



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 26 June	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>John Joseph</i>
Sunday 27 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Richard & Delia Joyce</i> <i>Intentions Anita & Paul Taylor</i>
Monday 28 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Tuesday 29 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass ** 7.00pm Mass **	<i>Parish Family</i> <i>Stephen Jones</i>
Wednesday 30 June	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Beryl Felstead</i>
Thursday 1 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation	<i>Faithful Departed (November List)</i> <i>Parish Family</i>
Friday 2 July			
Saturday 3 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>John Joseph</i>
Sunday 4 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Cynthia & George Potts</i> <i>John Sullivan</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.
**** Please also pre-book for this Tuesday, 29 June, Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul. ****

Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling, because she knew what had happened to her.



'My daughter,' Jesus said, 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

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 is important to note that a marriage can only be found null if it can be shown it was never a true marriage - that even if the wedding day was a happy occasion and few, if any, realised it - that on that day, there was already a serious flaw. Nullity cannot be declared if what seems to have been a reasonable marriage later went wrong.

Some marriages can more easily be found null. If there is a Lack of Form - that is where a baptised Catholic marries outside of the Church or not in a Catholic Wedding Rite, so the marriage is not sacramental. Here, nullity can usually be proven quickly by presenting the certificates of Baptism, Marriage and decree absolute, as long as the documents can clearly be seen to belong to the person who is seeking nullity.

It is also important to note that for nullity to be given due to a Lack of Form, almost always at least one of the couple has to be a Catholic who was baptised as such before the wedding. I add almost always because there are particular case laws that apply if one of the couple belongs to one of a number of Orthodox Churches (eg the Greek or Coptic Churches). In major part, this is because of their closeness to Catholic beliefs and teachings; a unity in belief not matched by other churches, not even the Church of England. Most commonly, however, our Church does not seek to apply Catholic rules to those who are not Catholics. In effect, if two who are not Catholic marry in a civilly legal wedding ceremony, in a church, register office, hotel or elsewhere, our Church recognises their marriage as it does the marriage of two Catholics in a Catholic Church. A *common misunderstanding* is that anyone (ie who is not a baptised Catholic) who marries in a civil ceremony (eg in a register office) and then divorces, can later marry in a Catholic Church. Such a marriage is not covered by a 'Lack of Form' nullity. The divorcee might then marry in a Catholic Ceremony only if there is some other ground for nullity.

In other instances, apart from 'Defect of Form', proving nullity will take longer and can become quite involved, depending on the alleged ground or grounds for nullity. There are a number of possible grounds, with some more common than others; though this changes to some degree, depending on such as inherited or local culture. A little more will be noted about possible grounds later. An area that can prove difficult, though, is finding enough evidence to show that there was a real flaw to the marriage by, or on the day of the wedding. Commonly, this depends on what people who knew the couple - at the time of the wedding - remember. If nullity is being sought say five years after the wedding, there may be many who can well remember the circumstances of a couple and their coming to be married - but what of twenty or thirty years on?

To be continued . . .

Things happening in our Parish

Covid-19 The delay to the further easing of restrictions requires us to continue to register all those attending our weekend Masses, and such as funerals. It is a great help when those intending to attend pre-book. Please see the front page of this Newsletter for details of how to book.

A Mobile Test Unit for Covid-19, is expected to continue using our Sacred Heart Car Park Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, through July (7.30am-3.30pm), unless we have a funeral at our Sacred Heart Church, when the Unit will be stood down for that day. On test days, please use our upper car park if visiting the Church or Hall. **Only while attending Mass**, the space by the Presbytery may also be used parking.

First Sacraments Thanksgiving Sadly the Festive Mass 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. Families immediately involved should have received an email giving some further explanation.

First Reconciliation Some of our Children have now begun to prepare to celebrate their First Confession, in mid-July. They were enrolled this Saturday, after their Preparation Meeting. All being well, they will be enrolled to prepare for First Communion at our weekend Masses, after the summer holiday period.

All of our Parish Family are asked to much remember them and their families in prayer.

First Sacraments Certificates Those who recently were Confirmed, or received their First Communion, are invited to collect their Certificate, and a Gift from our Parish Family, after any of our weekend Masses, **during July**. They should please see Fr Anthony, after a Mass at the Church where they were Confirmed or received their First Communion. Any wishing to receive their Certificate at our other Church can do so, but they need to pre-arrange this with Fr Anthony, two or three days beforehand.

Confirmations 2022 Preparation Meetings are due to begin in September. Our *Baptised Catholic Children* who are now in School Year 5 (Year 6 from September), or any who are older (including non-Confirmed adults) are eligible to prepare. Application Forms will be available at our Parish weekend Masses from Fr Anthony, **through July**, to be returned direct to him by the end of July.

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!!!

& Nationally

EU Settlement Scheme The deadline for applications to the Settlement Scheme for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens is on 30 June 2021. More information can be found on the Government website and some further help on our Catholic Bishops' website (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>).

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 Preparation Programme is to begin in September. Those eligible (see pg 2) need to get an application form from Fr Anthony, and return it direct to him, during July.

