



# 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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 12, 19/20 June, 2021

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			<i>Mass Intentions</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 19 June	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Cynthia Potts</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 20 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Parish Family Martin Batty</i>
Monday 21 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Sue Hopton</i>
Tuesday 22 June			<i>Donor's Intention (AG)</i>
Wednesday 23 June	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Sarah Sankey</i>
Thursday 24 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 4.30pm Reception of Body	<i>Parish Family Cynthia &amp; George Potts</i>
Friday 25 June	Sacred Heart	10.00am Funeral Mass *	<i>Cynthia &amp; George Potts</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 26 June	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>John Joseph</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 27 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Richard &amp; Delia Joyce Intentions Anita &amp; Paul Taylor</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.**

\* Any not registered as a mourner with the family, but who wish to attend, should please ask Fr Anthony to know if places are available.

This Saturday, prior to their up-coming Baptism, we present and pray for Aliyah Temilola Maka & Idris Temitayo Mugove, children of, Allyson & Soliu Omoni yi



**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

It's sometimes said by Canon (Church) Lawyers, that quite possibly a majority of marriages could be declared null. So why are not more marriages found to have never been a true marriage?

For a marriage to be investigated by our Church, it has to be brought to a Marriage Tribunal. A person in a suspect marriage has to approach someone, likely a priest, who can help them towards having the marriage investigated. Our Church doesn't go out looking for marriages to nullify. One good reason for this is that there are marriages that might technically be found null, but after a while of being together, a couple have found their way into a good, sound life together - they have, in practice, adapted and come to take on, with each other, what marriage is about. Our Church can find no good reason as to why such marriages should then be disturbed by pleas of nullity. When a possibly null marriage does not develop well, however, individuals have the right to have their marriage investigated by a Tribunal, whoever they are, whatever their circumstances. The investigation would often be for the Tribunal of the Diocese in which they live. They do also have a right to go directly to the Roman Tribunal (our Church's highest Court) - but they may well be in for a rather longer wait. Such matters are clearly indicated in our Code of Canon Law.

This begs the question as to how many Catholics actually know enough to be able to even begin to think about marriage nullity. Many are alerted to talk of nullity only if they have cause to talk with a priest about their having been divorced, or of their wish to marry someone who is divorced. It then needs the priest to ask the right questions. If he thinks there is a chance that the marriage was never a true marriage, he ought then to help the person understand how the nullity process works and be ready to assist them on the way. If he much suspects there is no chance of nullity being proven, he ought to explain why, to the person. He ought also to emphasise that any decision would not be for him, but for a Tribunal to make, and that he will happily help refer them to the Tribunal, for further advice, if they so wish. Thankfully, more priests are now better able with such situations. There have been times when all too many gave poor or plainly wrong advice.

It is worth here adding that our Church presumes on a marriage being valid, that at the outset it was a true marriage, unless the opposite can be shown. Clear evidence is important to finding a marriage null. But it is also important to realise that if a marriage is now not proven to be null, the decision reached is *not* a statement that the marriage was valid, but that the marriage was *not proven to be invalid*. This means that if new evidence emerges, a case can be re-opened by the same, or in some instances another Tribunal.

*To be continued . . .*

## Things happening in our Parish

**With Urgency** We always have a need for, and always are pleased to welcome more of our Parish Family, to help clean our Churches or/and assist with the flowers, and just now we have a particular urgency.



Younger, older,

male or female,

if you can move under your own steam and have one hand that you can wave with, we need your help, so please volunteer - contact Margaret Whitehouse at St Joseph's, or Mary Day at The Sacred Heart, or Fr Anthony for either.

**Advice: Don't leave the volunteering to others - they're expecting you to volunteer!**

**Covid-19** Last Monday's Government announcement, of the delay to further easing Covid restrictions, means that there is little change to what might or should happen in our Parish Churches, hall or rooms, until at least 5 July, and more likely 19 July. However, the regulations that have recently been applied to funerals (the maximum number permitted being set by how many a Church or venue can hold, *with distancing*) will apply also to wakes, weddings and wedding receptions, from this Monday, 21 June. For use of a church or community hall, for such as a Wake, there must also be a risk assessment done and table service is stipulated, if food is to be provided.

Please note: *all are asked to continue to book for all of our weekend Masses*, as registration is still required, with details being kept for three weeks and then destroyed.

**First Sacraments Thanksgiving** Sadly the Festive Mass and food fest, dated for 3 July, for those who recently received their First Communion or Confirmation, has to be cancelled, on account of the delay to the next easing of Covid regulations. Postponement, instead, has been considered, but with summer holidays approaching and some other dates already booked up, any potential dates, for such a gathering, are now rather remote from the events they would be commemorating.

*It is expected that those who recently received their First Sacraments will be able to collect their Certificates and a Parish gift, at weekend Masses, during July.*

**First Reconciliation** Some of our Children have now begun to prepare to celebrate their First Confession, in mid-July. On account of numbers, it could be problematic to have their Enrolment (as we would normally) at our Parish Masses, without causing a further delay to their already delayed preparation. So, they will be Enrolled after their meeting, next Sat 26 Jun. All of our Parish Family are asked to much remember them and their families in prayer.

**Nice Forewarning** It is hoped that we will soon be able to resume the serving of tea/coffee after Sunday Masses, but this will be dependant on ones to do the necessaries (fetching milk, putting out the crocks, clettering the dishes after, and such). More details soon about who to give your name to!!!

*Notices for our Parish Newsletter need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.*

## Sacraments

**Baptism** Our Preparation Programme, now running, for Parents of Children to be baptised, will continue 7.00-8.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Wed 30 Jun**. To join the next 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 very soon.

**First Reconciliation** Our Children who are now preparing will next meet in our Sacred Heart Hall,

**Sat 19 Jun**, 10.00am-12.00nn

Their parents will meet in our Sacred Heart Church,

**also Sat 19 Jun**, 11.30am-12.00nn

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

Bit of a trick question last week! When Jesus was asleep in the stern of a boat, and a gale arose, he and his disciples were on the Sea of Galilee, which through the Bible was also known as the Sea of Gennesaret, the Sea of Tiberias, and the Sea of Kinerret.

*When Jesus was asked by Jairus to come to his seriously sick daughter, he went and raised her back to life. An important snippet, often not noticed in the account, is what Jesus told her parents to do, once he had restored her life. What was this command?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!



Two little boys were trouble-makers, stealing everything they could, even from Church. The priest stopped one and said 'Where

is God?' The boy shrugged and ran home crying, hiding in a cupboard. His brother found him and asked: 'what is wrong?' The crying boy replied: 'we're in trouble now, God is missing and they think we took him.'

## Parish Monies

**Offertory Monies** **Many Thanks**  
6 June

Loose	£	91.83
Envelopes	£	405.00
May Bank Orders		£1704.00

## 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

### CHANGING DIRECTION

*Repent and believe the good news (Mark 1:15)*

When God in Christ, says 'Repent and believe the good news', he is uttering an invitation not a threat. It is as though he is saying to us, 'Come and see what I want to give you and you will find that it goes beyond your wildest dreams and imaginings. You are being cruel to yourself in the way you are living at present. Come out of the prison of your tomb, break down the walls of your false securities, and come with me, so that you and I can live as one undivided person.'

Repentance is accepting this invitation, sin is the refusal to accept it. In St. John's account of the Last Supper, Jesus promises his disciples that after his death, the Spirit will come, 'And when he comes, he will show the world how wrong it was about sin...about sin: proved by their refusal to believe in me' (John 16:8-9)

Unless we repent we cannot discover the treasure. Failure to repent is the root cause of the evils which beset Christians individually and as a Church. Without repentance we are idolaters of wealth, status, power, although we may still claim to be religious people. Idolaters become what they worship: empty, meaningless and inhuman.



However, the truth that without repentance we lapse into idolatry has to be balanced by another, namely that we are all pilgrims and no one, this side of death, can claim to have a spirit of complete repentance, just as no one can claim to have attained complete self-knowledge. There are layers upon layers of consciousness within us and on our journey towards God we are constantly discovering areas of atheism within us, provided we dare to look. These discoveries are signs of progress not of failure. That is why so many of the saints guilty of no serious wrongdoing in their lives, think of themselves as great sinners. They have reached inner depths of sinfulness in themselves of which most of us are blissfully unaware. They are amazed and full of gratitude to God, who accepts them in their darkness and sinfulness, while those of us who have not reached those depths may be delighted and full of gratitude at our own virtuous respectability. If we are genuinely to repent, we must acknowledge our own sinfulness and powerlessness, Christ's command, "Repent," is a call to recognise our own sinfulness and to entrust ourselves to God's goodness and mercy... to be continued

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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 Cynthia and George Potts, Michael Moran,  
and their families



*Also:* All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing  
Peggy Heneghan, Liz Allen, Dennis Fricker, Elizabeth Taylor, Monica Lowe, John O'Brien, Nicola Glew  
Tim Byrne, and all our housebound

**The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 12, Commentary on the Readings**

**Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

Jesus certainly seems to have chosen a pretty dim and unappreciative group of disciples. They call him 'Master', but after all the wonders he has performed they still don't really trust him, and have no hesitation about addressing him rudely and brusquely. Did you think, 'Just like me'? Well, perhaps I am just as untrusting. We often behave as though Jesus were snoozing, quite unconcerned about our troubles and worries, as we struggle hopelessly, up to our necks in the mud and sinking rapidly. However, once Jesus' attention has been roused, once the disciples have put their trust in him, he effortlessly remedies the situation. This incident is the climax of a series of wonders, when we see Jesus' authority gradually increasing. First he imperiously called the disciples and they followed. Then he taught authoritatively in the synagogue as no other had ever taught. Next he had the effrontery to forgive sins, as only God can do. Now he controls the elements. Only God controls the wind and the waves, as in the psalms God 'walks on the backs of the waves'. The disciples are awe-struck; they react with astonishment. But, just like me too, they soon forget again and are surprised when Jesus comes to their rescue.

**First Reading: Job 38:1,8-11**

The Book of Job is a brilliant, evocative piece of writing, exposing in all its anguish the problem of the suffering of innocent people. It is a timeless plaint, expressing the incomprehension and frustration of all those who suffer undeservedly. It may well have been provoked by the second generation of exiles in Babylon, suffering for sins not their own. But Job articulates a problem which brings agony in every age. Why do I suffer? Why should I be subjected to long and humiliating illness? At the beginning of the saga, Job is so wound up that he curses the very day he was born. Throughout his struggle to understand, he has a love-hate relationship with God, wanting to be free of God's persecuting hand, but at the same time depending on and attached to that same

protecting hand, confident that there is a solution. Despite what he sees as God's unacceptable bullying, he remains convinced that God's love will never forsake him. The two conflicting emotions boil together throughout the Book, until God gives his response, part of which we hear in today's reading. This final vision of God's incomparable wisdom and glory convinces Job that God's purposes are beyond human reasoning. Job is calmed and comforted by the experience of the awesome glory of God.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17**

The reading of Second Corinthians, begun before Lent, has been interrupted by the season of Lent and Eastertide with its accompanying festivals. At this point in the letter, Paul is saying that the Resurrection of Christ has radically changed everything. In this new creation, all our hopes and expectations and standards have undergone a transformation. Perhaps he is already tilting at people who prided themselves on having known Jesus during his earthly life, and pitted their authority against Paul's own. Certainly later in the letter, he sets out to dispute the claims of some of Jewish background who thought themselves 'super-apostles'. Salvation is not achieved by this knowledge of the earthly Jesus. The message of the gospel makes sense only in the light of the Resurrection. The Risen Christ is the firstborn from the dead, and his Resurrection is the model for ours. This is the ultimate answer to Job's question: whatever sorrows earthly life may bring, if we are baptised into Christ's death, we will also share his Resurrection. We already share Christ's life and are being transformed into him. The life we are experiencing now is only a preparation for its fulfilment in Christ's Resurrection.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 13**

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:9,13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter: Week 4**

**Sun** Of the Day

**Mon** + Proper of Saints

**Tue** Proper of Saints

**Wed** or + Common Holy Men & Women

**Thu** Proper of Saints

**Fri** Of the Weekday

**Sat** Of the Weekday

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon** St Aloysius Gonzaga

**Tue** Ss John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More,  
Martyrs

**Wed** St Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess

**Thu** Nativity of St John the Baptist

**Fri** Of the Weekday

**Sat** Of the Weekday