



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, Holy Week, Palm (Passion) Sunday, 10 April, 2022

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Saturday 9 April	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	Mass Intentions M, C, D, & S Jones
Sunday 10 April	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	Mary Walsh Adrian Tyrrell
Monday 11 April	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	Mary Walsh
Tuesday 12 April			
Wednesday 13 April	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	Sullivan Family
Maundy Thursday 14 April	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's	7.00pm Mass: Our Lord's Supper <i>then Watching until 9.30pm</i> 9.15pm Office of Night Prayer	Parish Family
Good Friday 15 April	Sacred Heart St Joseph's	3.00pm Liturgy: Our Lord's Passion 6.00pm Stations of the Cross	
Holy Saturday 16 April	Sacred Heart	7.00pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Resurrection	nb Time Kath Dixon
Easter Sunday 17 April	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	Donor's Intention (AG) Parish Family

Please make sure to invite and bring along with you your friends and relatives, to our Holy Week Celebrations, this Thursday, Friday and Saturday:
and after Saturday's Mass, do share Easter greetings in the Hall, over a glass of sherry or juice.

Good Friday is a day of fasting (any aged 18-60) and abstinence from meat (any aged 14+)

All are invited to take home the candles they hold at Church, next Saturday/Sunday; then, each day of Easter Week, to light them at home, for a few minutes of thanksgiving prayer.

Please keep in prayer those to be Baptised, next Weekend, and their families and Godparents:
Kelly Picton (adult, Easter Vigil) - (10.45am Mass, babies) Lily J Au & Felix F.R Mongan

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

Of the Easter Vigil the Roman Missal says: this *Mother of all Vigils* is the *greatest and most noble of all solemnities and it is to be unique in every single Church*. On this truly holy night, the Church keeps watch and celebrates the Lord's Resurrection in the sacraments, and also awaits his returning in glory. It is the great climax of the *Three Days*, the Passover of the New Covenant, which marks Christ's passage from death to life. The Easter Vigil does not correspond to the usual Saturday or Sunday Mass. Its character is unique in the Church Year. Of all the Church's celebrations, this is **the one** to make every effort to attend.

The Missal says that a Fire is to be prepared, that all may experience the flames dispelling the darkness and lighting up the night. So the beauty of the Fire, with its warmth and light, draws the people together. The priest blesses the Fire. Next, the Paschal Candle is brought forward. This Candle must be made of genuine wax, be new each year, and of sufficient size to represent the truth that Christ is the Light of the World, who scatters the *darkness of our hearts and minds*. The Candle is lit from the flames of the Fire.



During the procession into the Church, more of the candles that all are carrying are lit, until the whole Church is filled with light. The Easter Proclamation is sung by candle light. This poem very beautifully spells out the Easter Mystery and its meaning for us.

Another quite unique aspect of the Easter Vigil is the telling of the outstanding deeds of the history of salvation. These deeds are related in readings from the Old Testament (from the Law and the Prophets), then one from the Apostles, and the Gospel. So the Lord, *beginning with Moses and all the prophets*, meets us in our life journey and, opening up our minds and hearts, prepares us to share in the Holy Eucharist of his Death and Resurrection.

Christ's Passover from death to life, and ours, are also ideally demonstrated with Baptisms being celebrated on this night. First, at this point, there is the singing of the Litany of the Saints and the blessing of the Font and Water. The Font represents Christ's tomb in which he was buried and from which he arose. All renew their own Baptismal Promises and after the Baptism all are sprinkled with the *Water of Life*.

Mass then continues in more usual manner. It should be remembered, though, that this is indeed the first Mass of Resurrection; not only because it is the first in time on Easter Day, but because it so well commemorates how Christ rose before dawn, and it is the foremost (and most colourful) liturgy of the entire Year - a must for all who possibly can!

Things happening in our Parish

Very Much Needed Readers and Eucharist Ministers for our Holy Week ceremonies. We aim to have a mixture from *each* of our usual congregations at our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Services. Please add names against the listed Services, but next to the name of the Church that you usually read/minister at.

Also required for our Maundy Thursday Mass, for the washing of feet, **six males** and **six females**, hopefully with some from all our usual weekend congregations.

Please see lists on our Church notice boards.

Altar Servers should please attend rehearsals:

if they can serve Maundy Thursday Evening, then at

St Joseph's, this Mon 11 Apr, 10.30am;

if they can serve Good Friday Afternoon

and/or Holy Saturday Evening, then at

The Sacred Heart, this Wed 13 Apr, 1.30pm.

If any wish to serve at any of these ceremonies, but are unable to attend a rehearsal, please talk with Fr Anthony.

Please Come this Tue 12 Apr, 10.00am, if you can, to clean our Sacred Heart Church, for Holy Week / Easter.

Need the Times? Our celebrations on Maundy Thursday (not inc Watching) and Good Friday, are expected to be about 1hr.15mins, and Holy Saturday about 1hr.50mins. On Easter Sunday, 9.00am Mass is expected to be about 1hr, and our 10.45am Mass, (with Baptisms) 1hr.10mins.

Ukrainian Refugees If you speak Russian or Ukrainian, or would like to be part of our Diocesan Catholic Care welcomers, to support refugees arriving in our parishes, please contact: sue.parsons@catholic-care.org.uk. Also, please see updates at: <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/>.

Your Easter Offerings taken at next weekend's Masses, are traditionally your gift to your Priest.

Thanks are posthumously due to Joseph Round, whom some will recall living at Hemsworth, as a Parishioner, for several years, and who has left £8,166.55 to our Parish. Please keep Joseph and his family in your prayers.

Our Lent Project

Pontefract Hospice



This weekend, 9/10 April, we have the last of our after Mass collections, for the Hospice.

Many thanks to all who contributed chocolatey things for last weekend's Raffle (a splendid display), to all who bought tickets, and to all who helped organise and sell.

The Raffle raised a worthy £429.43

Chocolate Raffle Winners (prize number in bold):

Blue 300, **1** / 41, **10**

Yellow 207, **2**

Green 653, **3** / 95, **4** / 454, **5** / 304, **6** / 409, **8** / 648, **11** / 410, **12** / 262, **13** / 163, **16** / 458, **17** / 461, **18** / 580, **20** / 87, **21** / 568, **22** / 211, **23**

Pink: 226, **7** / 480, **9** / 102, **14** / 139, **15** / 46, **19** / 294, **24** / 334, **25**

Prizes should be available (with winning ticket) where tickets were bought, but if not, please see Fr Anthony.

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 8 & 15 Jun.** 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 is to begin this coming summer. Application forms should be available soon.

First Communion Our Children who had their First Confession, during Lent, will begin the Preparation Programme for First Eucharist, in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Sat 2 July**, 10.00-12.00am.

This is only for Children who have had their First Confession. Application Forms for the 2023 First Reconciliation and Eucharist Programmes should be available during the coming Autumn.

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

DO YOU KNOW?

When the priest washes the feet of twelve people (representative of the apostles), at the Maundy Thursday Mass, this is commonly referred to as *The Mandatum (Commandment)*. In this action of washing his apostle's feet, at the Last Supper, Jesus demonstrated his words, 'I give you a new commandment, love one another as I have loved you.'

In early Christianity especially, but in later times also, Sunday is sometimes seen referred to as 'The Eighth Day'.

Why is this so?

AND SERIOUSLY!

After many warnings, Johnny had pulled his sister's hair yet again, so his dad said he could not have the bike promised to him for Christmas. On Christmas morning there was no bike.

Johnny went to the crib, took out the statue of Our Lady and hid it upstairs.

He went back to the crib and said to baby Jesus - 'If you want to see your mother again, you had better tell my dad to give me the bike.'



Parish Monies

Offertory Monies **Many Thanks**
27 March

Loose	£171.13
Envelopes	£377.00
Lent Project	£193.40
Ukraine	£ 70.00

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.

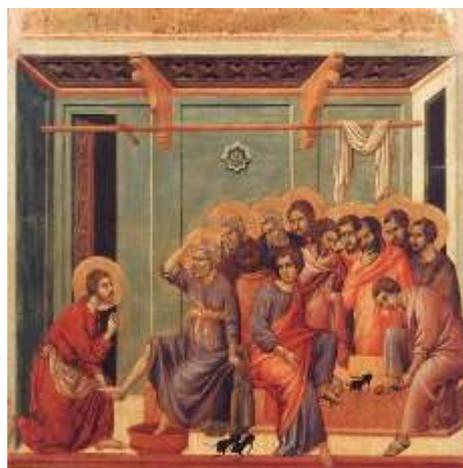
GOD OF SURPRISES

Knowing Christ

For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. (Phil. 3:8-9)

'Jesus got up from the table, removed his outer garment and, taking the towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into the basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.' (John 13:2ff)

This is the action of God translated into human terms, the God who washes feet! In this action, Christ is not just giving an example of service: he is communicating the very life of God. 'If I do not wash you,' he says to the protesting Peter, 'you can have nothing in common with me.' But the life of God is given to us, as it was given to Christ, for the life of others, and so Christ tells his friends, 'If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet' (13:114-15).



In the other Gospel accounts of the Last Supper, Christ takes the bread, blesses and breaks it, saying, 'Take and eat: this is me given for you. Do this in my memory.' The life of the Father, expressed in the human Jesus, is a life that is given for us—'All I have is yours.' 'Do this in memory' is not an instruction to perform a ritual, but a request to let the life of Christ, and therefore of the Father, a life of sharing, become our life.

As the life of Christ takes hold on us, our lives will be transformed from being lives of self-protection, self care, self-cultivation, into lives given for others, because God, the God of compassion, will have taken possession of our being. When Jesus describes the Final Judgement, the saved are those who lived the compassion of God, 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty and you gave me drink....' (Matt. 25), and the lost are those without compassion: 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.'

The wrath of God is reserved for those who refuse compassion, no matter how religiously observant and religiously scrupulous they may be.

'I hate and despise your feasts, I take no pleasure in your solemn festivals. When you offer me holocausts, I reject your oblations... Let me have no more of the din of your chanting, no more of your strumming on harps. But let justice flow like water, and integrity like an unfailing stream.' (Amos 5:21-5)

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
especially Peter Connor, and 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, Nicola Glew, Jerry O'Mahony, John Lovely, Tim Byrne
and all our housebound

The Word: Year C, Holy Week, Palm (Passion) Sunday: Commentary on the Readings

First Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

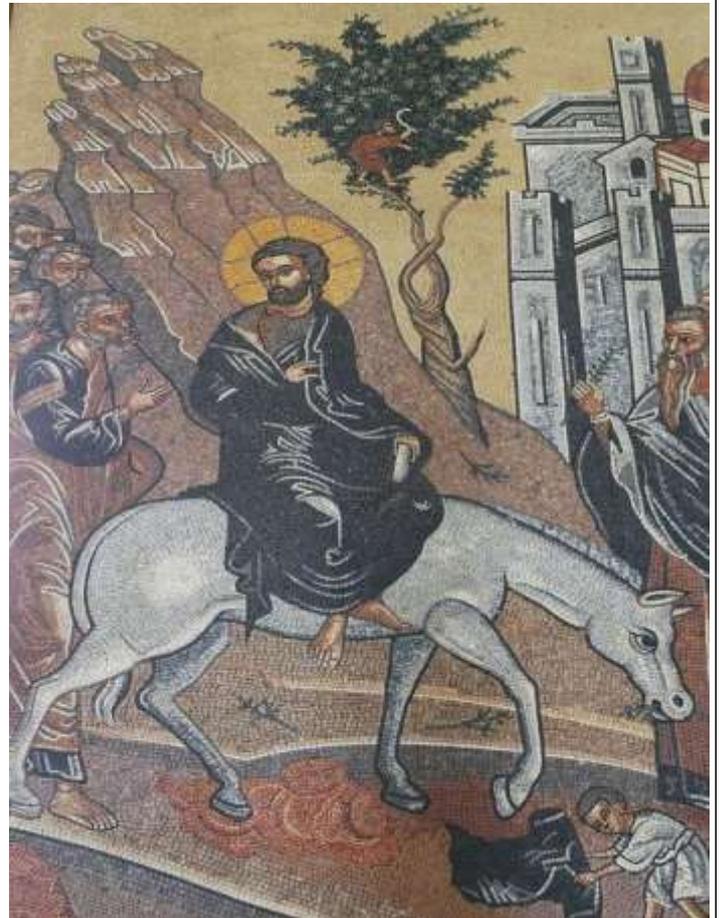
This reading announces the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the end of his long journey. In Luke the cheers are concentrated not merely on the Kingdom, but on the King himself, who comes in the name of the Lord. Their cries of the people echo (and excel) those of the angels at the nativity, 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!' For Luke, Jerusalem is the hinge: it is the turning-point where the gospel ends and the Acts of the Apostles begins, and the Good News is spread to the ends of the earth. During the previous ten chapters of the Gospel all the concentration has been on this journey up to Jerusalem, where Jesus is to suffer and so rise again. There has been an air of tragedy about the journey: Jesus' death has been constantly in mind, for it has been stressed that no prophet can perish away from Jerusalem. As Jesus enters the city, he weeps over its refusal to accept him, just as he had done earlier on his journey (13:34-35) and as he will do as he leaves Jerusalem for execution.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In the Book of Isaiah there are four songs, of which this is the third, sung by a mysterious Servant of the Lord. It is not clear who this Servant is, but he is totally dedicated to the service of the Lord, a disciple who listens devotedly. Through suffering, this Servant brings to fulfilment the salvation which the Lord intends for Israel and for the world. Jesus saw himself in terms of this Servant, and the four songs feature throughout the liturgy of Holy Week.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

This hymn was probably not written by Paul himself, but is likely to have been a very early Christian hymn taken up by Paul into his letter to the Church in Philippi. It celebrates the triumph of Jesus through his selflessness. The assertions at the end are staggering. The hymn claims for Jesus the titles and the worship which are due only to God. What is



more, this acknowledgement of Jesus' authority does not detract from the glory of God, but is precisely 'to the glory of God the Father'. This is perhaps the fullest statement in Paul of the divine glory of Jesus, a glory won by his humiliation in death.

The Passion of Our Lord: Luke 22:14-23:56

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34.37-43

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 2

Sun Of the Season

Mon Of the Weekday + Holy Week Monday

Tue Of the Weekday + Holy Week Tuesday

Wed Of the Weekday + Holy Week Wednesday

Thu Of the Weekday + Maundy Thursday

Fri Of Good Friday

Sat Of Holy Saturday

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Holy Week Monday

Tue Holy Week Tuesday

Wed Holy Week Wednesday

Thu Maundy Thursday

Fri Good Friday

Sat Holy Saturday