



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph



with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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			Mass Intentions
Saturday 20 November	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Barbara O'Donnell</i>
Sunday 21 November	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptisms	<i>Parish Family Charlie Oakley</i>
Monday 22 November	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Private Intention (E.D)</i>
Tuesday 23 November			<i>Yorkshire Brethren</i>
Wednesday 24 November	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Albert Baran</i>
Thursday 25 November	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Joseph Williams</i>
Friday 26 November	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Mick Moran</i>
Saturday 27 November	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Eddie Taylor</i>
Sunday 28 November	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Parish Family Gary Bashforth</i>

This weekend, prior to their up-coming Baptisms, we present and pray for,
at our 5.00pm Mass, Vyncent-Pawl J.D.A.F Warhurst, with parents, Helena and Heath,
and also Payton R Hirst, with mum Naomi, at our 10.45am Mass

This Sunday, on their Baptism into our Church Family, we congratulate and pray for
Nicola Manko, with her parents, Ewa and Michal
Anthony Omeljanowicz. with his parents, Wojciech and Justyna

Between our Masses, next weekend, 27/28 Nov, we will pray with twenty three of our Children, as they
Celebrate First Communion

Please note that the 10.45am Mass, next Sunday, is expected to be full.

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

The following is from one of many writings of Origen of Alexandria (184-253). He became a priest and travelled around much of the eastern Mediterranean, preaching and teaching. He has never been declared a saint, but his writings on the scriptures and theology have always enjoyed high regard.

The coming of the kingdom of God, says our Lord and Saviour, does not admit of observation, and there will be no-one to say "Look here! Look there!" For the kingdom of God is within us and in our hearts. So it is beyond doubt that whoever prays for the coming of the kingdom of God within himself is praying rightly, praying for the kingdom to dawn in him, bear fruit and reach perfection. For God reigns in every saint, and every saint obeys God's spiritual laws - God, who dwells in him just as he dwells in any well-ordered city. The Father is present in him and in his soul Christ reigns alongside the Father, as it is said: *We will come to him and make our dwelling with him.*

Therefore, as we continue to move forward without ceasing, the kingdom of God within us will reach its perfection in us at that moment when the saying in the Apostle is fulfilled, that Christ, his enemies all made subject to him, shall deliver *the kingdom to God the Father that God may be all in all.*

For this reason let us pray without ceasing, our souls filled by a desire made divine by the Word himself. Let us pray to our Father in heaven: *hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come.*

There is something important that we need to understand about the kingdom of God: just as *righteousness has no union with lawlessness, as light has nothing in common with darkness and Christ has no agreement with the devil*, so the kingdom of God and a kingdom of sin cannot co-exist.

So if we want God to reign within us, on no account may *sin rule in our mortal body* but let us mortify our earthly bodies and let us be made fruitful by the Spirit. Then we will be a spiritual garden of Eden for God to walk in. God will rule in us with Christ who will be seated in us on the right hand of God - God, the spiritual power that we pray to receive - until he makes his enemies (who are within us) into his footstool and pours out on us all authority, all power, all strength.

This can happen to any one of us and *death, the last enemy* may be destroyed, so that in us Christ says *Death, where is your sting? Death, where is your victory?* So let our corruptibility be clothed today with holiness and incorruption. With Death dead, let our mortality be cloaked in the Father's immortality. With God ruling in us, let us be immersed, in and through Christ, in the blessings of regeneration and resurrection.

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

Christmas Card Designs Any of our children who have designed a picture, for use on a Parish Christmas Card, must be sure to have their design returned to Fr Anthony by this **Sun 21 Nov** (please do not fold).

Listening Meeting 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**, 7-8.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. Please do come along.



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.

Our Parish Pastoral Council is to meet **Thu 9 Dec**, in our Sacred Heart Hall, 7.00pm. Please give items for the Agenda to Elizabeth Smith, Janet Ward or Fr Anthony by **Sun 5 Dec**, at latest.

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 also.

Changes at Mass Now that Covid vaccination has been extended to those over 12 years and boosters to any 50 years or more, and infections appear to be stabilising, the benches in both our Churches are to be restored to their previous positions and so will be closer together. We will also resume singing a recessional hymn at our weekend Masses. **But please continue - to remain seated through our Masses, to enable some distancing from those to your front/rear - unless age/medically exempted, wear a face covering at our weekend Masses - and, of course, be sure to sanitise hands on entry/exit.**

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?

Caedmon, a herdsman at Whitby Abbey when St Hilda was abbess, became recognised by Hilda and the community as a very capable poet. With the encouragement and support of Hilda and her fellow nuns and monks, at Whitby, he went on to become recognised as the first English poet.

St Catherine of Alexandria has given her name to the spinning fire work, the Catherine Wheel. Why so?

AND SERIOUSLY!

Little Harry's newborn sister cried so much, after he came from church, that he asked his mother where did she get her from. 'From heaven' she said. Harry replied, 'Well, I can imagine why they didn't keep her'.



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies
7 November

**Many
Thanks**

Loose £293.35
Envelopes £240.61

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)

The conglomerate feelings of sheep plus dog will be of agitation, weariness, sadness, boredom. When the whole operation is over and the sheep are safely through the gate, the conglomerate mood will change, and although there may be some residual soreness, there will be a general mood of peace.

If, on the other hand, the sheep dog no longer obeys its master, corresponding to a fundamental option away from God, then sheep dog and sheep may speed happily for a while towards the edge of a cliff, and only those sheep will be snapped at which attempt to move in the opposite direction. In other words, if in the core of our being we have turned away from God, then we can live quite contentedly in our selfishness for a while, our contentment disturbed only occasionally by sudden stings of conscience or remorse.

Briefly expressed, the first general guideline about interpreting our moods and inner feelings is this:

If the core of our being is directed to God, then our creative moods, feelings, actions and decisions will bring peace, joy and tranquillity, while the destructive elements within us and outside us will bring agitation, sadness, inner turmoil.

If the core of our being is turned away from God our destructive moods, feelings, actions, and decisions will comfort us and console us, while the creative elements within us and outside us will trouble and upset us with stings of conscience and remorse.

While this is a very useful guideline, it can cause anxiety to some people, who begin to wonder whether the core of their being is God-centred or not and this doubt can cause them great inner agony. If you find yourself worrying in this way, it is a sign that the core of your soul is God-centred: if it were not, you would have no such worry.

It is also important to notice that a person who has no explicit religious belief may be, in fact, very God-centred, while another who claims religious belief and practices religious observance may be turned away from God. In St. Matthew's Gospel (Chapter 25), Christ describes the Final Judgement, showing that our relationship to God is expressed in our relationship to other people. I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in, naked and you clothed me.... If a person is led by love and truth, justice and compassion for other people, they have found God even although they may not know his name.

To be continued . . .

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

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 exempt on account of age or health reasons)

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**



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, Feast of Jesus Christ, Universal King: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: John 18:33-37

In some ways this awe-inspiring scene is part of the climax of John's Passion Narrative. Throughout the narrative John emphasises the ultimate significance of the events of the Passion, taking the stress away from Jesus' suffering and humiliation, and laying it on his triumph. Ultimately, Jesus will die only when he has completed his mission, and hands over his Spirit to the newly-formed Christian community of Mary and the Beloved Disciple. In this scene the Jewish authorities have denounced Jesus as claiming to be king of the Jews, not knowing how true that claim is. Jesus declares that his kingdom is no earthly kingdom, but is far more powerful and meaningful. By his statement he invites Pilate to declare himself for the truth, as any judge should do. Now Pilate three times declares Jesus innocent, but at the same time makes a mockery of himself, as he stands before Truth itself, and asks what is truth. Then he seats Jesus on the Judgement Seat, robed and crowned as a king. The religious leaders (standing in front of Jesus who is enthroned as judge and king) deny themselves and undermine their faith by declaring, 'We have no king but Caesar'. It is not Caesar, but God who is their true king.



First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

This prophecy of Daniel was written in the dark days of the Syrian persecution of Judaism a couple of centuries before Christ. First the empires which persecuted Judaism are described under the imagery of ravening beasts which tear their prey to pieces. Then the prophet presents this altogether different image of a noble human being on whom God confers all power and sovereignty on earth. In the original vision this human figure is the personification of the Jews, 'the holy ones of the Most High', who will be freed from persecution and exalted to glory. In the New Testament this prophecy is applied to Jesus.

This mysterious expression 'son of man' there describes Jesus' authority on earth to forgive sins and to prescribe rules for Sabbath observance. Daniel's 'son of man' is invoked also to soften the prophecy of the suffering and death by which the Lord Jesus will achieve his final resurrection. In the final commission of the Risen Christ to his disciples in Matthew Jesus goes even further: to him has been given all authority both in heaven and on earth, and in this power he sends out his apostles, promising that he will be with them always.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

The Book of Revelation opens with a vision of the Risen Christ as Lord. This passage is rich in quotations from the Old Testament, allusions to several texts in the Bible which express the dignity, power and sovereignty belonging to Christ. He is described even in divine terms, the first and last letters of the alphabet signifying that he is the beginning and end of all things, their origin and their goal; he spans the whole extent of time, past, present and future. More specifically, also, in his glorified humanity, Christ is the Lord of the Church, since he has taken the Church to himself, cleansed it, and made it a Kingdom of Priests to serve God. This too is a biblical expression, for Israel is described as a royal priesthood (which will find its fulfilment in the Church). Like the prophecy of Daniel, the Book of Revelation was written in a time of persecution, to assure the persecuted faithful that they were safe in the protection of God, whose power would eventually prevail to rescue them and bring them to triumph and security.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Advent, Sunday 1

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 2

Sun Of Sunday

Mon Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Tue Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Wed Of Weekday + Common of Martyrs

Thu Of Weekday (or + Common Martyrs or Virgins)

Fri Of Weekday

Sat Of Weekday

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Tue St Clement I, Pope & Martyr / St Columban,
Abbot

Wed Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companion
Martyrs

Thu St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

Fri Of Weekday

Sat Of Weekday