



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

Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 2, 15/16 January, 2022

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			Mass Intentions
Saturday 15 January	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Robert Byrom</i>
Sunday 16 January	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i> <i>Mary Byrne</i>
Monday 17 January	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>12.00nn Funeral Mass</i>	<i>Margaret Czajko</i> Amanda Armer
Tuesday 18 January			
Wednesday 19 January	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	<i>11.00am Funeral Mass</i> 5-6.00pm Exposition/Reconciliation	Kathryn Dixon
Thursday 20 January	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>No Reconciliation today</i> <i>10.45am Funeral Mass</i>	<i>Yorkshire Brethren</i> Ann Wild
Friday 21 January	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Debbie Lane</i>
Saturday 22 January	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Pennamma Abraham</i>
Sunday 23 January	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass <i>1.00pm Baptism</i>	<i>Parish Family</i> <i>Terry & Liz Donovan & Family</i> Rosie

This Sunday, between our two Masses, we congratulate and pray with and for **Eleven of our Parish Family**, who are being **Confirmed in the Holy Spirit**

First Eucharist and Confirmation Thanksgiving

Those who recently received their First Communion, on the First Sunday of Advent, and those being Confirmed this Sunday, along with their families, are to celebrate a **Thanksgiving Mass in our Sacred Heart Church, Saturday 29 January, 11.00am**
Any of our Parish Family and Friends will also be most welcome.

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 Luke tells that when Jesus was baptised by John, a voice was heard from heaven of Father God declaring Jesus as his Son. In the following, St Irenaeus (in the treatise Against the Heresies) reminds that as we come to know the Son, the Word, we also come to know the Father.

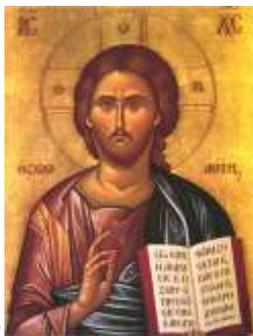
No one can know the Father apart from God's Word, that is, unless the Son reveals him, and no one can know the Son unless the Father wills it. The Son fulfils the Father's good pleasure: the Father sends, the Son is sent, and he comes.

The Father is beyond sight or comprehension; but he is known by his Word, who tells us of him who surpasses all telling. In turn, the Father alone has knowledge of his Word. And the Lord has revealed both truths. So, the Son reveals the knowledge of the Father by his showing himself. Knowledge of the Father is in the self-revelation of the Son, for all is revealed through the Word.

The Father's purpose in revealing the Son was to make himself known to us and to welcome into eternal rest all who believe in him, establishing them in justice, preserving them from death.

Through creation itself the Word reveals God the Creator. Through the world he reveals the Lord who made the world. Through all that is created he reveals the craftsman who fashioned it all. Through the Son the Word reveals the Father who begot him as Son. All speak of these things in the same language, but they do not believe them in the same way. Through the law and the prophets, the Word revealed himself and his Father, but though all the people equally heard the message not all equally believed it. Through the Word, made visible and palpable, the Father was revealed, though not all equally believed in him. But all saw the Father in the Son, for the Father of the Son cannot be seen, but the Son of the Father can be seen.

The Son performs everything as a ministry to the Father, from beginning to end, and without the Son no one can know God. The way to know the Father is the Son. Knowledge of the Son is in the Father, and is revealed through the Son. For this reason the Lord said: *No one knows the Son except the Father; and no one knows the Father except*



the Son, and those to whom the Son has revealed him. The word "revealed" refers not only to the future – as though the Word began to reveal the Father only when he was born of Mary; it refers equally to all time. From the beginning the Son is present to creation, reveals the Father to all, to those the Father chooses, when and as the Father chooses. So, there is in all and through all one God the Father, one Word and Son, and one Spirit, and one salvation for all who believe in him.

Next Weekend

22/23 January, between our Masses, fifteen of our Children will celebrate with us the **Rite of Enrolment for First Reconciliation**

Things happening in our Parish



Altar Servers We would be delighted to have more Altar Servers, at both of our Churches. Any, of any age, who are able to receive Communion, may serve at the Altar. A rehearsal will be held **Sat 5 Feb**, 10.30am, at our Sacred Heart Church, for any who might serve at *either of our Churches*. If you expect to come, please try to let Fr Anthony or Paul Stuart know.

If any can't come to this meeting but would like to start serving, please do let Fr Anthony know

Our Parish Seniors have suspended their meetings until further notice, on account of Covid precautions.

First Sacraments Our 2022 Preparation Programme for First Reconciliation (that leads on to First Communion) has begun. The Programme is tightly packed, so it is not possible to take any late joiners, as they would not have sufficient catch-up time.

Universe Catholic Weekly aims to keep subscribers informed of Catholic interest news and is now available in a digital format (not in a paper format, as before). Copies can be ordered at www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call 07436-617650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: £20 for 3 months.

& In the Diocese

Caritas Leeds on-line workshop, on 'Exploitation': how young people and vulnerable adults can be manipulated and coerced into committing crimes, drawn into criminal activity, and modern slavery. Thu 20 Jan, 6-8.00pm. To book, please use: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/criminal-justice-workshop-exploitation-tickets-195078153007>

Dates for your Diary

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| 26 Feb | Saturday - 6.00pm - Pancake Party
<i>A fun evening for all ages, as Lent nears</i> |
| 2 Mar | Ash Wednesday - 9.30am/7.00pm - Masses
<i>Distribution of Ashes and beginning of Lent</i> |
| 15 Apr | Good Friday - 3.00pm
<i>Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ</i> |
| 16 Apr | Holy Saturday - 7.00pm
<i>Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Resurrection</i> |
| 17 Apr | Easter Sunday - 9.00am/10.45am - Masses
<i>Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is risen!</i> |

Government regulations require face-coverings to be worn in most in-door public places, including at all our Church Masses/Services, but not always in our Parish Hall/Rooms (eg if refreshments are being consumed). *(Exemptions for age and some medical conditions apply.)* To assist Track & Trace, all are invited to use the QR code in our Church Entrances, or book with us on-line

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 9 & 16 Mar**. 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 next Programme of Preparation for Confirmation should begin in the summer. Application forms should be available soon after Easter.

First Reconciliation Our Children now preparing for their First Reconciliation will next meet, along with their Parents, in our Sacred Heart Hall,

Sat 12 Feb, 10.00am-12.00nn
They will be Enrolled as Candidates at our Masses **next weekend, 22/23 Jan**.

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

In his Gospel, John relates what he calls 'signs' given by Jesus. These we



might likely refer to as miracles. He includes just seven. The first sign, the changing of water into wine, at Cana, and the fourth, the feeding of the five

thousand, both relate closely to Jesus's teaching on the Eucharist, especially as given in chapter 6 of John's Gospel.

By the number of his letters, St Paul wrote more works in the New Testament than anyone else. But did he write the most words in the New Testament or was that another?

AND SERIOUSLY!

The teacher asked the boy: 'If your mother baked a pie and there were 7 of you, what part of the pie would you get?'

'A sixth', replied the boy.

'Remember there are 7 of you,' said the teacher.

'Yes,' replied the boy, 'but Mother would say she didn't want any pie.'



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies

2 January

Loose £158.91
Envelopes £253.40

Many
Thanks

Donations to our Parish

Can also be made by texting -
CHURCH SHSJ to 70500
to contribute £5 - weekly
- fortnightly - other;
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GOD OF SURPRISES

Recognising the Treasure when you find It

After reflecting on the word 'Receive', Tom began to look at some of the fears in his life and discovered that some vanished, while others turned out to be sources of strength. One of the most constant refrains of the Old Testament and in the New is 'Do not be afraid'. God, in Christ, has overcome all the powers of evil and destruction. God is the God of surprises who can turn even the evil we have done, and the evil done to us, even into the very means of our salvation. The Church at Easter sings a beautiful poem which begins with the Latin word 'Exultet', meaning 'Rejoice', and includes the phrase, 'O felix culpa', meaning 'O happy fault', and goes on to give the reason, 'O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer'.

A very good way of facing our fears is to reveal them to someone we can trust who will listen and who will accept us as we are. Having put the fear into words and given it a name, it no longer has such power over us, a truth exemplified daily and nightly in the work of the Samaritans, a voluntary organisation which invites people in distress and who are feeling suicidal to ring up at any time and talk to someone.

I am aware that this chapter may not have been easy reading! I conclude with a caution. Let consolation and desolation announce their own arrival and do not indulge in narcissistic preoccupation with your inner moods. It is characteristic of both consolation and desolation that they usually take us by surprise, because they are reactions arising within us which are beyond the immediate grasp of our conscious minds. Often too, we are not immediately aware

of what is happening within us, and we only recognise the mood of consolation/desolation later. A good example of this truth is in St. Luke's account of the two disciples walking to Emmaus. While they are walking with the stranger, they do not seem to be aware of anything out of the



ordinary, being too absorbed in their own feelings of loss. Later when they have recognised Jesus in the breaking of bread, they say to each other 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' At first, be content to spot the more obvious experiences of consolation and desolation and do not be surprised if they seem infrequent. With practice you will be able to spot the quality of your inner moods more quickly.

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 Kath Dixon, Amanda Armer, Ann Wild,
Margaret Hazel O'Connor, and their families



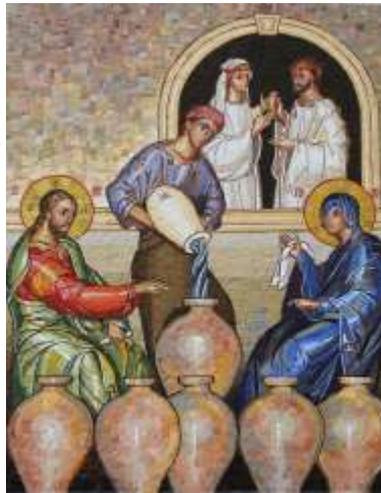
Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

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, and all our household

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 2: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Year C is the year of Luke's gospel, but we start with this reading from John which recounts the symbolic beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah it is impossible not to see this 'sign' (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding-feast of God and his people. Furthermore, in Jewish thought, water represents the Law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious – just so, the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant – and in such generous quantities: over one hundred gallons of wine! Then there is Mary's part: Jesus says his Hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary's confident plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in this gospel till she is present at the Cross, sharing the passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community.



First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The marriage relationship is perhaps the most intimate of the personal relationships we know, designed to become ever deeper and more absorbing. Even the relationship of mother to child cannot equal it. So in the Bible the relationship of the Lord to his people is likened to the relationship in marriage. But, like many human marriage relationships, it went through bad patches. Israel was so persistently unfaithful to the Lord that eventually it seemed that the Lord abandoned her to those with whom she had 'prostituted' herself. This could not be permanent; Israel could not go on being called 'Abandoned' and 'Forsaken'; the past would be forgotten. After the return of Israel from exile in

Babylon, Isaiah prophesies the final wedding in terms of the unalloyed joy of a freshly wedded couple. So in the gospels, Jesus uses the figure of the final wedding-feast, and the image of himself as the bridegroom in the joy of the festival. The Lord always gives us another chance, an unalloyed welcome to his feast.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

At the beginning of each year the Church gives us some six Sundays of readings from Paul's first letter to that troubled community, the Corinthians. Corinth was a thriving port-town of southern Greece, with a very varied community, rich and poor, academics and dockers. There were no clear human leaders in the Church community, and reliance on the Spirit for guidance in the problems of living as Christians did not always seem to provide a solution. The readings on these three Sundays show Paul trying to help. Yes, the Spirit is at work in the community in different ways, and there are many different gifts, all necessary for this varied community. The trouble seems to have been that each person valued their own contribution so much that the gifts of others seemed insignificant. Paul's stress on the variety of ways in which the Spirit works to build up a community gives us the occasion to reflect on the variety of gifts which the Spirit has poured out on our own Christian community, and on every individual member of it. I can rejoice in gifts which God has given to me, but only if simultaneously I think of all the gifts which others have and I lack.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 3

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 1

Sun Of the Season
Mon Of Weekday + Proper of Saints
Tue Of Weekday
Wed Of Weekday (or + Common of Pastors)
Thu Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)
Fri Proper of Saints
Sat Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Anthony, Abbot
Tue Of Weekday
Wed St Wulstan, Bishop
Thu St Fabian, Pope, Martyr / St Sebastian, Martyr
Fri St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
Sat St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr