



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>** Live Stream</i>	Mass Intentions
Saturday 30 October	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Faithful Departed of Parish Family</i>
Sunday 31 October	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Faithful Departed of Parish Family</i> <i>Faithful Departed of Parish Family</i>
Monday 1 November			
Tuesday 2 November			
Wednesday 3 November		<i>No Exposition/Reconciliation today</i>	
Thursday 4 November		<i>No Reconciliation today</i>	
Friday 5 November			
Saturday 6 November	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Min Walker & H Morley</i>
Sunday 7 November	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass**	<i>Michael Murtagh</i> <i>Nellie & Lewis Haller</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).

November Faithful Departed Envelopes, for Masses, are available in our Church Entrances, or you may use your own envelope (but please write on *November Faithful Departed*). These may be returned via the Offertory Basket. Masses will be celebrated, through the year, for the various families/friends listed in/on each envelope and all listed will be included in a monthly Mass for the Faithful Departed. It is usual for those who can afford it to include a donation.

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

St Bernard of Clairvaux wrote the following about our honouring saints:

Why should our praise, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honours when their heavenly Father honours them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, the martyrs, the noble confessors and choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

In commemorating the saints we are inflamed with a yearning: that Christ our life may appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honour. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendour with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

So, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

Things happening in our Parish

Parish Seniors Meet *Wednesdays*, 2.00-3.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. All aged 55+ most welcome.

A Senior Treat Parishioners aged 55+, are invited to a meal, at EGO (Beverley Arms, Ackworth - note change of venue), **Mon 22 Nov**, at 1.00pm, courtesy of our Parish SVP. Please obtain a booking form (with menu options) from either of our Church entrances. Transport can be provided from both of our Churches.

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 or tel 01924-373264.

Open Heart Memory Cafe Is about to resume: especially for any within our neighbourhood with Dementia and their families, friends and carers. Next gathering in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Fri 12 Nov**, 10.00-12.00am. Come along for a chat and laugh, with friends old and new. All welcome.

Our Children of Primary School age are invited to design a picture, for use on a card, to be given to all of our Parish Family, for Christmas. A prize will be given for any picture used. The pictures must have a religious/nativity theme (no Santas/reindeers), be on A4 white paper, and must be returned by **Sun 19 Nov** (please do not fold). Also, write on the back your name, age, which of our Churches you mostly come to, and an email or telephone number. Please give any designs to Fr Anthony or deliver them to our Sacred Heart Presbytery.

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).

Please Note Fr Anthony is taking his Autumn 'Jollies', 1-19 Nov inclusive (excepting weekend Masses). If there is need to arrange a funeral, families should still have their Funeral Director contact/leave a message at the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The Director should gain a response no later than the end of their next working day.

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?

Of the brothers Ss Chad and Cedd, Chad was an abbot of Lastingham Monastery (North Yorkshire Moors) and then died as Bishop of and at Lichfield, and Cedd became bishop of Bradwell (Essex) and then died at Lastingham, of the plague.

While little of certainty is known about St Winefride, it is known that she lived in the 6/7th century, near to Holywell, in Clwyd. She gained a reputation as a miracle worker and the well, at Holywell, became and still is a place of pilgrimage. But what was her link with St Beuno?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A minister had to stop for a traffic warden.

As the traffic warden was writing the ticket the minister said, 'Blessed are the merciful'.

The warden handed him the ticket and said 'Go thou and sin no more'.



*Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and
thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.*

Parish Monies

Offertory Monies **Many Thanks**
17 October

Loose £176.34
Envelopes £232.40
Donations x 2 £200.00

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 the journey towards God we begin to understand the grumbling Israelites in the desert who looked back with longing to the jolly days of fleshpots in Egypt. As we turn to God, we become aware of the attractive idols in our lives which we had not noticed before, because they were part of our being. We begin to long for the carefree days when we were blind and God was a shadowy figure on the wings of our stage, ready to come in when we chose to



give the cue. Now he has taken over the stage and we feel excluded from many things which used to make life worthwhile. When these feelings of regret, resentment and dislike of God's nearness afflict us, we may grow despondent and think that the effort to find him is a waste of time, or that we suffer from some inner flaw which will prevent us from ever finding him. Once we turn to God in prayer, we begin to experience fluctuations of mood and inner feeling which we may never have had before. This is a healthy sign, a sign that we are encountering the living God, the God of surprises. There is no genuine human relationship without conflict, and it is as human beings that we relate to God.

Exercise

Some biblical texts for contemplation.

Genesis 3 - The Adam and Eve story, when imaginatively contemplated will be found to be very contemporary, describing the nature and effect of all sin – it separates us from ourselves, from others, from God.

Luke 15 - Parable of the lost sheep, the lost drachma and the prodigal son.

John 8:34-41 - Sin enslaves and blinds to truth.

Romans 7:14-25 - Paul acknowledges his own helplessness.

2 Peter 2:1-22 - The history and nature of sin.

James 1:13-18 - The roots of sinfulness in our desires.

James 3:2-4:17 - The roots of violence and disharmony.

2 Samuel 11:12-15 - David is brought to consciousness of his own sin.

Revelation 3:14-22 - On the blind complacency of the church in Laodicea.

Matthew 23:13-36 - Christ's indictment of the Pharisees, included in the Gospel because the early Church was aware of its own danger of falling to Pharisaism.

Luke 18:9-14 - The Pharisee and the tax collector at prayer.

Ezekiel 16 - An allegorical history of Israel's infidelity and God's fidelity.

Psalms (penitential) - 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143

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 Joseph Williams and his 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, Feast of All Saints: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

These eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing, possible only if the hand of God is upon us. That is why the first and the last beatitudes knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living that kingship. For each of the beatitudes, do you know someone in the parish or elsewhere in your life who exemplifies that particular attitude? Or is there a saint whom you consider typifies each of these beatitudes for you? What is your own favourite beatitude? Jesus illustrates the beatitudes in various incidents in the gospels: he enters Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king; he shows love in his welcome to sinners; he brings peace to those tortured by disease or contempt; he manifests purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will; finally, he accepts persecution for what he knew to be right. All Christians may suddenly find themselves face to face with similar challenges.



First Reading: Revelations 7:2-4,9-14

The Book of Revelation, from which this reading is taken, was written during the first persecutions of Christians. It is built on the promise that, after persecution, those who are faithful to God and to Christ will be delivered and gathered into the peace of God's presence. At the time of writing, the persecuting force from which the persecuted were to be delivered was the might of the Roman Empire, with its immorality, its materialism, its consumerism, and above all its demand that all its subjects should worship the Emperor as Lord. For Christians at that time, the late first century, the great test was whether they would accept the standards of the Empire or remain faithful to the demanding Christian standards.

The same decision stands before Christians today. Who is my Lord? Is it Christ or the standards for which the Emperor stood: carelessness about sexual morality, materialism, consumerism, putting myself first in everything without regard for the cost to others? Do I connive at and approve standards of behaviour which are built on a morality far from that of Christ? More pressingly, do I accept those standards for myself?

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

The second reading also contains hints of an opposition from a godless world, but concentrates much more on the union of God's children to God himself. We are already God's children, because we have been adopted in Christ and can cry 'Abba, Father!' What are the implications of this adoption to sonship? Sometimes a son is almost absurdly like his father in looks, gestures, mannerisms and ways of approaching any task. For ourselves we cannot yet fully know what this likeness to the Father will consist of, but we are promised that in the fullness of revelation we will be assimilated to God. Not only must we be close to our Father in prayer, but we must also show the qualities of God in our actions: God's generosity, his forgiveness, his openness. Part of this must be that we will find that God has developed in us all the qualities we most love and admire in others; we will be sons assimilated to their father. It will be a place of universal joy and appreciation, as all is suffused with the generosity and love of the Father. 'We shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is', and this means that the vision of God will be so overwhelming that we cannot but become like him.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 32

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 3

Sun Proper of Saints

Mon Of Weekday

Tue Proper of Saints + Office of the Dead

Wed Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Fri Of Weekday

Sat Of Weekday

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Of Weekday

Tue Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Wed St Martin de Porres, Religious /

St Winefride, Virgin

Thu St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Fri Of Weekday

Sat Of Weekday