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

Sat 10 July, 10.00am-12.00nn

Their parents will meet in our Sacred Heart Church,

also Sat 10 July, 11.30am-12.00nn

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

In the story of Jesus restoring Jairus's daughter back to life, after he had told the girl to get up from the bed, he told her parents to *give her something to eat*. This seemingly small comment says a great deal about Jesus's sensitivity. Amidst others making all of a fuss that such a wonderful miracle had been worked - only Jesus noticed that the girl was hungry!

In next Sunday's Gospel, reference is made to Jesus's sisters and four brothers are named. If Jesus's mother, Mary, remained a virgin, where did these sisters and brothers come from?

AND SERIOUSLY!

Q. How do you know that atoms are Catholic?

A. They have mass!

Q. What size was the wood that was made to build the ark?

A. 2X2.



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies
13 June

Many Thanks

Loose £ 56.37

Envelopes £321.96

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)

Christ's command 'Repent' does not mean that everyone who has not yet eradicated all their sinfulness is an 'idolater, a truth which Jesus illustrated clearly in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector who go up to the temple to pray (Luke 18:10-14).



'I thank you God {says the Pharisee}, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven, but he beat his breast and said 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' "This man (Jesus said) went home again at rights with God: the other did not.'

It is the tax collector who has repented and is in a right relationship with God: the virtuous Pharisee has not repented and is locked into his own complacency. The tax collector, no doubt has still to struggle with his greed and lust, perhaps more than the Pharisee, but he is at rights with God because he acknowledges his own sinfulness and helplessness, puts his trust in God's power and asks for mercy. The Pharisee is not aware of his need for God, for he has found his security in his own respectability.

One reason for our failure to repent is our misunderstanding of its meaning. Earlier we looked at some false images of God, including God presented as the monstrous Uncle George. Corresponding to a false image of God, we can also have false ideas about the meaning of sin and repentance. Many Christians bemoan our present age and maintain that it has lost all sense of sin. Whenever such complaints are made it is important to discover what the speaker means by sin, for the sense of sin, whose absence is so bitterly bewailed, is often itself sinful, and its disappearance should be a cause of thanksgiving, to be bewailed only by those whose joy is in destruction. In illustrating this point, I shall take examples from the Roman Catholic Church, but the same false notions of sin and repentance are to be found in other Christian Churches

To be continued . . .

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

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
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 Michael Moran, and his family



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 13, Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

The author of the Gospel of Mark likes to combine incidents to show their joint significance, often, as here, sandwiching one story between the two halves of another. In this instance it is surely significant that both recipients of Jesus' healing love are women. Only a minority of Jesus' miracles concern women, and the bringing together of these two, one a girl and the other an old woman, serves to stress their importance to Jesus. It is unfair to accuse the Bible of being male-dominated. A mother's devotion is a frequent image of God's love. There are plenty of feisty women in the Old Testament, who put their men-folk to shame by their courage, enterprise and initiative: Rebecca, Tamar, Deborah, Ruth, Esther, Judith. Jesus' own relationships with women seem to have been easy and even humorous. One need only think of his playful bargaining with the Syro-Phoenician over the cure of her daughter, or the jokey exchange between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, not to mention his delicacy towards the adulterous woman or the sinful woman who showed her love by weeping at his feet. Paul also clearly relied in many ways in his apostolate on the ministry of women.



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

The first reading, as so often, looks towards the gospel reading, where Jesus raises the little girl from death. It takes the opportunity to reflect on death in God's scheme of things. For those who have no faith, death rules everything. It is the absolute end, perhaps a release from suffering, but always a tragedy for somebody, the awesome end-point from which there is no return. The Book of Wisdom was written at a time when belief in immortality and the resurrection was emerging in Israel. Earlier Israel had believed that the dead dwelt in a sort of powerless half-life in Sheol (not unlike the Greek Hades), where

it is impossible even to pray. But Israel came to realise that the love of God for every person was so strong that it could never be broken off by death. As Jesus was to say, God is a God not of the dead but of the living. This reading is wonderfully positive and ebullient, for God is a God of life in all its positive forms, and these are all a reflection of God's own life. The fullest of all these reflections is the life of each human individual, created in the image of God.

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

Paul's Letter to the Galatians shows that there was a major disagreement in the early Church between those who held that Christians must still obey the Jewish Law and those who did not. The Law-party was led by the Church at Jerusalem under James, brother of the Lord. After all, he argued, Christianity is the fulfilment of the promises to Abraham, the fulfilment of Judaism! Paul set about healing the breach by making a great collection from his gentile Churches to take to the Church at Jerusalem as an act of homage and friendship. There seem to have been many poor people at Jerusalem, whom the people of such a bustling and successful harbour-town as Corinth could help. Paul writes in this letter, giving the basic principle of Christian generosity: the imitation of Christ, who gave himself wholly in love. Yet he also gives the invaluable principle that each individual's conscience is the only yardstick. Not all of us can reach our human fulfilment by living in the destitution of St Francis of Assisi, and each must judge their giving by their own conscience. Paul avoids any formula, for circumstances and obligations differ – as well as generosity.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 14

1st Reading:
2nd Reading:
Gospel: Mark

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 1

Sun Of the Day

Mon + Proper of Saints

Tue Proper of Saints

Wed or + Proper of Saints

Thu or + Common of Martyrs or Pastors

Fri Of the Weekday

Sat Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

Tue Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

Wed First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Thu St Oliver Plunket, Bishop. Martyr

Fri Of Weekday

Sat St Thomas, Apostle