



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

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			<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 24 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>George Potts</i>
Sunday 25 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Joseph & Kathleen Smith Mick Moran</i>
Monday 26 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Vincent O'Hara</i>
Tuesday 27 July			
Wednesday 28 July	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Beryl Felstead</i>
Thursday 29 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Geoffrey Parfitt</i>
Friday 30 July	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Mary McCloskey</i>
Saturday 31 July	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	11.30am <i>Wedding Service</i> 5.00pm Mass	Thomas Ellis & Jessica Mulligan <i>Stephen Jones</i>
Sunday 1 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>George & Evelyn Palmer Parish Family</i>

To assist with Covid Track & Trace, all are asked to use the QR Code in the Church entrance hall, or to pre-book for weekend Masses (see our Parish Website, Facebook Page, or telephone the Presbytery).

To help keep all as safe as we can, please continue to wear a face-covering at weekend Masses unless exempted on health or under-age grounds

On his being Baptised, this weekend, we pray for and congratulate Gabriel Owsiejczyk, with parents, Piotr and Anna

Please keep in prayer our seven Children who, after a delay, are expected this Monday to Celebrate their First Reconciliation

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

All those of our Parish who have been Stewards and/or after Mass Cleaners, in the past months, should have received copy of the letter below (if any didn't, please let Fr Anthony know). I think it important, however, to share this with all of our Parish Family. Their help has been essential for the continuance of Masses. Funerals and other events during the months of Covid-19, and we all have much reason to thank them.

Message from Bishop Marcus to all the wonderful volunteer Stewards and Cleaners in the Parishes within the Diocese of Leeds. 6th July 2021

Dear Stewards and Cleaners,

As we approach a new period in which we welcome back parishioners safely to our churches, I want to express to you my sincere thanks for all the time and hard work that you have given over the past year and a half during the current pandemic.

Quite simply, without your dedication and generosity it would not have been possible to safely open our churches for the celebration of Mass, the sacraments, and for private prayer.

So many members of the clergy have related to me how the stewards and cleaners in their parishes have not only carried out the practical tasks associated with maintaining a high level of hygiene and directing the safe movement of people within the church building but how they have also exercised a very real ministry of welcome and pastoral support.

Through countless acts of kindness, and with patience and understanding, you have helped parishioners, who have often been isolated for long periods or struggled with health problems, to overcome any anxieties they may have had in coming back to church during this worrying time.

As a Church, humility often inhibits us in advertising our successes and the great work which is done in our parishes, and rarely do these make the spotlight. But I want you to know just how much you have been a real beacon of light and hope to so many people, and such an invaluable help to the clergy of your parishes.

Although many of the specific tasks carried out by stewards and cleaners associated with the pandemic restrictions are gradually easing, I hope and pray that you will continue to be available to support your parish clergy with the ministry of welcome and friendship, as well as other important roles, which have developed so fruitfully in many parishes.

Please keep me in your prayers!

With the assurance of my sincere thanks and my prayers,

I remain, Your servant and Steward in the Lord.
Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds.

Things happening in our Parish

Confirmations 2022 Baptised Catholics who have not been Confirmed - if now coming into School Year 6 or above - or if teenagers or adults - are eligible to prepare. Preparation meetings are to begin in September. For Application Forms please see Fr Anthony, at one of our a Parish weekend Masses, as soon as possible, and return the same to him, **before September**.



Covid Guide The following will apply until further notice. Some may find the guidance over restrictive, but we also want all to feel OK with being in our Churches.

At both of our Churches, please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter, and do not linger in the Church entrance halls.

The general guidance is that face coverings should be worn indoors, where people are gathered in numbers, so, **excepting any who have until now been exempt, all are strongly requested to wear face coverings at all of our weekend Masses and larger gatherings (eg funerals).**

It is permissible to fill up along the benches in both our Churches, but **please bear in mind that some people may feel uncomfortable if you are close up to them.** For any who wish to be distanced, cards asking others to leave a space are available, in our Church entrances, All please respect if someone asks for space: even those double vaccinated not 100% guaranteed not to catch Covid-19!

To avoid any breathing immediately over any in front of them, **all should continue to sit throughout Mass.**

We are resuming the passing of collection baskets at the Preparation of Gifts, at weekend Masses.

At Communion, starting with the front rows, all should go forward via the centre aisle end of their row, receive Communion/Blessing, then return via the front to the side aisle end of the same row. When Stewards are attending, please follow their indications.

Any Ministers assisting with Communion (presently in the form of the Consecrated Bread only) are to wear a face covering at this time, and sanitize their hands as they have been doing.

While attendees will no longer be registered on arrival, all are asked to use the QR Code (found in our Church entrances) and/or to continue to pre-book, on-line or by telephone, for if track and trace issues arise.

Those more anxious about being with larger numbers might find the normally less populated Saturday Mass more comfortable. Any who are still more hesitant might like to attend at a weekday Mass.

But please, if you have Covid symptoms, have just tested positive, or should be isolating, please stay at home until cleared.

Our Little Shop at our St Joseph's Church continues to be available, but any wishing to browse are advised to do so when the entrance hall is not busy with people arriving or departing. Our Shop at the Sacred Heart (in the hall) also continues to be open. Cards for many occasions and devotional items are all at reasonable prices - and likely cheaper than at commercial outlets.

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 to him, **by next Sunday**.

First Reconciliation Our Children who are yet to celebrate a First Confession, will do so in our Sacred Heart Church,

Mon 26 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?

In John's Gospel, when Jesus is about to feed the vast crowd of as many as five thousand men, it is the apostle Andrew that points to a small boy, who has five barley loaves and two fish.

Next Sunday's Gospel refers to the 'Bread from Heaven' that God sent for the Israelites to eat, during their Exodus through the desert, after escaping slavery in Egypt. What is this bread commonly otherwise called?

AND SERIOUSLY!

An elderly lady shouted from her door, 'Praise the Lord! Her atheist neighbour would shout angrily: 'There is no Lord.' Hard times came and the lady shouted to the Lord for food.

Next morning, groceries were on her step and she shouted 'Praise the Lord'. Her neighbour said, 'Told you there was no God, I bought the food'. The lady said 'Praise the Lord', he not only sent my food but made the devil pay for them'



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies

4 July

Loose £108.75

Envelopes £257.72

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

CHANGING DIRECTION

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

To repent or to do penance, is not simply to renounce certain kinds of wrongdoing (although it will include this), or to deny ourselves certain legitimate pleasures, or to inflict pain on ourselves, or to be more strict in observing the rules of our Church. It is possible to be very wicked and destructive while at the same time being very ascetic in our personal way of life: a church-going, non-smoking teetotaler who eats sparingly may also be an unscrupulous torturer and murderer. Repentance is the translation of a Greek word, 'metanoia', which means a change of mind and heart, a change of outlook. If, for example, I am emerging from a nightmare in which I have been hearing bloodcurdling roars and seeing grotesque giants lurking in the shadows and ready to leap on me, and then I wake to hear the roar of the wind and see the shadows of waving branches playing on the bedroom wall by the light of the moon, this process of awakening from dream to reality may be described as 'repentance' in the original meaning of the word, namely, a change of outlook.

To believe as a Christian is not primarily to assert to propositions of the Christian creed: primarily, to believe is to entrust our whole being to God. When people marry, their assent is not primarily to the propositions of the marriage ceremony, but to each other. To repent and believe the Good News is to turn away from self-idolatry and to let God be God in us, the God of compassion, who so loves all that he has created that he came to us in Jesus and gave his life for the life of all of us. One of the signs of true repentance in an individual, or in the Church, is the spirit of compassion for all creation which permeates their morality. Selective morality, which emphasises, for example, the sacredness of property rights and punishes any infringement more severely than infringement of human rights, or which emphasises sexual morality but remains blind to, or silent about, the destruction of human life through financial greed or false patriotism, can be a subtle way of protecting ourselves from God and from his demands, and is a sign of our failure to repent. Sin, the refusal to let God be God, lies deep in our nature. We tend to think that if only our bodily appetites were controlled and in harmony, we should be without sin but our sinfulness is deeper than our bodily appetites, a truth expressed in Christianity in the account of the fall of the angels.

To be continued . . .

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

Catholic Press A few weeks ago, the Catholic Universe/Times, went into liquidation, and so is no longer available. *The Tablet* and the *Catholic Herald* are still in circulation, available via news agents, or on-line: <http://thetablet.co.uk> - <http://catholicherald.co.uk>

An on-line only service of news and articles is also available at <http://indcatholicnews.com>, from Independent Catholic News. This site allows free access and is quite easy to negotiate.

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**,
especially Denis Fricker, 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, Elizabeth Taylor, Monica Lowe, John O'Brien, Nicola Glew, Betty O'Donnell
Tim Byrne, John Lovely, Raymond Ward, and all our housebound

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 17, Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: John 6:1-15

In this Sunday's Gospel, John's version of the miraculous feeding reminds us of the Last Supper, when Jesus 'said the blessing' over the bread. Since John's gospel has no account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, this feeding account is particularly significant. The feeding is also described as one of the 'signs' which Jesus works. The first part of the Gospel of John is often called 'the Book of Signs' because Jesus works a number of signs which show who he truly is. First there is the sign at the marriage-feast of Cana, where the sign of turning the water into wine is a sign of the messianic banquet. Other signs are the raising of the royal official's son, a sign of Jesus' gift of life, and the cure of the blind man in the temple, a sign of Jesus' gift of light and revelation. Several of the signs are followed by an extended discourse, explaining the meaning of the sign, as this feeding sign is followed by the discourse on the Bread of Life, explaining the significance of Jesus' gift of himself as the Bread of Life, the Wisdom of God received in the Eucharist.



First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

The prophet Elisha was renowned for the wonders he worked; others are related before and after this incident. Here he is repeating Moses' miracle of providing bread or manna for his followers. For Christians, however, the greater interest is that the miraculous feeding by Jesus is recounted in the gospels in terms which deliberately recall this incident: the chance-comer who provides barley loaves and more, the prophet's command, the disciple's incredulous question, the repeated command, the feeding and the food left over. The same six steps may be seen in the gospel. So Jesus is repeating the Moses miracle after the pattern of Elisha, only a thousand times as generously: instead of twenty 'loaves' (small pitta-breads) among a hundred men, Jesus shares out five among five

thousand. What is the point of this modelling of the story? For John Jesus is a second Moses, standing in the same tradition but greater than Moses, making God known just as Moses had done, bringing to completion all that Moses had begun. "The Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

The continuing disunity among Christians makes this passage difficult to read with a clear conscience. It is perhaps the strongest plea for unity in the New Testament, with the possible exception of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper, that "they may be one" (John 17:21). Is there really a "peace that binds you together"? One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all – all this is undeniable. One faith? Perhaps not in the sense of a set or list of beliefs, but all Christians profess the same awareness of inability to save ourselves; we all rely on and put our trust in God's promises, fulfilled in Jesus Christ. In itself that awareness should be enough to draw us together. What can still justify our disunity? At least we should rejoice that immense strides have been made in a lifetime since the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was established; there is an earnest desire to understand one another and our still separate traditions. The work of the one Spirit is clear in that the generation that began this search can hardly have hoped for such enormous steps to have been taken. We delight in the recognition that the traditions in different Church communities express the same fundamental values and point us together to Christ our Lord.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 18

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 1

Sun Of Sunday
Mon Of Weekday + Proper of Saints
Tue Of Weekday
Wed Of Weekday
Thu Of Weekday + Proper of Saints
Fri Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)
Sat Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Virgin Mary
Tue Of Weekday
Wed Of Weekday
Thu St Martha, Holy Woman
Fri St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Dr of Church
Sat St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest