



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 19 February	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Alan Taylor</i>
Sunday 20 February	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Vera Pownall</i> <i>Amanda Armer</i>
Monday 21 February	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Tuesday 22 February			
Wednesday 23 February	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Robert Byrom</i>
Thursday 24 February	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Deceased Gough Family</i>
Friday 25 February	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Kath Dixon</i>
Saturday 26 February	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Intentions Jean Taylor</i>
Sunday 27 February	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Mary Walsh</i> <i>Adrian Tyrrell</i>

Advance notice: Lent begins the week after this!

Wednesday 2 Mar, Mass with Distribution of Ashes - St Joseph's, 9.30am - The Sacred Heart, 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross, Thursdays 7.00pm, alternating Sacred Heart (3 Mar) and St Helen's CofE
also Wednesdays, 12.00nn - St Joseph's (starting 9 Mar)

Do not judge, and
you will not be
judged yourselves.



Be compassionate.
as your
Father is
compassionate.

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 words are from a letter, written by St Ambrose.

The person who puts to death by the Spirit the deeds of our sinful nature will live, says the Apostle. This is not surprising since one who has the Spirit of God becomes a child of God. So true is it that he is a child of God that he receives not a spirit that enslaves, but the Spirit that makes us sons and daughters. So much so that the Holy Spirit bears witness to our spirit that we are the children of God. This is the witness of the Holy Spirit: he cries out in our hearts, *Abba, Father*, as we read in the letter to the Galatians.

There is also that other great testimony to the fact that we are children of God: *we are heirs of God, co-heirs with Christ*. A co-heir of Christ is one who is glorified along with Christ. The one who is glorified along with him is one who, by suffering for him, suffers along with him.

To encourage us in suffering, Paul adds that all our sufferings are small compared with the wonderful reward that will be revealed in us; our labours do not deserve the blessings to come. We shall be restored to the likeness of God, and counted worthy of seeing him face to face.

He enhances the greatness of the revelation that is to come by adding that creation also looks forward to this revealing of the sons of God. Creation, he says, is at present condemned to frustration, not of its own choice, but it lives in hope. Its hope is in Christ, as it awaits the grace of his ministry; or it hopes that it will share in the glorious freedom of the children of God and be freed from its bondage to corruption, so that there will be one freedom, shared by creation and by the children of God, when their glory will be revealed.

At present, however, while this revealing is delayed, all creation groans as it looks forward to the glory of adoption and salvation; it is already in labour with that spirit of redemption, and is anxious to be freed from subjection to frustration.

The meaning is clear: those who have the first fruits of the Spirit are groaning in the expectation of adoption as children. This adoption is that of the whole body of creation, when it will be as it were a child of God, and see the divine, eternal goodness face to face. The adoption of children is present in the Church of the Lord when the Spirit calls out: *Abba, Father*, as you read in the letter to the Galatians. But it will be perfect when all who are worthy of seeing the face of God rise in incorruption, in honour and in glory. Then our humanity will know that it has been truly redeemed. So Paul glories in saying: *We are saved by hope*. Hope saves, just as faith does, for of faith it is said: *Your faith has saved you*.



Pancake Party

Next Saturday 26 Feb
after 5.00pm Mass
- so about 6.00pm



in our Sacred Heart Hall

Come and join us for a Pancake Party
to mark the near start of Lent

Pancakes will be provided but bring your own toppings to decorate them

The pancakes you decorate will be judged for the most colourful, the most artistic, and the funniest!
Much fun for grown-ups and children alike!

Things happening in our Parish

Money Counting It would be good to have a team of helpers to count our offertory monies. Ideally, we will have four or five pairs to count monies taken at a weekend, so each pair would count once per month.



Days/times of counting (at our Sacred Heart Presbytery) can vary, to better suit those counting. Any who might be able to help, please contact Fr Anthony.

Readers We would welcome more to assist with reading at our weekend and weekday Masses. It is important that readers can be heard and understood, so three year olds need not apply. However, if you might like to have a go but are unsure, Fr Anthony would be happy to give you some time at the microphone, to see how it goes in an otherwise empty Church, and without obligation.

November Faithful Departed Copies of the listing from November 2021 are at our Parish Prayer Trees. If errors are found, please inform Fr Anthony in the next week or two, for correction. Apologies for the late appearance.

Lent Approaches Lent is almost with us. Have you yet given any thought to - what you might try to give up - what you might try to do better or more of - what cause or to whom you might give extra - how this might be your best Lent for quiet prayer or being at Mass - ?? - ?? Maybe don't try all these things at once - but what are you going to try to do for Lent?



Catholic News Free copies of what *may* become a monthly Catholic Newspaper are available, at both our Churches. Do take a copy, have a read, and if you find it of interest please let Fr Anthony know if you would like our Parish to access copies (not free), if the publication proceeds.

Government has advised that face-coverings be worn in enclosed and crowded places, which would include at our weekend Masses and funerals.

(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 Mar, 10.00am-12.00nn

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

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Not in Biblical times, but In present times, Tyre (in Arabic Sour) and Sidon (in Arabic Saida), are in Lebanon. Tyre/Sour is 12 miles north of the Lebanon/Israel border - Sidon/Saida is a further 20 miles north.



While any self respecting Catholic has a fair idea of what Lent is about, many might not know what the word itself means. So, what does it mean?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A farmer's wife, whose car was dirty, was upset when someone had written on the boot,

'Wash me please'.

She was comforted, however, when she saw on her husband's, even dirtier car, the words,

'Plough me'.



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies **Many Thanks**
6 February

Loose	£251.06
Envelopes	£364.80
Poor Missions	£186.09

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

A Most Surprising God

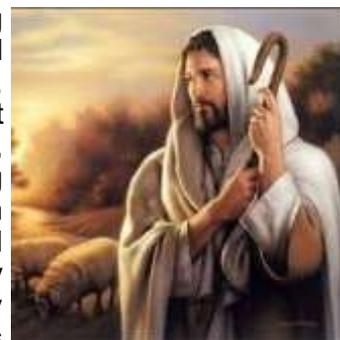
Such evil deeds can religion prompt. (Lucretius)

Continued from last week.....

Imagining that I am a parish priest in Northern Ireland I send out the replying circular referring to the refusal to put forward a person for the priesthood:

.....An ever-tolerant parish council also invited him to speak, and he was lucky to escape with his life at the end of it. His provocative remarks, suggesting that Protestants and pagans were nearer to God than they were, caused uproar and a very unpleasant scene. I leave it to Your Reverences to judge for yourselves which kind of spirit there must be in a man who can cause such anger and uproar when addressing religiously minded people.

When I first came to the parish having heard stories of Mr Manuel's doings and wanting to judge for myself, I invited him, but without his companions, to meet some of the local clergy for supper, including Mgr Colquhoun, our leading moralist and president of the diocesan marriage tribunal. On arrival, Mr Manuel was treated with appropriate courtesy by the assembled clergy. Supper had hardly begun when a woman of notorious



reputation in the town entered the dining room without as much as a 'by your leave' and proceeded to display her affection in a thoroughly distasteful display of sentimentality and hysteria. The assembled company, as Your Reverences might well imagine, sat in stunned silence. Manuel then had the impertinence to address me, comparing unfavourably the formal welcome which we, the clergy, accorded with the lady's tearful effusions. He then had the temerity to assure the woman that her sins were forgiven because she believed in him! It was at this point that Mgr Colquhoun departed and later suffered a heart attack. As a result of this gesture of friendliness towards Manuel, I have not only had to take over Mgr Colquhoun's heavy responsibilities, but I have also lost my housekeeper, who, scandalised by the incident, could not be persuaded that I had not invited the lady personally to supper, an invitation never accorded to herself in twenty years' devoted service.

Manuel preaches to the people in the open air, occasionally providing picnics. Although unemployed, he seems able to command limitless quantities of food and, on one occasion at least, drink, too, which he dispenses liberally, so that his meetings are more in the nature of parties rather than religious services. On one occasion he had the impertinence to offer the presbytery some of the food left over. Unable to believe the food was not stolen property, I passed it on to the Salvation Army as an ecumenical gesture, having first consulted the diocesan moralist

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**, and their families
and especially John O'Brien (funeral Friday at Morpeth)



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, Nicola Glew, Jerry O'Mahony, Raymond Ward, John Lovely
Tim Byrne, and all our housebound

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 7: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Luke's version of the Beatitudes, which formed last Sunday's reading, puts the emphasis not on Christian attitudes, as Matthew's version does, but on the blessing on those in real, dire need. Now he continues this with out duty to respond to those in need, even if they are hostile, even if they hate us. There must be no calculation whether we will get back money or property lent, no limit to how much we lend or give. At first it seems as if Luke is concerned only with money, and indeed he is so concerned, for he is always warning of the danger of possessions and the need to use them for those who have none. Luke is proclaiming Christ's Good News to a more affluent society than do Mark and Matthew, and places all the more emphasis on the danger of wealth. But, after dealing with money, Luke goes on to other acts of generosity. We must not judge, but must forgive in order to obtain forgiveness. Most of all, we must be compassionate. Whereas Matthew ends his instructions here with a general, 'Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect', Luke focuses on compassion, 'Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.' It is an affair of the heart: we must be emotionally involved with those in need.



First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

This delightful story of David occurs when Saul is pursuing the young David in the wilderness of Judah, above the dead sea. The successful young warrior was getting too ambitious for the liking of King Saul, who, in a bad mood, tried to pin him to the wall with a spear, and then threw him out of court. David then gathered a band of outlaws, and Saul attempted to hunt him down. The result was this story. Was David Magnanimous, or was he already thinking that one day he, in his turn, would be the Lord's anointed? The assassination of the king would be a bad

precedent! David was a fantastic leader, the sort of person whom anyone would follow anywhere. He was also a great sinner, committing adultery and murdering the cuckolded husband to make his own guilt seem less. But he was a great penitent too, a loveable and very human figure. Above all, he was the real founder of the Israelite monarchy and of the 'line of David' from which Jesus would come. To him were the promises made that God would be a father to the Son who would reign for ever on his throne.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

This is the third of the four Sundays on which Paul is explaining the meaning of the Resurrection of Christians. The Resurrection of Christians follows the model of Jesus' own Resurrection. As the firstborn from the dead, Christ is the founder of the new humanity just as Adam is the founder of the fallen humanity. 'Adam' means 'man', and the story of the fall in the Book of Genesis is not so much a story of an event long ago as the story of every human temptation and sin. However, the obedience of Christ, the Second Adam, undoes the disobedience of the First Adam. Just before this passage, Paul has explained that in the Resurrection we will all be changed, and transformed into the heavenly sphere, in the image of the Risen Christ. What was weak will be strong with the strength of God, what was contemptible will be glorious with the glory of God. He refuses to say what sort of bodies we will have, but he sums up the other changes by saying that whereas the life principle was the soul, in the Resurrection it will be the spirit of God.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 8

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 3

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

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of Church
Tue Chair of St Peter
Wed St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr
Thu Of Weekday
Fri Of Weekday
Sat Of Weekday