



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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

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			Mass Intentions
Saturday 29 May	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Sunday 30 May	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Michael Murtagh Christina Glass</i>
Monday 31 May	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>John Joseph & Thanks Wedding Anniversary</i>
Tuesday 1 June			
Wednesday 2 June	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass 5.00pm Exposition/Reconciliation	<i>Sue Hopton</i>
Thursday 3 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation	<i>Parish Family</i>
Friday 4 June			
Saturday 5 June	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Intentions Anita & Paul Taylor</i>
Sunday 6 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Brian O'Connor Richard Gee</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.

Glory be
to the Father,
and
to the Son,
And
to the
Holy Spirit



The God
who is,
who was
And
who is
to come.
Alleluia

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

When the Lord told his disciples to *go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*, he conferred on them the power of giving to others new life in God.

He had promised, through the prophets, that in these last days, he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So, when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, so becoming accustomed to dwelling within the human race, to living in men and women and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit achieved in this way the Father's will in those who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Ascension of the Lord, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known the new Covenant. So it was that people of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, reunited by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus, without that water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest until it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit, without this abundant rainfall from above.

Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay, we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul. *The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God* came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, *the devil too had been cast down like lightning*.

If we, then, are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so, the Lord in his pity for mankind, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up the wounds of his children, entrusted them to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the Spirit given to us, to yield a rich profit for the Lord.

From the treatise "Against the Heresies" (adapted) by St Irenaeus.

Things happening in our Parish

It is a great joy to see an increasing number of our Parish Family returning to a regular coming together, at our Parish Masses.

Resumptions A fortnightly Exposition of the Sacrament (also individual Reconciliation available, if any wish), at our Sacred Heart Church, **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month, 5-6.00pm. Morning Prayer of our Church, at our St Joseph's Church, **Mondays and Thursdays**, from **Mon 7Jun**, 9.10am (with the Sacrament Exposed). Also, individual Reconciliation can be had at St Joseph's, on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 10.00am.

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.

& In our Diocese

National Rosary Rally All are invited to pray the Rosary at some point 6.-7.00pm, this Sun 30 May, as part of our Diocese of Leeds appointed hour for the National Rosary Rally, for the intentions of Faith, Life and Peace in our Nation.

The Briery Retreat Centre, in Ilkley, offers a variety of Retreats, Prayer Evenings, Day Conferences, and more, suited to a whole variety of individuals and groups. Some of these can be accessed on-line. For more details visit www.briery.org.uk. The Centre is run by the Sisters of the Cross and Passion.

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?

The apostle we hear referred to as Doubting Thomas is the same Thomas who was the first, in the gospels, to state a belief in Jesus as being divine, when he said 'My Lord and my God'. It might be said that he was able to come to this greater and more profound understanding because he had a questioning and open mind.

During the Consecration, at Mass, the bread and the wine become the Body, Blood, Spirit and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. What is the Catholic term for this alteration of substance, when ordinary bread and wine become Our Lord, whole and entire?

AND SERIOUSLY!

'Come, come this will never do,'
said the
choirmaster.
'Open your
mouths and sing
boldly.
We will start with
'little drops of
water',
and for
goodness sake
- put some spirit
into it!'



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies

10-16 May

Loose £ 65.01
Envelopes £316.50

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 'Principle and Foundation' gives the outline of an answer to the previous questions in its two final sentences:

Therefore we must make ourselves indifferent to all created things in so far as we are allowed free choice and we are not under any prohibition. Consequently, so far as we are concerned, we should not prefer health to sickness, riches to poverty, honour to dishonour, a long life to a short life. The same holds for all other things.

Our one desire and choice should be what is more conducive to the end for which we are created.

Some people take an instant dislike to 'The Principle and Foundation', and, in particular, to these two sentences. If readers share that reaction I can only beg them to suspend judgement at least until the end of this chapter!

Misunderstanding of the meaning of 'indifference' has caused much suffering to individuals and groups within the Christian Church. Lives have been, and still are being, blighted through misunderstanding of the meaning of the word 'indifference', or 'detachment', as though it means that we are to repress every natural instinct in us for life, health, wealth, reputation, honour, friendship, and that the more we can do so, the more pleasing we are to God. I have known people who have so misunderstood the word 'indifference' thinking that it means repressing every natural inclination, that they have struggled for years to make themselves indifferent in this false sense, encouraged sometimes by their spiritual mentors, until they have reached such a state of detachment from themselves, from other people and from the world around them, and therefore from God, who is in all things, that they have eventually broken down in a state of black despair and experienced hell while still living. What then is the meaning of indifference?

If we are to be free then we must not be enslaved. If any life is determined and regulated in all its details for my desire for wealth, then I become a slave of the wealth I desire, subordinating every other desire and value of my life to this predominant desire. My relationship to other people will be regulated by my desire for wealth, and my love for truth and justice will also be subordinated to it.....

To be continued . . .

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

God our Father, you revealed
the great mystery of your godhead when you sent into the world
the Word who is Truth and the Spirit who makes us holy.
Help us to believe in you and worship you,
as the true faith teaches:
three Persons, eternal in glory, one God, infinite in majesty.
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.

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**,
especially Beryl Felstead, 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, Ordinary Time, Feast of The Holy Trinity, Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

On a superficial level this gospel reading seems chosen because of the trinitarian baptismal formula. It is the only time this formula comes in the scripture, and it is remarkable that the trinitarian liturgical formula was already developed while the New Testament was being written. At a deeper level this reading of the final five verses of Matthew gives a wonderful trinitarian view of the work of salvation. The words of the Risen Christ, 'all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me', are reminiscent of the vision of the exalted Son of Man in Daniel, who comes to the One of Great Age, seated on his throne, and receives from him all power on earth. Only Christ receives all power in heaven too, as 'the Son of God in power'. In this power he sends out his disciples, promising his divine presence always. The promise of Christ's divine presence in his Church now (delivered at the end of Matthew's gospel) balances the promise at the beginning of the gospel when the angel declares that the name of the child to be born to Mary is Emmanuel: Emmanuel means 'God with us'. So the permanent presence of Christ is the message of the whole gospel.



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Why a reading from Deuteronomy on the feast of the Trinity? Because the Book of Deuteronomy is primarily about the love of God, the revelation of God's awesome, forgiving love to his people. Love is the nature of God. We can never fully understand God, or what we mean by three Persons in one nature, but in this reading the Church provides us with the heart of God's revelation to Jews and Christians that He is love. Other religions feel their way towards this staggering and daunting truth, but to us it has been revealed. The revelation of God as love is a personal revelation, inviting us to a response

in love, inviting us into a personal relationship with God as love. All the instructions that God gives us are simply meant to show us what that love means and how we can respond to it and stay close to God as God's own people. The Bible teaches us that man and woman were made in the image of God, and if I, made in the image of God, am to remain close to Him, I must shape all my desires, my activities and my relationships like those of God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

The Trinity is often treated like a mathematical and philosophical problem. No attempt to understand the intra-trinitarian relationships of the three Persons can capture all there is to know about the Trinity. This reading which the Church gives us, instead, gives an inkling of our triple relationship with God. The basis is Jesus' own prayer, in which he called God 'Abba', the dignified and affectionate word in Jesus' own language (Aramaic) by which a son addressed his father. The staggering next move is that Jesus told us that we might use the same form of address; so we too can say 'Abba', Father, just as Jesus did. It is, however, only because Christ has given us his Spirit as our spirit that we can do so. This Spirit is also the Spirit of the Father. Sometimes in the gospel it is Jesus, sometimes it is the Father who sends the Spirit. We can say that the Spirit gives us access to the Father and to the Son, or that the Father gives the Spirit of the Son, or that the Son gives us his Spirit. In this manner the Trinity, each Person in a different way, imparts to us the love of God and draws us into God's own love.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Feast The Body & Blood of Our Lord

1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 1

Sun Of the Feast

Mon Proper of Saints

Tue Week 1 + Proper of Saints

Wed Week 1 (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu Week 1 + Proper of Saints

Fri Of the Weekday

Sat Week 1 + Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Visitation Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue St Justin, Martyr

Wed Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

Thu St Charles Lwanga & Companion Martyrs

Fri Of the Weekday

Sat St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr