



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 27, 2/3 October, 2021

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			Mass Intentions
Saturday 2 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Mick Moran</i>
Sunday 3 October	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Fr Sean O'Toole</i> <i>Decd Rel/Friends Mair Family</i>
Monday 4 October	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Frank Lee</i>
Tuesday 5 October	St Joseph's	<i>9.45am Funeral Service</i>	Jane 'Jenny' McKay <i>Parish Family</i>
Wednesday 6 October	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass 5-6.00pm Exposition/Reconciliation	<i>Martha Kirwan</i>
Thursday 7 October	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 8 October	Sacred Heart	<i>11.45am Funeral Mass</i>	Wojciech 'Albert' Baran
Saturday 9 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Mary Oakley</i>
Sunday 10 October	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptism	<i>Josephine Spencer</i> <i>Imee Antonette & Baby G B-P</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

This weekend, at our Masses, we celebrate with our First Communion Candidates their Enrolment to Prepare for First Eucharist
And on his Baptism into our Parish and Church Family, we congratulate and pray for Edmund William Whittaker, with his parents, Daryll and Helen
Next weekend, at our Masses, we will celebrate with our Confirmation Applicants their Enrolment to Prepare for Confirmation

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

St Aelred (1110-1167) was a Cistercian monk, who came to serve as an Abbot, at Rievaulx Abbey (near Helmsley, in North Yorkshire). His writings are generally considered scholarly and wise, but written in plain words that many without an academic background might understand. His text below beautifully honours Mary, Mother of God, but rightly sees her as one so honoured because she was the bearer of Jesus, as we can be bearers of Jesus. Fitting words for her in October, the month of the Rosary.

Let us come to his bride, come to his mother, let us come to the best of his handmaidens. All these descriptions fit Blessed Mary.

But what are we to do for her? What sort of gifts shall we offer her? O that we might at least repay to her the debt we owe her! We owe her honour, we owe her devotion, we owe her love, we owe her praise. We owe her honour because she is the Mother of our Lord. He who does not honour the mother, will without doubt dishonour the son. Besides, scripture says: 'Honour your father and your mother.'

What then shall we say, brethren? Is she not our mother? Certainly, brethren, she is in truth our mother. Through her we are born, not to the world but to God.

We all, as you believe and know, were in death, in the infirmity of old age, in darkness, in misery. In death because we had lost the Lord; in the infirmity of old age, because we were in corruption; in darkness because we had lost the light of wisdom, and so we had perished.

But through Blessed Mary we all underwent a much better birth than through Eve, inasmuch as Christ was born of Mary. Instead of the infirmity of age we regained youth, instead of corruption, incorruption, instead of darkness, light.

She is our mother, mother of our life, of our incorruption, of our light. The Apostle says of our Lord, 'Whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness, sanctification and redemption.'

She, therefore, who is the mother of Christ is the mother of our wisdom, mother of our righteousness, mother of our sanctification, mother of our redemption. Therefore she is more our mother than the mother of our flesh. Better therefore is our birth which we derive from Mary, for from her is our holiness, our wisdom, our righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

Scripture says, 'Praise the Lord in his saints'. If our Lord is to be praised in those saints through whom he performs mighty works and miracles, how much more should he be praised in her in whom he fashioned himself, he who is wonderful beyond all wonder.



First Reconciliation 2022 (and on to First Eucharist) Copies of details and application forms, for those eligible to prepare (Baptised Catholic Children already in School Year 3 or above) are now available. These can be got from Fr Anthony only, at a weekend Mass, so to be completed and returned direct to him, before the end of October.

Things happening in our Parish

At St Joseph's All are welcome to have tea/coffee and good chat after our 9.00am Masses - and the good news - this is to continue in the foreseeable, so do give it a go.

Parish Pastoral Council Members In the adult aged group, we have four nominations on behalf of our Sacred Heart Church and four on behalf of St Joseph's Church. We have none in the 14-25 aged group.

However, we do still need, on behalf of each Church one more adult member, and one aged 14-25 (so four members in all). Nomination forms are still available in the Church entrance halls, *so please let us make up our membership numbers for this very important role.*

Nominees now duly returned as members, on behalf of the Congregations of:

Sacred Heart - Janet Ward, Paul Stuart, Elizabeth Smith, Catherine Allan;

St Joseph's - Teresa Williams, Barry Palmer, Bernadette France, Jane Dent.

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 6 Oct**, 7.00pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or to join them, please have a word with any present Member.

AGM Our Parish Pastoral Council will hold its delayed (usually in June) AGM on **Thu 21 Oct**, in our Sacred Heart Hall, 7.00pm. Members continuing and new please especially note, but all of our Parish Family are most warmly invited - and to light refreshments after.

Singing for the Brain The local Alzheimers group are seeking to bring together people with dementia, and their carers/supporters, to sing a variety of songs they know and love, in a fun and friendly environment, to encourage a greater sense of wellbeing. They will meet 1.30-3.30pm this **Thu 7 Oct**, in our Sacred Heart Hall, and hope this will be a regular, first Thursday of each month, event.

The event is free, but please first book places: email wakefield@alzheimers.org.uk or tel 01924-373264.

& In our Diocese

On the Permanent Diaconate An information event, on Wed 20 Oct., 8.00pm. For any who might feel called to the Permanent Diaconate, or who just want to know more about this ministry. For further details and log-in, contact: david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

& Nationally

The Assisted Dying Bill 2021 is due its second reading and full debate in the House of Lords on 15 Oct. Please help to defeat the bill. For more information and practical ways to make your voice heard, please see our Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news/>

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 1 & 8 Dec**. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, after one of our weekend Parish Masses, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

Confirmations Our Children, who are preparing for Confirmation, are to next meet, along with their Parents, in our Sacred Heart Hall,

Sat 9 Oct, 9.30-11.30am

First Communion Our Children, who are preparing for their First Eucharist, will next meet, along with their Parents, in our Sacred Heart Hall,

Sat 16 Oct, 10-12.00am

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

The Society of St Vincent de Paul was founded by Frederick Ozanam, a French lawyer, author and university professor. He and his companions wished to found an organisation to assist the poorest and most needy in society. They gained much help from Sr Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, who no doubt influenced the Lay Society to adopt St Vincent as their patron saint, and also his title.

St Faustina Kowalska (1905-38) was born in Glogowiek, in Poland. In her quite short life, she became much noted for her closeness to God. She also became known as the Apostle of which Catholic Devotion, that is now used widely, in many countries?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A man trying to understand the nature of God asked God: 'How long is a million years to you?'

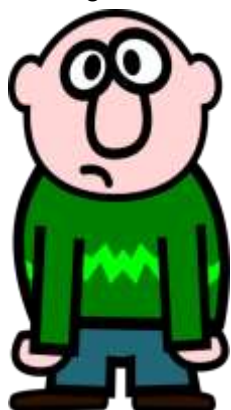
God replied "Like a minute"

'How much is 1 million pounds to you?'

God said "Like a penny".

'God, could you give me a penny?'

God replied "In a minute"



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies

19 September

Many
Thanks

Loose £292.81
Envelopes £269.19

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

Beginning to Dig for the Treasure



How long should you spend in praying passages of scripture suited to deepening your knowledge of and sorrow for sin? The answer to that question is within you, so move on when you feel ready to move on. Gratitude to God for his forgiveness will lead you to ask him to know him more and to serve him with all your being. Our progress towards God is cyclic, like climbing a spiral staircase. You may find yourself later wanting to return to spending time on prayer for sorrow and repentance because you have reached a deeper level of awareness of God's goodness which reveals areas of unbelief in your life which you had never noticed before.

There are two obstacles frequently encountered at the start of our journey towards God which can be very difficult to surmount, namely feelings of guilt and self-worthlessness and also the memory of hurts done to us by others.

Guilt is a healthy human reaction to our own wrongdoing, but it can also become an unhealthy disease which poisons our spirit. When afflicted with guilt over something we have done, or failed to do, we should acknowledge our wrongdoing to Christ and beg to know his forgiveness. It is hard for us to accept unconditional love, for our human experience conditions us otherwise, leading us to think that love must be earned and that we can be acceptable to others only in so far as we measure up to their expectations of us. God's love is unconditional: all that we have to do is to turn to him. We may be like the Gerasene demoniac, torn in our repentance, part of us wanting it, part not. Pray out of that part of you which wants to repent and do not let the other part deter you. 'Catching sight of Jesus from a distance, he ran up and fell at his feet and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, son of the Most High God? Swear by God you will not torture me.' (Mark 5:6-7).

Persistent and pervasive guilt, which cannot be located in any particular action or omission, is a sickness of the spirit and is usually accompanied by feelings of worthlessness, of being unloved and unlovable. Victims of this illness feel they must be constantly apologising for their existence, feel they must always try to please, yet know that no matter how hard they try, they will never be acceptable to any human being, least of all to God. The root of this illness may lie in childhood deprivation by parents who showed little or no affection, but were constantly punishing the child, assuring it of its worthlessness and wickedness. The child may so assimilate the attitude of its parents that this attitude becomes a permanent assumption of its mind, a super-ego, so that even in adulthood the person lives in a permanent state of guilt and anxiety. This is a severe affliction, but a method of prayer can reveal a deeper meaning

To be continued . . .

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 Wojciech 'Albert' Baran, Jane 'Jenny' McKay,
Doris Pyta, and their families



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

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing
Liz Allen, Elizabeth Taylor, Monica Lowe, John O'Brien, Nicola Glew, Betty O'Donnell, Jerry O'Mahony
Tim Byrne, John Lovely, Raymond Ward, and all our housebound

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 27: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The Pharisees are putting a trick question to Jesus, as is clear in Matthew's fuller account in his gospel. They knew the Law, which permitted divorce, and they will quote this Law to Jesus. The Law allowed divorce for 'indecency', but teachers were divided about what this meant: did it mean adultery or a lesser fault? So their real question is: what does Jesus consider grounds for divorce? As so frequently in his discussions with the legal experts, Jesus' response goes beyond and much deeper than a simple answer to the question: God made man and woman such that they should bond together permanently and become one thinking, living being. The word used for one 'body', or one 'flesh', really means one entity, not a hunk of meat, but a single, vibrant personality. God's intention was not that the two should be separable again. So Jesus does not answer the question about grounds for divorce at all. It is striking that here – and on other occasions too – Jesus' authority is such that he feels able to alter the sacred Law of Moses. For the Jews the Law of Moses was God's own gift, sacred and unalterable by any human authority. By altering it, by annulling the permission for divorce under certain circumstances, Jesus is implicitly claiming divine authority.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

The stories at the beginning of Genesis are intended to explain how God designed things and what their purpose is. The stories are, of course, not meant to be historical, but their teaching is of the highest importance: they show how things were meant to be. By giving the animals their names the Man is taking part in their creation. Made in the image of God, the Man's task is to promote God's work and foster creation and foster life, just as God himself does. The creation of human beings is the climax of creation, which means that human beings have a responsibility towards the rest of creation. The warm relationship between God and the Man before the Fall is

particularly touching. God's care for the Man, putting him to sleep before the surgical operation which produces Woman, with God himself sewing up the wound, is delightful. So is God's careful moulding of the Woman and the presentation of his handiwork to the Man. It is important to see that there is no unevenness, no inequality between the sexes; each is personally moulded by God. The author paints word-pictures; the welcoming between the Woman and the Man is the author's way of showing that the bonding between them in marriage is a divine institution.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

The Letter to the Hebrews is going to be read during Mass for the next seven Sundays, right up until Advent. Its author is completely unknown, but it is very likely that the letter was written for Hebrew priests, who had become Christians and were missing the traditional rites of their people. It assumes knowledge of the Jewish ritual, and, with many allusions to scripture, it highlights two themes. Firstly, it shows that the Jewish sacrificial rituals were a pale shadow, but that their reality and fulfilment comes in the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Secondly, it points out that the People of God are still on pilgrimage. God's promise that they would reach a place of rest was not fulfilled by their arrival in the Holy Land under Joshua; it will be fulfilled only in heaven. In today's reading we glimpse part of the first theme. Jesus humbled himself to become man, only a little less than the angels (the author is alluding to Psalm 8), in order to become perfect through his suffering. He had to become fully human, so that by being made perfect he might lead all his brothers and sisters to the same perfection.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 28

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 3

Sun Proper of Sunday

Mon Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Tue Of Weekday (or + Commn Virgins or Religious)

Wed Of Weekday + (Proper of Saints)

Thu Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Fri Of Weekday

Sat Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Francis of Assisi, Religious

Tue St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Wed St Bruno, Priest

Thu Our Lady of the Rosary

Fri Of Weekday

Sat St John Henry Newman, Priest