



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>** Parish Facebook live-stream</i>	Mass Intentions
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 Nellie & Lewis Haller</i>
Monday 8 November			
Tuesday 9 November			
Wednesday 10 November			
Thursday 11 November	Sacred Heart	9.30am <i>Funeral Mass</i>	Joseph Williams
Friday 12 November			
Saturday 13 November	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Stephen, Mark, Christopher, Derek Jones</i>
Sunday 14 November	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Parish Family Jean Morris</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

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From Fr Anthony

St Gregory Nazianzen (329-90) became a priest and was later Archbishop of Constantinople. He also became much respected as a theologian.

The following words are from him.

What is man, that you are mindful of him? What is this new mystery surrounding me? I am both small and great, lowly and exalted, mortal and immortal, earthly and heavenly. I am to be buried with Christ and to rise again with him, to become a co-heir with him, a son of God, and, indeed, like to God himself.

This is what the great mystery means for us; this is why God became man and became poor for our sake: it was to raise up our flesh, to recover the divine image, to re-create mankind, so that all of us might become one in Christ, as he in us perfectly became everything that he is in himself. So we are no longer to be *slave and free, male and female, barbarian and Scythian* - distinctions deriving from the flesh - but are to bear within ourselves only the seal of God, by whom and for whom we were created. We are to be so formed and moulded by him that we are recognised as belonging to his one family.

If only we could be what we hope to be, by the great kindness of our generous God! He asks so little and gives so much, in this life and in the next, to those who love him sincerely. In a spirit of hope and out of love for him, let us then *bear and endure all things* and give thanks for all that befalls us, as even reason can often recognise these things as weapons to win salvation. And meanwhile, let us commend to God our own souls and the souls of those who, being more ready for it, have reached the place of rest before us, although they walked the same road as we do.

Lord and Creator of all, and especially of your creature man, you are the God and Father and ruler of your children; you are the Lord of life and death, you are the guardian and benefactor of our souls. You fashion and transform all things in their due season through your creative Word, as you know to be best in your deep wisdom and providence. Receive now those who have gone ahead of us in our journey from this life.

And receive us too at the proper time, when you have guided us in our bodily life as long as may be for our profit. Receive us prepared indeed by fear of you, but not troubled, not shrinking back on that day of death or uprooted by force like those who are lovers of the world and the flesh. Instead, may we set out eagerly for that blessed and everlasting life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Autumn Raffle: give yourself ChanCeS to win Tickets now on sale at our weekend Masses

For a yet better raffle - *M&S food items wanted still* (do check for long use/sell by dates, into 2022 preferably) - *bottles of spirits, fortified and table wines also*. Please bring such items to either of our Churches. Draw on **Sun 5 Dec**, after 10.45am Mass.

Things happening in our Parish

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.

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 21 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.

Send your Christmas Greeting to all our Parish Family and also help raise funds towards our Advent Project for **our Diocesan Mission in Peru**. Write on an envelope *Christmas Card*, add your Family name (Christian names too, if you wish) - add at least £2 as a donation - put the envelope in the offertory basket at any of our Weekend Masses, by no later than **Sun 28 Nov**. Your name/s will then be listed on a Parish Card, to be distributed at our Parish Masses, on the 3rd and 4th weekends of Advent.

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.

& In our Diocese

Listening Church On 10 Oct, Pope Francis opened a two year process towards the Synod of 2023, 'For a Synodal Church.' The process entails bishops around the world consulting with those baptised, before a gathering of bishops in October 2023. This process also marks the beginning of our own diocesan process of consultation, 'From Parish to Mission'. Volunteer facilitators will visit every parish in the diocese, to lead an open meeting to consider the questions put by the Holy See. Our Parish meeting will be on **Thu 25 Nov**, 7.00pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. Please fix the date in your diary and do come along. The questionnaire will be given in our Newsletter next week. Any who prefer to take part online, please go to www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission-survey.

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, on **Sat 27 Nov:**

those to receive First Communion at St Joseph's - will meet 9.30-10.30am, at St Joseph's;

those to receive First Communion at Sacred Heart - will meet 11-12.00am, at the Sacred Heart.

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

Parish Monies

Offertory Monies
24 October

**Many
Thanks**

Loose £269.04
Envelopes £300.00

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

Recognising the Treasure when you find It

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Psalm 22:1)

Some hospitals now study a patients handwriting for diagnostic purposes, and it is claimed that careful examination of handwriting can reveal the beginnings of serious illness years before it consciously affects the patient and before it is detectable by other methods such as X-rays. The body is transmitting messages through almost imperceptible movements of the hand. We tend to think that our intelligence is only in our conscious minds, but our whole body is an intelligence network and our consciousness can only grasp a small fraction, our reasoning a still smaller fraction, of what is happening within us. Our body, feelings and emotions respond to events more quickly and sensitively than our reasoning minds, sometimes warning us of danger when our conscious minds cannot detect the cause, sometimes attracting our attention to something, or reminding us of some past event which, at first, seems unimportant to us.



When Inigo of Loyola first began to daydream about outdoing Francis, Dominic and Humphrey of the desert, he had no idea of the importance for himself and for others of what was happening to him. When he spotted the qualitative difference in the after-effects of his daydreams – noting the boredom, sadness and emptiness which followed

his dreams of future feats of valour and of winning the love of a great lady, contrasting these feelings with the joy, peace and strength which followed his dreams of outdoing the saints – he had started on a process which he was later to call 'Discernment of Spirits', and which we might term 'Sifting our moods and feelings' or Learning to read the body's signals'.



In his book *Spiritual Exercises*, Ignatius gives two sets of 'Rules for the Discernment of Spirits' the first being more suited to those who are beginning the Exercises and engaged on praying for a knowledge of sin and spirit of repentance, the second set of rules being more suited to those who are contemplating the life of Christ. Ignatius knows the complexity and individuality of each human mind and so he does not claim to give rules which are absolute and covering every individual case, but he presents guidelines which can help us to some extent at least, to begin to read our own moods and guide us in our own reaction to them. We will look at a shortened and simplified version of the first set of Rules for the Discernment of Spirits'.

To be continued . . .

Abridged from: The God of Surprises – Gerard W. Hughes

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

St Beuno, a Welsh monk, was an uncle of St Winefride. According to one legend, at some point in her life Winefride was beheaded, and Beuno replaced her head and miraculously brought her back to life.

This coming Tuesday is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Why is the Dedication of this Church, in Rome, celebrated throughout the Catholic world?

AND SERIOUSLY!

Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

The area around the Jordan, as the banks were always overflowing!



How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**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

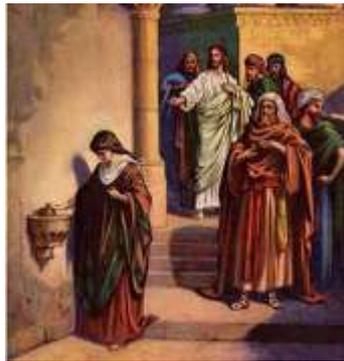
The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 32: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

We are presented in the gospel with a contrast between the dignitaries of the Temple, parading in their splendour, and the least of the least. These little coins of the widow are called lepta, meaning 'light', hardly more than shavings of copper, hardly worth picking up. Yet the value of a gift depends not on its absolute worth, but in the love with which it is given. The value of a birthday present depends on the love which it expresses, and the care which has gone into choosing or making it. One can imagine the widow debating with herself: if she made this supreme gift to the Lord, could she survive without these two little coins. What would she have to go without? As with the Sidonian widow in the first reading overleaf, this paltry gift is a rich expression of the widow's trust in divine love and care, and of her wanting to do something for the Lord. The little gift would go unnoticed among the riches of the exquisite and lavish Temple building, for its splendour was the wonder of the eastern Mediterranean, but her offering is a heartfelt expression of her love. Just so with our prayer of praise: it is the joyful outpouring of our love.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

This story about Elijah and the widow of Zarephath in Sidon is chosen to pair with the story in today's gospel about the generosity of the widow in the Temple. It is also, of course, about another widow's generosity, but this story is more fundamentally about her trust and obedience to the command of the prophet. In a way, trust in the Lord underpins all generosity: we trust that any real need we encounter is presented to us by the Lord, and is a request for our help; we trust that God, our Father, knows what he is doing. Realising that we are no more than stewards of God's good things, we respond to the need which God has presented to us. This story also has something special about it, for this



widow in the territory of Sidon is mentioned in the manifesto-speech which Jesus makes in Luke's gospel in the synagogue of Nazareth: his mission is not confined to Israel any more than that of the prophets was. The gentiles too are the children of God, the object of his loving care, and are to be saved no less than the Jews. In Jesus' mission the gentiles form part of the Chosen People of God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Addressed to Jewish priests converted to Christianity, this Letter to the Hebrews seeks to show them that the sacrifices they had formerly valued so much were only a shadow of the reality in Christ. There is no time in heaven! Those sacrifices were of their nature temporary and unsatisfying; Christ's is of its nature eternal and all sufficient. The image of Christ, presenting his sacrifice and his blood before the throne of God, is ultimately reassuring. It signifies the permanent and unbreakable union of humanity to God, welded by the obedience of Jesus on the Cross. Although the language is largely similar, the sacrifices of the Bible are not to be thought of in the same way as pagan and Greek sacrifices. They are not appeasing an angry god, but are celebrating unity with God. They are shared meals, and in the great annual sacrifice of the Day of Reconciliation, blood is sprinkled on people and altar to signify the renewed union with God. Especially reassuring is the mention of Christ's blood, for blood is the symbol of life. Christ's blood, given to us, is the sign and sacrament of the gift of divine life, offered to us – if only we will accept it.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 33

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 4

Sun Of Sunday

Mon Of Weekday

Tue Proper of Saints

Wed Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Thu Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Fri Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Sat Of Weekday

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Of Weekday

Tue Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wed St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of Church

Thu St Martin of Tours, Bishop

Fri St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Sat Of Weekday