



# 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 29, 16/17 October, 2021

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			<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 16 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Stephen, Mark, Christopher, &amp; Derek Jones</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 17 October	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>George &amp; Billy Hodgson Brian Byrne</i>
Monday 18 October	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Michael Murtagh</i>
Tuesday 19 October			<i>Parish Family</i>
Wednesday 20 October	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Wilson &amp; Patricia Attwood</i>
Thursday 21 October	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Thanksgiving Alen &amp; Aleesha</i>
Friday 22 October	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Christopher Crompton</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 23 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Winifred &amp; Wilfrid Taylor</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 24 October	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Freda Myers Maxwell Ikenna Igbo</i>

This weekend, prior to their up-coming Baptisms, we present and pray for,  
Elias & Edgar Jarimba Harrison, with parents, Claudia & Thomas, at 5.00pm Mass.  
at 9.00am Mass, Nicola Manka, with parents, Michal & Ewa  
and at 10.45am Mass, Anthony Omeljanowicz, with parents, Justyna & Wojciech

**Keeping the Real Hallowe'en:** at our Parish Masses, Sat/Sun 30/31 October  
*We will then remember and pray for all our Deceased Relatives, Friends & Parishioners*  
Any 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.*  
This also offers opportunity to mark the deaths of those whose funerals occurred during Covid restrictions.

**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

*Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-80) joined the Dominican Order and became recognised as a mystic. Twenty six prayers and a number of letters are attributed to her composing and, also, a longer work, from which the words following are taken - 'The Dialogue of Divine Providence'.*

The eternal Father, indescribably tender and kind, turned his eye to this soul and spoke to her thus:

'O dearest daughter, I have determined to show my mercy and loving kindness to the world, and I choose to provide for mankind all that is good.

But man, ignorant, turns into a death-giving thing what I gave in order to give him life. Not only ignorant, but cruel: cruel to himself. But still I go on providing. For this reason I want you to know: whatever I give to man, I do it out of my great providence.

'So it was that when, by my providence, I created man, I looked into myself and fell in love with the beauty of the creature I had made – for it had pleased me, in my providence, to create man in my own image and likeness.

'Moreover, I gave man memory, to be able to remember the good things I had done for him and to be able to share in my own power, the power of the eternal Father.

'Moreover, I gave man intellect, so that, seeing the wisdom of my Son, he could recognise and understand my own will; for I am the giver of all graces and I give them with a burning fatherly love.

'Moreover, I gave man the desire to love, sharing in the tenderness of the Holy Spirit, so that he might love the things that his intellect had understood and seen.

'But my kind providence did all this solely that man might be able to understand me and enjoy me, rejoicing in my vision for all eternity. And as I have told you elsewhere, the disobedience of your first parent Adam closed heaven to you – and from that disobedience came all evil through the whole world.

'To relieve man of the death that his own disobedience brought, I tenderly and providently gave you my only-begotten Son to heal you and bring satisfaction for your needs. I gave him the task of being supremely obedient, to free the human race of the poison that your first parent's disobedience had spread throughout the world. Falling in love, as it were, with his task, and truly obedient, he hurried to a shameful death on the most holy Cross. By his most holy death he gave you life: not human life this time, but with the strength of his divinity.'

*Notices for our Parish Newsletter need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.*



**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

**Parish Pastoral Council Members** We still require, on behalf of our St Joseph's congregation, one more adult member, and for both of our Churches one aged 14-25 (so three members in all). Nomination forms available in the Church entrance halls, and forms completed should be returned to Fr Anthony, as soon as possible.

**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.

**Parish Seniors** Are now meeting *each Wednesday*, 2.00 -3.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. All aged 55+, men and women, most welcome.

**AGM** Our Parish Pastoral Council will hold its delayed AGM on **Thu 21 Oct**, in our Sacred Heart Hall, 7.00pm. All of our Parish Family are most warmly invited - and to light refreshments after.

**A Senior Treat** Parishioners aged 55+, are invited to a meal, at The Angel (Ackworth), **Mon 22 Nov**, at 1.00pm, courtesy of our Parish SVP. Transport can be provided from both of our Churches. Please sign up on the list in the entrance hall of either of our Churches.

**Autumn Raffle** Wanted - *M&S food items* for our *Grand Raffle* - but please check for long use/sell by dates, into 2022 preferably. Also wanted - *bottles of spirits, fortified wines and table wines* (but ideally not chateaux plonk). Please bring such items to either of our Churches.

**Fayre** On account of Covid infections still being high, the risk of an indoor fayre being tight packed, and the short time scale, we will not hold a Parish Fayre, this autumn.

**Our St Joseph's School** is looking to improve the prayer corners in each of the classrooms, Statues of St Joseph especially, but also of Mary, Mother of God, are needed - ideally 6-8" high, but up to 12" (15-30cm), in reasonable or good condition - the School entrance hall also needs a larger scale statue of each. Spare smaller Mary/Joseph statues might be brought to either of our Churches or the School. If you have a larger statue, please inform the School or Fr Anthony of the height, and, if possible, send a photo (electronically or on paper).

**Many Thanks** to all who returned Red Missio Boxes. A grand total of £350 was raised.

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.**

## 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 6 Nov, 10-12.00am**

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-90) had visions of Mary and Jesus relating to the Sacred Heart. She promoted devotions to The Sacred Heart of Jesus that are still used by many, and her influence led to many parishes, such as our own, later coming under the patronage of 'The Sacred Heart'.

*While St Luke (feast day this Monday) wrote a Gospel, he was not an apostle and may not have been from a Jewish background. When he became a Christian, what was his profession and where was he living and working?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!



God: "Phew! I just created a 24 hour period of alternating light and darkness of earth!"

Angel: 'What are you going to do now?'

God: "Call it a day" ..

This  
is the day  
the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118.24

The joy of the Lord is my strength.  
Nehemiah 8:10

## Parish Monies

**Offertory Monies** **Many Thanks**  
3 October

Loose	£ 286.60
Envelopes	£ 296.55
Aug Bank Orders	£1522.00

## 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

In imaginative contemplation hidden memories often surface, including the memory of past hurts, and we may see for the first time, how the whole of our subsequent life has been affected by those events. The person troubled by permanent guilt feelings, for example, may suddenly come to realise that parents were to blame. It can then be very difficult to forgive them for having blighted his/her life. The temptation is to ignore this knowledge and the feelings accompanying it because they are too painful to face. The temptation should be resisted.

We need to pray over these memories in order to be released from the stifling effect they are having on our lives, whether they have suddenly come into consciousness or have always been there. Imaginative contemplation on the Gospel's healing miracles are useful for this purpose. Be there in imagination at the healing, then approach Christ and ask healing for your own hurt, ailment or handicap. Through the medium of the Gospel passage you are encountering the Living Christ now.

Past hurts can go very deep, so do not be surprised if having prayed for healing from the heart, having managed to forgive those concerned and experienced peace and freedom, the pain of the hurt should return again later. It takes time for the bitterness and hurt to be drawn from the deeper levels of our mind and heart.

If contemplating a Gospel passage does not help you to face the bitterness and hurt, then imagine you are in a room by yourself and there is a knock at the door. 'Look, I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share his meal, side by side with him' (Rev. 3:20). In imagination, take Christ on a tour



of the house, which is your life. Take him into those rooms, that is, those events, in which you experienced great pain and introduce him to the people who caused it. Express to them, even though they may now be dead, and to Christ, the hurt you still feel and then look at him and see how he reacts to the people concerned. Do not force yourself into insincere gestures or words of forgiveness, but rather let him draw the feelings and the words out of you. Even if you can only say, 'I want to want to be able to forgive,' that is progress. In the same way, you can ask forgiveness of those you have offended.

The effect such prayer can have is astonishing, lifting heavy burdens from peoples' lives, bring back to them a capacity for joy and delight in life which may have been stifled for years, and in some cases, restoring to physical health people who have been suffering for years from illnesses which did not respond to medical treatment.

*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**.



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 29: Commentary on the Readings

### Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Three times in Mark's gospel Jesus formally tells his disciples about his coming Passion, and each time they seem entirely deaf to it. So each time Jesus counters their misunderstanding by repeating the need for a disciple to follow him in suffering. Today's reading begins just after the third prophecy, and – true to form – the sons of Zebedee reply with a request for the best seats at the banquet of the Kingdom! Matthew in his gospel spares the two disciples by putting the request in their poor mother's mouth; only in a second exchange with Jesus do they woodenly accept to share Jesus' 'cup' and 'baptism'. Do they really know what they are accepting, or do they just blithely agree and answer 'Yes' to Jesus' question about sharing the same 'cup' as their 'Master'? The indignation of the other disciples prompts Jesus to deliver his clearest statement in words that authority in the Church should be regarded as service. His clearest statement in action about service is the smelly business of washing the travel-gnarled feet of his disciples at his last meal with them.



### First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

The whole of this Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant is read at the liturgy of Good Friday. Today we have only a part, but enough to show that the Servant's suffering somehow fulfils God's purposes: it brings glory to the Servant and salvation to others. We do not know who the servant originally envisaged by the author was: perhaps the prophet himself or perhaps the people of Israel suffering in exile in Babylon. But in Christ we can see a further meaning in this reading. We know from Jesus' own sayings that he saw himself as the complete fulfilment of these poems: 'The Son of man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many'. He saw his life as one of service and of

perfect obedience to the Lord, his Father. He saw his task to be the establishment of the Kingship of God on earth, which would bring salvation to all, and that opposition to this Kingship would bring him suffering and eventually death. This selfless obedience of Jesus would undo the stubborn disobedience of all humanity, symbolised by the sin of Adam. It would bring to completion the Lord's designs for the world and for all creation.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

The Letter to the Hebrews contrasts the supreme High Priest with the transient high priests of Judaism. In order to bring humanity to perfection, Jesus had to share completely in our humanity. He was 'tempted in every way that we are': temptations to anger, to intolerance, to regard others as inferior. He was 'capable of feeling our weaknesses': fear, frustration, laziness, boredom. In the gospels a few of these 'weaknesses' are mentioned: his exhaustion at the well in Samaria, his grief at the death of his friend Lazarus. But, as he had a very human personality, he must have suffered the fears and incomprehension of childhood, the frustrations of adolescence, as well as the more complex troubles and sorrows of adulthood, not to mention temptations arising from the unremitting opposition of those who rejected him – all under the overarching passion for his Father and his Kingship. All this would have enriched his personality still further, until he offered the whole of his humanity in obedience to his Father's designs. Just as martyrdom is the crown of a life of Christian fidelity, so Jesus' final sacrifice was the crown of a life of love, obedience and generosity.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

### The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 30

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

### Prayer of the Church

#### Psalter: Week 1

**Sun** Proper of Sunday

**Mon** Proper of Saints

**Tue** Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

**Wed** Of Weekday

**Thu** Of Weekday

**Fri** Of Weekday (or + Common of Pastors)

**Sat** Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

### This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** St Luke

**Tue** Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests,  
and Companion Martyrs

**Wed** Of Weekday

**Thu** Of Weekday

**Fri** St John Paul II, Pope

**Sat** St John of Capistrano, Priest