



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph



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

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		** Live-stream	Mass Intentions
Saturday 27 November	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	Eddie Taylor
Sunday 28 November	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	Helena Schmiegel Gary Bashforth
Monday 29 November	St Joseph's St Joseph's	No Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Today, all at Mass, please use a face covering</i> Faithful Departed (November List)
Tuesday 30 November			
Wednesday 1 December	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass 5-6.00pm Exposition/Reconciliation	Anthony Tighe
Thursday 2 December	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation	Yorkshire Brethren
Friday 3 December	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	Doris Pyta
Saturday 4 December	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	Dennis Fricker
Sunday 5 December	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass ** 1.00pm Baptisms	Parish Family Intentions Amanda & Andrew Armer Elias & Edgar Jarimba Harrison Vyncent-Pawl Warhurst

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)

Between our Masses, this weekend, we pray with twenty three of our Children, as they Celebrate their First Holy Communion
Please keep them and also our Confirmation Applicants in your prayers, throughout Advent.

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 text was recently issued by the Bishops of England and Wales. You have here the first part of the letter, with the second part to be printed in next weekend's Parish Newsletter. The full text can now be viewed on the Diocesan Web Site.

Honouring Sunday

As the Synodal Pathway of listening and discerning unfolds, we the bishops of England and Wales, are paying particular attention to the hopes and fears, the joys and anxieties of all who are sharing their thoughts and feelings with us.

Longing for our Lord

We are attentive to the experience of the last year or so, when we have lived our faith through the limitations of the pandemic. We have heard of the longing which some express as a "homesickness." We want to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We yearn to celebrate the sacraments together, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We desire to be nourished by our Lord in Holy Communion. The live streaming of the Mass and the remarkable response of our Catholic communities to those in need, have provided comfort, sustenance and resilience.

The Eucharist, source and summit

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life. Many people have said to us that they have appreciated the noble simplicity of the Mass at this time, which has allowed the mystery and majesty of our Lord's sacrificial love to shine through.

The central appeal of the Mass, its beauty and its transcendence, raises our minds and hearts to God in an unambiguous and compelling manner. Our Lord Jesus invites us to receive anew the gift of Sunday as the preeminent day, the day of the Resurrection, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist. Here we stand together before our heavenly Father, offering our thanksgiving and prayer, through our Saviour in the Holy Spirit. Here we receive Christ in his Word. Here we are nourished by Christ in his precious Body and Blood. This is our primary joy, for which there is no substitute, and from which we draw our strength.

The Gift of the Sunday Eucharist

The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love.

To be continued

Approved at the Plenary Assembly of Bishops in Leeds - Thursday 18th November 2021.

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



??? Maybe you can ask others, of your friends and family, to buy some tickets from you ???

A wonderful display of hampers and other prizes can be seen at both of our Churches.

Join the Draw next **Sun 5 Dec**, after 10.45am Mass.

Things happening in our Parish

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 (also Christian names, if you wish) - add at least £2 as a donation - put the envelope in the offertory basket at any of our Masses, by **this 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.

If you forget at Mass, but want to be included, make sure to put your envelope/details through the letter box of our Sacred Heart Presbytery, by this Sunday evening, at the very latest.

First Reconciliation (& Communion) Parents who have returned application forms for their Children to prepare for First Reconciliation should, within a few days, receive a copy of the Preparation Programme, by email.

If any have children eligible to prepare, but have not yet returned an application form, they need to get a form from Fr Anthony, at a weekend Mass, *within the next two weeks* (by 12 Dec).

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.

Christmas Cards and New Year calendars and diaries 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, bibles can be found also.



Our Advent Project Our Diocese has long had links with Peru, and Lima in particular. Among other things - our support has helped practising Catholics to complete University degrees, then, as catechists and youth leaders, to go on to enrich their parishes in some of the poorest communities in the world - working with the Columban Fathers, help has been given to those affected by HIV and AIDS, and to protect women from domestic abuse - *Hanoprem*, a welcoming home for adults with special needs, many of whom have been found abandoned on the streets of Lima, has also received our help.

Please contribute to the retiring collection to be taken at our weekend Masses, throughout Advent.

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 Reconciliation Our Children who are to prepare for First Reconciliation will first meet, with their Parents, in our Sacred Heart Hall, on **Sat 15 Jan**.

Parents who have returned application forms should, in a few days, receive a copy of the Preparation Programme, by email. If any do not, they should please contact Fr Anthony.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

St Catherine of Alexandria was martyred in a particularly gruesome way, by being 'wheeled'. The victim was laid on the ground and a large, heavy wheel would be repeatedly dropped on their limbs and torso, so as to break the bones. The victim might then be tied to the wheel, which would be hauled up on a post, and a fire would be set alight below it.

St Andrew has legendary links with Scotland, in stories that he, while living, or in his relics after he died, visited the Fife town now named after him. Apart from a fishy link (Arbroath smokies - yum, yum), what principally links him with the Scottish town of Arbroath?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A little girl, at church with her mother, says she feels sick. Her mother says: 'Go in the bushes at the back of church'. When she comes back she says: "I didn't need to go that far, there was a box at the back saying 'for the sick'".



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies
14 November

Many Thanks

Loose £247.32
Envelopes £304.50

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

Recognising the Treasure when you find It

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

...If a person is led by love of truth, justice and compassion for other people, they have found God even although they may not know his name....

This first guideline illustrates the importance of the Review of Consciousness mentioned before, observing, at the end of the day, the inner moods and feelings we have experienced and asking God to enlighten us on the attitudes which underlie the moods.

This first guideline can be misunderstood to mean that 'good' feelings are of God and 'bad' feelings are from evil, feelings of peace and joy etc., interpreted as from God, feelings of sadness, pain being from evil, as though those who are moving towards God must be on a perpetual high and those who are moving away from God must be chronically in low spirits. 'Bad' and negative feelings can be of God. Christ is described in St. Matthew's account of the



Passion, 'Sadness came over him and great distress' and he describes himself, 'My soul is sorrowful to the point of death' (Matthew 26:37). Christ weeps over Jerusalem, weeps at the death of Lazarus, becomes irritated with his disciples, 'Have you ears that cannot hear, eyes that cannot see, do you remember nothing?' Christ was not full of 'nice' feelings when he labelled the scribes and Pharisees 'hypocrites, blind guides, whited sepulchres and a brood of vipers'. He was seized with anger when he took a whip and drove the money dealers from the Temple.

Christ's negative moods of sadness, anger and irritation are the obverse of his love for the Father and for all human beings. It is because his love is so strong that his anger can be so fierce when his Father's name is desecrated and when human beings are exploited in the name of religion. These negative moods are not destructive, are not a lessening of faith, hope and charity; on the contrary, it is precisely because he is so full of faith, hope and charity that he acts so strongly to signs of disbelief and coldness in others.

This is an important point, because in some sections of Western society, perhaps especially in religious circles, any show of feeling, especially anger, irritability, impatience, grief or sadness, is considered 'not nice', as though the ideal person should float through life with a half-Zen smile, if attracted by Eastern religions, or with a stiff upper lip, if of the Public School persuasion, untouched and untouchable by any human emotion. Anger, irritability, impatience, sadness are never wrong in themselves, but are healthy human reactions.....

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:

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 C, Advent, Sunday 1: Commentary on the Readings

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

The first Sunday gospel of the year (and the liturgical year begins in Advent) is also in a way the last gospel of the previous year. It comes at the end of Jesus's ministry, when he is preparing his disciples for their own ministry - in succession to him. Jesus is speaking to them on the Mount of Olives, looking down on the white city of Jerusalem, glittering in the sunshine. The city is soon to be destroyed by the Romans, with dreadful horrors of famine, massacre, burnings and executions. This is seen as a foretaste of the end of the world when Jesus, the Son of Man, comes to save his people. We do not know when this will happen, and, more importantly, when it will happen for us, when we will meet the Son of Man and be judged and saved by him. But our Christian faith is a guarantee that it will be a moment of God's mercy, whenever it occurs. We must look forward to it, and have it ever present before our mind. But we would be fooling ourselves if we think there are no struggles and trials and hardships to be undergone on the way. Why is the passage appointed for the first Sunday of Advent, the turning-point between the years? Because the birth of Jesus at Christmas, for which we are beginning to prepare, is a significant move towards the fulfilment of the promises of salvation, the coming of Christ as a baby - with all the budding potential of a baby.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

At the darkest moment of Israel's history, when the storm-clouds of invasion were gathering, and the threat of Babylonian conquest and subsequent exile seemed almost inevitable, comes this prophecy from the mouth of Jeremiah that the promise made long ago to David will not fail. Jerusalem will be sacked, but the promise remains that the city will be named 'The Lord is our Integrity' or, more accurately, he is our 'Saving Justice'. The justice of God is not like human justice which is conformity with the law. It is God's fulfilment of his promises made to Abraham, Moses and David. So, at this dire moment, Jeremiah

renews those promises that the stock of David will never fail, and gives a corresponding symbolic name to the city of David. Today's gospel speaks of another destruction of Jerusalem, that wrought by the Romans in AD 70, and looks beyond it to the final coming of Christ. So several layers may be uncovered in this reading: God's promise, seemingly lost when the Babylonians sack Jerusalem, will be restored by the coming of Christ at the incarnation, and then by the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, which is the prelude to and promise of the final coming of Christ. In all these events the Lord is our Saving Justice.

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

Paul gives instructions about living in holiness while waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each year the Church reminds us of the final coming of the Lord, which is to be the end of the world as we know it. In the Old Testament the 'Day of the Lord' is the day when God will come to re-establish all things, to put wrongs right, to punish the wicked and reward the righteous. In the New Testament, from this earliest letter of Paul onwards, this Day of the Lord is the Day of the Lord Jesus. It is pictured as a day when the Lord Jesus will come in a triumphal procession 'with all his holy ones', to be joined first by those who have died in the Lord, and then by those who are still living. For Paul, the Day of the Lord is so dominated by his triumph that he does not even mention or envisage punishments for the wicked. The Lord will overcome all evil, sweeping all before him, and will carry all with him in his triumphal procession. Writing later to the Corinthians, Paul envisages that Christ will put all things under his feet, even the last enemy, death, and he will then hand over the Kingdom to his Father.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Advent, Sunday 2

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 1

Sun Of Advent Sunday

Mon Of Advent Weekday

Tue Proper of Saints

Wed Of Advent Weekday

Thu Of Advent Weekday

Fri Of Advent Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Sat Of Advent Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Of Advent Weekday

Tue St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

Wed Of Advent Weekday

Thu Of Advent Weekday

Fri St Francis Xavier, Priest

Sat St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of Church