



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 10 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Moran Family</i>
Sunday 11 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Dominic Stones Beryl Felstead</i>
Monday 12 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Tuesday 13 July			<i>Jack Kennedy</i>
Wednesday 14 July	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Cynthia Potts</i>
Thursday 15 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>
Friday 16 July	Sacred Heart	10.45am <i>Funeral Mass **</i>	Michael Moran
Saturday 17 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Stephen Jones</i>
Sunday 18 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Ron Cockroft For Pru</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 listed as mourners directly with the family, need to consult Fr Anthony, to know if places available.**

On the event of her Baptism, this Sunday, we pray for and congratulate
Riley Ann Ormsby, with parents, Beau and Ryan

Next Saturday, 17 July
nineteen of our Children are due to celebrate their First Reconciliation
All are asked to then especially share a prayer for them

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

In the last weeks, several of the most common grounds for Catholic nullity of marriages have been noted. There are quite a number of other possible grounds such as *Error or Person*, *Force or Fear*, and *Against the Good of Children*. While less common in our country, these three are by no means unknown.

Error of Person might apply if someone is a real con artist, who presents themselves as someone very different to who they really are, in order to 'trap' a person into marrying them. A common, but not an only motive for this might be to gain someone's wealth or status, by marrying them.

Force or Fear was by no means uncommon, in our country, when there was a great stigma to babies being born outside of wedlock. Significant and undue pressure was often applied on usually quite, or very young couples to marry and before a baby was born. The pressure might have come from one or other of the two, from parents, or other family members. Arranged marriages can also raise particular concerns. In some cultures, one or both may be children as arrangements are made for their marriage, and they may be given little or no choice in the matter. There are sadly even situations where a person must marry as ordered by the family, literally under pain of death, if they do not.

Where a couple are physically able, our Church has always held that *sharing in God's creative love, in having children, is truly a proper Good of Marriage*. Some are clear and readily tell others, from before and during a marriage, that they do not want children of their own. There are others who do not make such statements, but by their behaviour come to demonstrate that they do not want any children. This they might do by making sure that any sexual contacts are contraceptive, and by persistently finding excuses as to why 'now' is never a good time to have a child.

As with the latter, so it is with several grounds of nullity, that it cannot always be told, from before or on the wedding day that a marriage is, in fact, not a true marriage. With *Error of Person*, of course, someone may begin to reveal their true character only after the wedding has happened. Also, as previously noted, with such as a *Lack of Due Discretion*, someone may sound as though they know 'in theory' what marriage is about, but may quickly begin to demonstrate, once married, that they are clueless as to how to live out the theory in practical, day to day terms.

To find nullity on any ground, a Church Marriage Tribunal has to be able to say that a marriage was not a true marriage *on the wedding day*. But with most grounds, this means the Tribunal has to look very carefully at the relationship during the courtship, on the wedding day - and how the couple behaved during the marriage.

To be continued

Things happening in our Parish

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, **in July**. They should please see Fr Anthony, 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 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 as from September), or *any who are older* (including unConfirmed adults) are eligible to prepare. Application Forms are available only from Fr Anthony, at our Parish weekend Masses, **during July**, to please be returned direct to him, by the end of July.



Parish Pastoral Council Elections for on-going and new members for our Parish Council are over-due, on account of Covid lockdowns and restrictions on gatherings. It is now intended to hold the elections soon after the summer holiday period. We will want candidates from those who might be considered associated with our *Sacred Heart Church*, also our *St Joseph's Church*, plus two who are Confirmed and aged between 14 and 25. All need to be regular attenders at our Parish Masses, and, of course, have the interests of our Parish Family at heart. Please do be thinking about whether you, one of your family, or a friend would be a good candidate, to help our Parish to continue to keep Christ and his Ways alive, both among ourselves and much within our local communities.



D-Day The deregulation of most Covid-19 rules looks set for 19 July. No doubt more guidance will emerge from Government and from our Bishops, in coming days. But it is important that as many as possible can feel that we are easing, rather than rushing forward, so that more can feel OK with being in, or returning to being in our Churches.

From 19 July and at least through the school summer holidays, any attending *may fill-up along the benches* - however, to avoid any breathing immediately over those in front, benches will remain with the present gap, and all should continue to sit throughout Mass. At Communion, starting with the front benches, all should go forward via the centre aisle end of their bench, receive Communion, then return via the front to the side aisle end of the same bench (or row at St Joseph's). It is certainly intended to restore the receiving of Communion from the Chalice, but for a little while longer, we will continue with Communion in the form of the Consecrated Bread only. We will also ease into our singing, initially concentrating mostly on the 'Mass parts' and later increasing the hymns we might sing. Further notes will likely be given in next weekend's Newsletter - before any of the above happens, **after next weekend, on or after 19 July**. And the ? - will there be a U-turn on face coverings?

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 22 & 29 Sep**. 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 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 are to celebrate their First Reconciliation, in our Sacred Heart Church,

Sat 17 July, at pre-arranged times
With their parents assisting them, they will begin preparing for First Eucharist, in our Sacred Heart Hall,

Sat 18 Sep, 10-12.00am

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

When, according to St Mark's Gospel, Jesus sent his apostles out in pairs, to proclaim his Good News, he said they could take a staff, and wear sandals, but they were not to take bread, a haversack, money for their purses, nor a spare tunic.

Following this, Mark tells us, Jesus took his disciples to a lonely place, but the crowds soon found them. Jesus took pity on them because, in very biblical terms, they were like _____ without a _____

Can you fill in the two missing words?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A lady came home from a prayer meeting to find she was being robbed. She shouted 'Acts 2:38: "Repent and be baptised and your sins will be forgiven".' The robber quickly gave up and the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the robber, the policeman asked why he gave up so easily. The robber replied, 'She said she had an axe and two 38's.'



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies
27 June

**Many
Thanks**

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to contribute £5 - weekly
- fortnightly - other;
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GOD OF SURPRISES

CHANGING DIRECTION

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

Deliberately missing Mass on Sundays was a mortal sin with a few exceptions and the damage done to a sensitive and imaginative person by this kind of teaching is tragic and a perversion of the Good News. Having listened to one particular person who had suffered inner torture through this kind of teaching, I was not at all surprised when, in answer to my question, 'If you were completely free of all moral obligations, what would you most like to do?', she answered. 'Burn down churches'.



I can hear comments in part of my mind saying, 'This is wild exaggeration and a gross distortion of Catholic moral teaching,' I agree that it is distortion, but this distortion has been communicated to many, has caused mental breakdown or disillusionment, has fuelled anxiety neuroses,

stunted moral development and has so filled some people with guilt that they now feel bad about feeling good, and all spontaneity, delight and joy has been banished from their lives.

Another voice says, 'You have given an out-dated tirade against a form of teaching which is no longer given today.' I hope this objection is valid and that such teaching is no longer given today, but we are still suffering from its effects. Catholic morality is still, in spite of the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the excellent social encyclicals of recent popes, too selective and individualist: selective in its emphasis on sexual morality, especially contraception and abortion, which is not matched by an equally vigorous emphasis on the evils of planning the mass extermination of millions of human beings; and individualist because awareness of our responsibility, not just for our own lives, but also for the life of the society in which we live, is still foreign to most Christians. One of the signs that we have really lost a sense of sin and a spirit of repentance is the selective nature of our moral teaching, its individualist emphasis, which ignores our corporate responsibility for the sin of the world, and its condemnatory tone.

To be continued . . .

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

O God,
who show the light of your truth to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who,
for the faith they profess are accounted Christians,
the grace to reject
whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.

**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 15, Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

The instructions for missionaries are shaped by the urgency of the Kingdom. The Twelve are to travel light for speed. They should wear sandals rather than go barefoot, also for speed and security. They are to rely for their provisions on the welcome they receive and, if they are unwelcome, they should not waste time on those who reject them. Did Jesus think that the Kingdom or Kingship of God would finally burst on the world in his own time, that there was so little time to spare? In one way it did – at his death and Resurrection, which fulfilled God's plan and restored us to friendship with God. In another way the Kingdom is still in the future: the reign of peace and justice is not yet established. There is still sorrow, distress, enmity, fraud, jealousy and plenty of other evils which fracture God's Kingship. We are still imperfect reflections of the light of Christ, still pilgrim members of a pilgrim Church. Our efforts are often feeble, even when we try to walk in Christ's footsteps. We cannot sit back complacently, any more than the missionaries of Jesus' own time. The task to establish the Kingdom is still imminent.



First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amos had a tricky task on his hands. He was sent unwillingly by God from the neighbouring kingdom of Judah to tell their bitter rivals in the kingdom of Israel to change their ways, to stop exploiting the poor and the weak and to bring sacrifices which were a real expression of homage to God who champions the needy and the powerless. No surprise that he was booted out of the national shrine and told to go off home and mind his own business. We don't like prophets who try to shake us out of our comfortable ways, pointing out our inadequacies, challenging us to be true to God's plans for us. In vain Amos insisted that he was not a professional trouble-maker, that all

he had wanted was a quiet life looking after his flocks and herds and sycamore trees. But then the Lord had insisted on giving him this special task of prophesying. The exciting thing about being a Christian is that we never know when we will be called by the Lord to do some special task, great or small – even if it is only welcoming the unexpected and tiresome visitor and remembering that he or she comes in the place of Christ.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Today we start reading the great letter to the Ephesians, the first of seven Sunday readings. Many scholars think that this letter was written not by Paul himself, but by a follower steeped in Paul's thought. Gone are the old problems of Jew and gentile; reflections are on a cosmic scale, and Christ is evaluated in terms of the cosmic powers. The letter is quite different in style to Paul's other letters and develops many of his ideas. Perhaps it is the first commentary on Paul's writings. The sevenfold blessing with which the letter begins sums up God's plan of salvation for humanity. The climax is in the centre of today's reading, 'to bring everything under Christ as head'.

Christ is the Wisdom of God, according to which and through which all things were created. He is also the completion of the creation - and the unity of all things in Christ is a special emphasis of this letter. All things are under Christ: he is all nourishment for creation and all guidance of creation. These are the functions which a head performs for a body, and these are the functions which Christ performs for creation.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 16

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians: 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 3

Sun Of Sunday

Mon Of Weekday

Tue Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Wed Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Fri Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Sat Of Weekday

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Of Weekday

Tue St Henry, Holy Man

Wed St Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Thu St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of Church

Fri Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sat Of Weekday