

Wed Holy Week

Thu Maundy Thursday

Fri Good Friday

Sat Holy Saturday



Blessing of Palms

Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."' And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

Processional Verse: Psalm 23(24)

Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you,
who have come in your abundant mercy!
The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbour.
He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

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.

Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant
mercy!

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm: 21

R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'
Many dogs have surrounded me.
A band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.
They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength make haste to help me!
I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'
R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:8-9

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Mark: 14:1-15:47**

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

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled,
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

*This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

Come see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone him.
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

Graham Kendrick

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