



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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			Mass Intentions
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>
Monday 15 November			
Tuesday 16 November			
Wednesday 17 November		<i>No Exposition/Reconciliation today</i>	
Thursday 18 November		<i>No Reconciliation today</i>	
Friday 19 November			
Saturday 20 November	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Betty O'Donnell</i>
Sunday 21 November	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptism	<i>Parish Family Charlie Oakley Nicola Manko & Anthony Omeljanowicz</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.

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

In October, 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 questions to be considered are as follows:

I. The journeying companions

As we journey together let us look around. Who are you on the journey with and what persons or groups are marginalised and why?

II. Listening

How might our local Church better listen to lay people (and especially young people and women) and minorities and those who are not respected?

III. Speaking out

How can everybody be encouraged to communicate appropriately what is important to them?

IV. Celebrating

How might I be better able to participate in Mass and other liturgies?

V. Co-responsible in the mission

How can each Baptised person become a "missionary disciple", revealing Christ to others through their words and deeds?

VI. Dialogue in Church and society

How might we improve our conversations within our diocesan family and also outside of it, (for example with people of different faiths, those who have no faith and those who have particular roles and duties in society)?

VII. With the other Christian denominations

Are our relations with our Christian brothers and sisters good? How might they be improved?

VIII. Authority and participation

How might we develop teamwork and a sense of co-responsibility in our local Church?

IX. Discerning and deciding

How might we improve the process of decision-making in our local Church, so that we truly listen and recognise that the Holy Spirit can speak through each one of us?

X. Forming ourselves in synodality

What formation is necessary within the local Church if we are to become better at listening to one another and sharing our insights with one another?

Should any prefer to take part online, please see www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission-survey.

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



For an even 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. This weekend, return a booking form (with menu options), to be found in either of our Church entrances. Transport can be provided from both of our Churches.

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 17 Nov**, 7.00pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or to join them, please have a word with any present Member.

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.

Listening Church Please note details of the up-coming meeting, in Fr Anthony's column, and do your best to be with us **Thu 25 Nov**, 7.00pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall..



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.

First Communion Cards and Gifts can be got from our little shops, at both of our Churches, at very reasonable prices. Other items, such as Mass cards, rosaries, holy medals, and bibles can be found, so do browse and buy if you wish. Sunday/Weekday Missals are not normally kept in stock, but can be ordered.

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.

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 11 Dec, 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.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

While many think first of the Pope as celebrating Masses in the Vatican Basilica of St Peter, the Pope is first the Bishop of Rome but also Pope. The cathedral Church of Rome is the Basilica of St John Lateran, and it is there where the Pope has his *cathedra* or *bishop's chair*, signifying his authority as a bishop. The Church worldwide celebrates the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica as a mark of, and to pray for unity with the papacy.

St Hilda (614-80) is best known for her being Abbess of Whitby Abbey and her involvement in the Synod of Whitby.

But she also had a great love for poetry. Whom did she encourage and support, to help him become a very well known and respected poet?

AND SERIOUSLY!

What does Moses do with his tea?

Hebrews it!

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Samson: he brought the house down!



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies **Many Thanks**
31 October

Loose £197.46

Envelopes £361.00

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)

In our journey towards God, our whole being reacts to the direction in which we are moving. God is continuously drawing us to himself in everything we experience.

Yahweh, you examine me and know me,
you know if I am standing or sitting,
you read my thoughts from far away,
whether I walk or lie down, you are watching,
you know every detail of my conduct....

It was you who created my inmost self,
and put me together in my mother's womb. (Psalm 139)

St. Augustine recognised this action of God in every movement of his heart and so wrote in his Confessions, 'Thou hast created us for thyself, and our heart cannot be quietened till it may find repose in thee' (*Confessions* c. 1).

God is the answer to our inner restlessness and emptiness. When we move towards him, that is, when the fundamental option of our lives is directed to his praise, reverence and service, then our feelings and emotions resonate with this movement and we experience peace, tranquillity and joy in some measure. Whatever we do, whatever decision we make, if it is in accord with this fundamental option, then the action or decision will deepen, or at least not disturb, our peace, tranquillity and joy. If we act or decide in a way contrary to this fundamental direction, the dissonance will register somehow in our feelings, leaving us bored or anxious, agitated or sad.

