



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 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 Imee Antonette & Baby G B-P</i>
Monday 11 October	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Peggy Heneghan</i>
Tuesday 12 October	Sacred Heart	<i>11.30am Funeral Service</i>	Doris Pyta <i>Parish Family</i>
Wednesday 13 October	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Denis Fricker</i>
Thursday 14 October	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Deceased Gabriola & Watson Fams</i>
Friday 15 October	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Deceased Hall ... Senior Fams</i>
Saturday 16 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Stephen, Mark, Christopher, & Derek Jones</i>
Sunday 17 October	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>George & Billy Hodgson Brian Byrne</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 exempt by reason of age or health.)

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

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

From Fr Anthony

The following (abbreviated) has been received from our Bishops of England and Wales.

Earlier this year an 'Assisted Dying' Bill was introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Meacher. It will receive its Second Reading, with full debate, Fri 22 Oct. It aims to legalise assisted suicide in England and Wales. If successful, it will permit a terminally adult who has less than 6 months to live, to be assisted in ending their life.

The Church is clear that assisted suicide is a crime against human life, and we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. Pope Francis said, 'Physician-assisted suicide is part of a 'throwaway culture' that offers a 'false compassion' and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalise anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude: much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.'

We give support to The Parliamentary Group for Dying Well, and their campaign against the 'Meacher' Bill. We encourage all to pray the bill is defeated, to write to peers asking them to reject it, and to share our resources widely on social media platforms and with friends and family.

In September, the British Medical Association moved to a position of neutrality on 'assisted dying', a euphemism for assisted suicide and euthanasia. 149 members voted in favour of the move to neutrality, 145 against, 8 abstained. This margin of just 4 votes was not the overwhelming victory the opposition were hoping for.

We ask all to join in a national novena, seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the Second Reading falls. Bishop John Sherrington said: 'Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. The novena, asking the intercession of St John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us.'

The Novena Prayer

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession, we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld, through proper investment in palliative care.

Grant also that we may grow in love for you and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people.

Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Please also see, www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news/
for more details www.righttolife.org.uk/mystory/
and suggested www.livinganddyingwell.org.uk/
ways to help: www.carenotkilling.org.uk/



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.

Keeping the Real Hallowe'en

(That is the Eve of the All Hallowed)

At our Parish Masses, Sat/Sun 30/31 October
we will remember and pray for all our

Deceased Relatives, Friends & Parishioners

Any who wish may add names of their Faithful
Departed to marked sheets, in our Church Entrances
(by Sun 24 Oct, at latest),

to form a Book of Remembrance for each Church.

*Note: this is separate to the November Faithful
Departed Mass Intentions, to be taken soon.*

Our celebration will also offer an extra opportunity to
mark the deaths of those whose funerals occurred
while Covid restrictions limited numbers at funerals.

Things happening in our Parish

Services Resumed Tea/Coffee/Juice/Biscuits and nice chat are now available after our Sunday Masses, at **both of our Churches**: so do call in to the Rooms/Hall to meet up with others of our Parish Family. If there's someone you don't know, pop over to say hello. Many of us can be hesitant, and all it takes is for one to make the first move.

Parish Seniors Will resume this coming **Wed 13 Oct**, 2.00-3.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall, to then continue each Wednesday. All aged 55+, both men and women, most welcome. Chat, refreshments, entertainments, all the order of the day.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Members We still require, 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, and forms completed should be returned to Fr Anthony, as soon as possible. *So please help us make up our membership numbers for this very important role.*

& 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.

*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 13 Nov, 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?

As Archbishop of Krakow, the then Cardinal Wojtyla began the petition for the canonisation of Faustina Kowalska. He later canonised her in 2000, by when he was Pope John Paul II. Saint Faustina is now known by many as the 'Apostle of Divine Mercy', after the 'Devotion to Divine Mercy' that she promoted.

What is the connection between the French visionary, St Margaret Mary Alacoque (feast day next Saturday), and our own Parish?

AND SERIOUSLY!

'How many of you would like to go to heaven?' asked the Sunday school teacher.



All put their hands up except Cassie.
'I'm sorry I can't.
Mummy told me to come straight home after Sunday school'.

Parish Monies

Offertory Monies **Many Thanks**
26 September

Loose £237.43
Envelopes £312.60

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

The following method of prayer can reveal a deeper meaning and a way of understanding and growing through the affliction of guilt and anxiety.

Salvador Dali has painted the crucified Christ suspended above the globe of the earth. Let your imagination work on that image and speak to Christ dying on the cross. He has become the sin of the world and there is no crime, however hideous, which he has not taken on himself and forgiven. Tell Christ that although that he has succeeded with the rest of the human race, he has met his match in you, and that not even his death can overcome your guilt. He may find all other human beings to be lovable, but you are God's mistake which he can never put right. If you can persist in this prayer, he will uncover a hidden source of guilt, which is pride, the refusal to let God be God to you, clinging to your guilt as though it were more powerful than his love.



Another method is to sit in silence with your feelings of guilt and worthlessness, as though they formed a heap of rotting rubbish in front of you and then pray to Christ to show himself through the mess. This is a useful exercise because in it you are not pretending, not hiding your guilt from yourself; you are acknowledging your own

inability to remove it and allowing him to be what we can so easily express with our lips, but not with our inner being – our saviour.

The memory of hurts done to us in the past can also become obstacles in our journey towards God. 'Anyone who say, "I love God", and hates his brother, is a liar' (John 4:20). It is very difficult to forgive from the heart, but as long as we withhold forgiveness we are refusing to let God be God in us.

Everything that we experience registers in our being and affects all our subsequent perception of reality, and it therefore affects the way we think, act, react, though we may be completely unaware of the reasons for our behaviour. The events which fashioned our way of perceiving are buried deep in the subconscious memory. That is why, for example, certain sounds, smells, sights can greatly affect us while the people we are with seem unaffected by them. The reason may be that those sense impressions have touched hidden memories in us, perhaps from childhood, when we experienced great happiness and the smell, sight, or sound has touched off the feeling of happiness, although our memory can no longer recall the incident itself. Similarly present events may throw us into gloom, sadness or anxiety while they leave other people relatively unmoved. We cannot understand our reaction, because we cannot recall the painful incident in the past. The mind recalls the pain, but not the past event that caused it.

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 Doris Pyta, and her family



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 28: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

This exchange between Jesus and the rich man is often read with Matthew's parallel in mind, where Jesus tells the young man to sell his possessions 'if you would be perfect'. There are no such phrases in Mark's story. The questioner has reached a certain age, for he has kept the commandments 'from my earliest days'. He is in the full flush of wealth, and getting rid of his riches is not a mere counsel of perfection for this particular man. Jesus is stressing the danger of possessions for everyone. It is a curious fact that for many people, the more they have, the more they want. Conversely, the less people have, the more generous they can be drawn to be, knowing the value to other needy people because of the little they have. It is not merely that we need to be free of the preoccupations and distractions of wealth. Wealth can be a good preoccupation if the worry comes from awareness of the responsibility it brings. Repeatedly, however, in the history of the Church, from St Anthony of the Desert, St Francis of Assisi and others, people have interpreted these words of Jesus in this gospel in a heroic manner, and have stripped themselves of all possessions to concentrate on the Kingdom of God. God's blessing is especially on the poor.

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Unusually, the first reading seems to pair both with the second reading and with the Gospel. It pairs with the second reading because divine Wisdom and the Word of God are similar: each is the way in which God makes himself known to us. It pairs with the gospel reading because the author of the Book of Wisdom esteems riches as nothing and prefers Wisdom, just as the rich man in the gospel is encouraged by Jesus to prefer the following of Christ to his riches. The Book of Wisdom was written a bare half-century before the birth of Christ, at a time when all hope of a personal Messiah in the line of David seemed remote. The only way in which God might

enter into this world seemed to be by his Wisdom. This chapter goes on to show how God created the world and continues to rule it by his Wisdom. Divine Wisdom is described as the 'mirror of God's active power and image of his goodness', language seeking to describe how Wisdom is in God and yet is not exactly identical with the Creator. This language will be used also by Paul and John to describe the incarnation of the Word of God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The Word of God can in this reading be understood on two levels. The Word of God is on one level the Sacred Scriptures which penetrate the human soul. That is why we need to read the Scriptures to come to know the ways of God. By a prayerful reading we can come to understand the world and even ourselves as God sees them, gradually growing in understanding of his will for us, and so how each of us personally can be penetrated by the Spirit of God and grow closer to the Lord. The author of the Letter is inviting readers to reflect on the psalm which speaks of the 'place of rest' for the People of God, and to understand that their arrival in Canaan after their wanderings in the desert was not the final 'place of rest' designed for them by God; they are still on pilgrimage. But the Word of God can also be understood as the Word which became flesh, as it says in the Prologue to John's Gospel. Jesus is the Word of God become flesh, the image of his goodness, by which we can come to know God. The two senses of Word are combined in the glorious vision, at the beginning of the Book of Revelation, of the Risen Christ, the Lord of the Church, from whose mouth issues a two-edged sword, by which he judges the world.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 29

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 4

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

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St John XXIII, Pope
Tue St Wilfrid, Bishop
Wed St Edward the Confessor, Holy Man
Thu St Callistus, Pope & Martyr
Fri St Teresa of Jesus, Religious & Dr of Church
Sat St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious /
St Hedwig, Religious