



# 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 30, 23/24 October, 2021

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			<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<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>
Monday 25 October	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Paul Woodgate</i>
Tuesday 26 October			<i>Parish Family</i>
Wednesday 27 October	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Sullivan Family</i>
Thursday 28 October	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Peggy Heneghan</i>
Friday 29 October	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Deceased Comer &amp; Moran Families</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 30 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Faithful Departed of Parish Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 31 October	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Faithful Departed of Parish Family Faithful Departed of 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 normally exempt from doing so).**

**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 this Sunday, 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

*St Teresa of Avila (1515-82), known as Teresa of Jesus by her companion Carmelite nuns, was born of a noble Spanish family, but felt called to the monastic life. Despite quite some opposition, she brought some reforms to her Order, and also influenced the male Order of Carmelites' reform. Her prayerfulness enabled her to have mystical visions, but her spirituality still remained down to earth, as her words following nicely indicate.*

If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. And I clearly see that if we expect to please him and receive an abundance of his graces, God desires that these graces must come to us from the hands of Christ, through his most sacred humanity, in which God takes delight.

Many times I have perceived this through experience. The Lord has told it to me. I have definitely seen that we must enter by this gate if we wish his Sovereign Majesty to reveal to us great and hidden mysteries. A person should desire no other path, even if he is at the summit of contemplation; on this road he walks safely. All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that he is the best example.

What more do we desire from such a good friend at our side? Unlike our friends in the world, he will never abandon us when we are troubled or distressed. Blessed is the one who truly loves him and always keeps him near. Let us consider the glorious Saint Paul: it seems that no other name fell from his lips than that of Jesus, because the name of Jesus was fixed and embedded in his heart. Once I had come to understand this truth, I carefully considered the lives of some of the saints, the great contemplatives, and found that they took no other path: Francis, Anthony of Padua, Bernard, Catherine of Siena. A person must walk along this path in freedom, placing himself in God's hands. If God should desire to raise us to the position of one who is an intimate and shares his secrets, we ought to accept this gladly.

Whenever we think of Christ we should recall the love that led him to bestow on us so many graces and favours, and also the great love God showed in giving us in Christ a pledge of his love; for love calls for love in return. Let us strive to keep this always before our eyes and to rouse ourselves to love him. For if at some time the Lord should grant us the grace of impressing his love on our hearts, all will become easy for us and we shall accomplish great things quickly and without effort.



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

**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 obtain a booking form (with menu options) from either of our Church entrances.

**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.

It is hoped that all manner of things will be well by next Spring, so our Summer Garden Fete is still a go, go!!!

**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).

**Singing for the Brain** The local Alzheimers group are again seeking to gather 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 **Thu 4 Nov**, in our Sacred Heart Hall, and hope this will be a first Thursday of each month event.

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

**When to stand again?** Remaining seated, during Mass, helps spacing between those in front and behind (when some might be sitting and others kneeling, especially), so we will please continue with the sitting only while Covid infections remain high. Please also remember to sanitise your hands on entering our churches, and any adults with children please ensure the children sanitise their hands.

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



*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 6 Nov, 10-12.00am**

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

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

St Luke may not have been of a Jewish background, or, some think, he was an Hellenic Jew (such followed a form of Judaism mixed with Greek culture). In any event, when he became a Christian, he was living in Antioch and practiced as a physician.

*This Tuesday's feast is of Ss Chad and Cedd. They were brothers who became monks at Lindisfarne, under St Aidan. Both were later appointed bishops. But which was first abbot of Lastingham Monastery (North Yorkshire Moors) and then died as Bishop of and at Lichfield, and which became Bishop of Bradwell (Essex) and then died at Lastingham?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

Q Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A Noah - he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.



## Parish Monies

**Offertory Monies** **Many Thanks**  
10 October

Loose £259.50  
Envelopes £336.50

## 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

We review the route we have taken, so far:

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field' – the field is you.



Inigo of Loyola caught a glimpse of the treasure within him by noticing the after-effects of his daydreams. The treasure lies in our inner life of thoughts, feelings, memories. It is our inner life which determines the way we perceive the world and react to it, both individually and corporately.

In considering the three essential elements in religion, we saw the need for each element and the harm done by ignoring any one of them. Religion can be presented with such an undue emphasis on the institutional element that it prevents us from attending to our inner life.

When this happens, then it is true that 'nothing so masks the face of God as religion'.

Using Mark's account of the healing of the Gerasene demoniac, we saw something of the complexity, chaos and conflict of desires in all of us. It is over simplistic to say, 'Turn to God in prayer,' to solve the conflict, because our inner conflict affects the way we understand God, so that prayer itself can intensify our confusion. We saw that the key to our inner confusion lies in our desires.

I suggested some simple methods of prayer which can begin to reveal some false images of God which may be operative in us. But the question still remained, 'How are we to avoid creating a God in our own image and likeness?'

We began to answer this question by looking at St. Ignatius's 'First Principle and Foundation,' whose opening sentence, 'We are created to praise, reverence and serve God,' gives the basic direction our lives must take, and the rest of his Preface outlines the disposition (indifferent/detachment) necessary if we are to take it. We saw too, that indifference/detachment is only possible provided we have an attachment to God. He is always drawing us to himself, and that is why Christ's first message is 'Repent and believe the Good News'. 'Repent means 'Turn to me and know my love for you.

In this chapter we have looked at some methods of knowing God's goodness in our sinfulness.

I hope I have not given the impression that if you follow what has been said so far and practice a few imaginative contemplations all your troubles will be over and you will begin a new life of bliss on earth!

*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 30: Commentary on the Readings

### Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

There are several remarkable things about this story. Firstly, the scene is just when Jesus is leaving Jericho. Jericho is about three hours' walk from Jerusalem, up a great, rocky canyon. When you leave Jericho you know you are just about coming to Jerusalem. It is the last village on the way, and (as we heard in last week's gospel) the excitement of what is to happen in Jerusalem (the great revelation of Jesus' glory at the Passion) is already upon those who are journeying with him; the cured beggar dances on the way with them. Secondly, the beggar is the only person in Mark to call Jesus 'Son of David', drawing attention to Jesus' messianic ancestry and preparing for his messianic entry into Jerusalem. Thirdly, in Mark Jesus says 'Your faith has cured you' only twice. The first time was to the woman with a haemorrhage, who had shown her faith with great courage by daring to touch Jesus' garment in the crowd. Now Bartimaeus shows the same stubborn courage in carrying on shouting despite the attempts to silence him. So both these people show with their courage that they really do put their trust in Jesus and are confident that he will help them. If our faith is to save us, it needs to be real, courageous and stubborn. Lukewarm, tentative faith is not enough.



### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The most remarkable feature of this prophecy of Jeremiah is that Jeremiah spoke it when the destruction of Jerusalem was certain. The city was about to collapse and its inhabitants were to be dragged into captivity across the desert on meat-hooks. Yet Jeremiah proclaims that the Lord has saved his people! Destruction is so certain that Jeremiah can speak of it in the perfect tense: it has virtually already happened. In the midst of disaster he declares that the Lord is a father to Israel, and Israel

his cherished first-born son! Even the blind (pointing us to the gospel miracle) and the lame will be gathered in. They will have to wait for the final fulfilment, but this promise remains a beacon of hope for them. There are times in everyone's life when everything goes wrong and seemingly irremediable disaster strikes. In those dark moments we know that the same promise holds for us. In the Spirit we can still cry out 'Abba, Father'. The household of the Lord is a Church composed entirely of first-born sons - and daughters: according to the Law of Israel only sons had a right of inheritance, so even the daughters of the Church are rightly described as first-born 'sons'!

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

'He can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain'. To single out these two characteristics and to grant that Jesus could be uncertain or ignorant is a bold assertion about Jesus' full humanity. Yet ignorance and the ability to learn is a condition of humanity: the child Jesus must have learnt how to deal with fire and knives and other dangers, and there is no way of learning which is better than initially getting it wrong. Similarly uncertainty is a crucial human condition: it is at once an openness to learning and a reminder of humility. The two unique elements of Jesus' priesthood are total ability to sympathise with us, and his unmediated link to his Father. These

make his priesthood (his representation on our behalf to the Father and his wholehearted offering of himself in obedience to the Father) far more immediate than any formal priesthood (such as that of the priestly line of Aaron) could ever be.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

### The Word: Year B, Feast of All Saints

1st Reading: Revelations 7:2-4,9-14

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

### Prayer of the Church

#### Psalter: Week 2

**Sun** Proper of Sunday

**Mon** Of Weekday

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

**Wed** Of Weekday

**Thu** Proper of Saints

**Fri** Of Weekday

**Sat** Of Weekday

### This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** Of Weekday

**Tue** Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops

**Wed** Of Weekday

**Thu** Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles

**Fri** Of Weekday

**Sat** Of Weekday