Earlier, I compared the soul to a flock of sheep together with the sheep dog, the dog representing the deepest part, the core of the soul, the sheep representing the various desires, appetites and passions within us. The good sheep dog represents the person whose fundamental opinion in



life is the praise, reverence and service of God, but the person may have many inner desires and moods and feelings which are not integrated into this fundamental opinion which will act like straying sheep. When the person tries to act, or makes a decision in accord with the fundamental decision, he/she will have to snap at the heels of those elements within, which oppose this movement.....

To be continued . . .

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

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.*

*To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.*

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Br Hilarion Durkin (funeral at Buckfast Abbey,
Wed 3 Nov), and also his family



Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing, Betty O'Donnell
Liz Allen, Elizabeth Taylor, Monica Lowe, John O'Brien, Nicola Glew, Jerry O'Mahony, Raymond Ward
Tim Byrne, John Lovely, Amanda Armer, and all our housebound

The Word: Year B, Ordinary Time, Sunday 33: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus saw his mission to be the establishment of the sovereignty of God, the kingship and rule of God over the world, including over our rebellious human hearts. Using the language and imagery of his time, he described this 'earth-shaking' event in terms of cosmic disturbances. The coming of God, the Day of the Lord, would constitute the end of the world as we know it. As Christians we must acknowledge that the death and resurrection of Christ utterly changed the world for ever; it was the Day of the Lord. And yet the world still continues, and we have still to prepare for a future Day of the Lord, when we will come into that awesome presence. That meeting is pictured in terms of collapse and upheaval, our world turned upside down. At death all our familiar realities cease, even the ticking of the clock; at death, time ceases to have meaning. We do not know, and have no need to know, when or how this will occur. For all, it will come; everyone will meet the Lord, but will we meet Him all together or individually? The Son of Man will gather his own, in great power and glory.



First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

We are coming towards the end of the Church's year. This passage looks towards the end of all things. It is a crucial passage, for here, for the first time in the Bible, the resurrection of the dead is proclaimed. The Book of Daniel was written during a great persecution of the Jews, a couple of centuries before Christ. Texts, like this in the prophet Daniel, speak clearly of the resurrection of those who remain true to the Lord. The earlier Israelites pictured the after-life as a sort of powerless, shadowy half-existence known as Sheol, where the dead could not even praise God. Yet there had also been many hints of conviction that God would never desert those who love him: 'I know that

my Redeemer lives, and that from my flesh I will look on God,' said Job. Only now in the Book of Daniel, under the stress of the death of martyrs in the persecution, is the full truth revealed: at the end of time God will intervene to draw his own to himself in fullness of life. In this reading 'many will awaken' does not mean that some will not awaken; it merely indicates a vast number, the almost limitless multitude of the dead.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14

In this, our last reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, Christ is pictured (in the terms of the coronation song, Psalm 110) as the Son of God, sharing God's throne. His sacrifice on the Cross was not an act of vengeance by God, inflicting on Jesus the pains which we deserve, then suddenly changing his mind and rehabilitating his Son. No, it was the consummate act of loving obedience, by which Jesus, on behalf of all humanity, reversed the disobedience of Adam and united us all to God. The resurrection – by which Christ was raised to glory, the Son of God in power – was God's action by which this renewal of life occurred. The sacrifices of the Old Law were partial and needed repetition. Christ's offering in obedience was complete, and could never be repeated. Writing to the Corinthians Paul uses the same psalm to show that Christ is waiting to put the last great enemy, Death, under his feet, and so present the Kingdom to His Father. This is the glorious awakening which is described in the first reading from Daniel.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Feast of Christ the King

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
2nd Reading: Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 1

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

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of Church
Tue St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop / St Margaret of Scotland, Holy Woman / St Gertrude, Virgin
Wed St Hilda, Abbess / St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop / St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Thu Dedication of Basilica of Ss Peter & Paul
Fri Of Weekday
Sat Of Weekday