



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 28 May	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Sunday 29 May	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>John Mannion Andrew & Adrian Tyrrell</i>
Monday 30 May	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Decd Murtagh . . . Owens Families</i>
Tuesday 31 May			
Wednesday 1 June	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass 5-6.00pm Exposition / Reconciliation	<i>Eileen Hartley</i>
Thursday 2 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation	<i>Decd Sheard/McGowen Families</i>
Friday 3 June	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Raymond Ward</i>
Saturday 4 June	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Kath Dixon</i>
Sunday 5 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm Baptism	<i>Brian O'Connor Michelle James Reid Asher Edward Jordan</i>

*The Spirit
and
the Bride
say, 'Come.'
Let
everyone
who listens
answer,
'Come.'*



*Then let
all
who are
thirsty come:
all
who want it
may have
the water
of life.*

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 is from a commentary on the Gospel of St John, by St Cyril of Alexandria (who lived around 376-444).

After Christ had completed his mission, on earth, it still remained necessary for us to become sharers in the divine nature of the Word. We had to give up our own life and be so transformed, that we would begin to live an entirely new kind of life that would be pleasing to God. This was something we could do only by sharing in the Holy Spirit.

It was most fitting that the sending of the Spirit and his descent upon us should take place after the departure of Christ our Saviour. As long as Christ was with them in the flesh, it must have seemed to believers that they possessed every blessing in him; but when the time came for him to ascend to his heavenly Father, it was necessary for him to be united, through his Spirit, to those who worshipped him, and to dwell in their hearts, through faith. Only by his own presence within us, in this way, could he give us confidence to cry out, Abba, Father, make it easy for us to grow in holiness and, through our possession of the all-powerful Spirit, fortify us invincibly against the wiles of the devil and the assaults of men.

It can easily be shown from examples, both in the Old Testament and the New, that the Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell; he so transforms them that they begin to live a completely new kind of life. Saul was told by the prophet Samuel: 'The Spirit of the Lord will take possession of you, and you shall be changed into another man.' Saint Paul writes: 'As we behold the glory of the Lord with unveiled faces, that glory, which comes from the Lord who is the Spirit, transforms us all into his own likeness, from one degree of glory to another.'

Does this not show that the Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell and alters the whole pattern of their lives? With the Spirit within them, it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly, in outlook, and for cowards to become men of great courage. There can be no doubt that this is what happened to the disciples. The strength they received from the Spirit enabled them to hold firmly to the love of Christ, facing the violence of their persecutors unafraid. Very true, then, was our Saviour's saying that it was to their advantage for him to return to heaven: his return was the time appointed for the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Things happening in our Parish

Confirmations Our next Programme of Preparation for Confirmation is to begin **Sat 9 July**. Application forms are now available from Fr Anthony, **at weekend Masses**. Parents of Baptised Children who are now in school year 5, or older, and not Confirmed, are encouraged to apply. We await notice from our Bishop of a date, but it is likely he will administer Confirmations, for our local Parishes, early in 2023.



This Weekend Door Collection, after each Mass, to help towards the cost of training priests for our own Diocese.

We much require Catechists from within our Parish Family, who regularly attend Mass and would like to help pass on our Faith to our Children. Catechists need to enjoy working with children and their families, alongside other Catechists, and to be able to give time when a programme is running.

The Confirmation Programme is mostly with children who are aged 10/11. The First Sacraments Programme is with children mostly aged 7-9.

Any who might be able to help, please ask Fr Anthony for details. *Many Catechists are **not** trained teachers.*

Book in Your Diary our International Mass, **Sat 2 July**, 5.00pm, marking our gifts of being of many backgrounds, ages, and with varied talents - but all Children of our one Father God.

Also, we hope you will bring along food to share - food you associate with your heritage, whether from the East or West, North or South, or from hereabouts.

Apologies If any arrived for an Ascension Day Mass at our St Joseph's Church, last Thursday evening. The error in the Newsletter, the previous Sunday, was down to the local priestie.

Our Parish Website regrettably mostly disappeared last Saturday-Monday. It's loss seems to have been the work of gremlins, but the Diocesan consultants managed to retrieve it, and it all seemed to be OK as this Newsletter went to print.

Our Website, as it is now, has served us well for over 11 years. In terms of websites, however, it is much of an age. Rather than just give it a full service, the plan is to achieve a rebuild, in the near future. If any have ideas for alterations or improvements they would like to see, do please let Fr Anthony know: brief, written notes might be helpful (by email, if possible). A small number of sites of more recent builds, for other Parishes, will hopefully be given in next weekend's Newsletter, to assist with ideas.

& In our Diocese

Celebrating Later Life Jubilee Tea Parties, with our Diocesan Growing Old Gracefully Team, to celebrate the Queen and her long life, over a high tea - Sun 12 Jun, 3.00pm, at The Briery, Ilkley (to book contact The Briery, tel 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com, £10 offering) - Thu 16 Jun, 2.30pm, at Wheeler Hall, Leeds (to book search on Eventbrite, see link at growingoldgracefully.org.uk in *Calendar*, or tel 01132452700).

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.

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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.**

Note: this is only for Children who have already made a First Confession.

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

Parish Monies

Offertory Monies **Many Thanks**
15 May

Loose £265.40
Envelopes £200.63

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)

We have considered three guidelines for coming to know Christ: firstly, that we should contemplate him in his humanity, because it is through his humanity that we can glimpse his divinity; and secondly, that when we look at Christ of the Gospels, we should pray to recognise in him our own self-portrait, for we are called to become 'other Christ's'. Most of the chapter was given to the third guideline. We considered the key characteristic of Christ's personality, his relationship to his Father, expressed in his



human relationships in a life of sharing, a life for others. We are called to this same life-style both in our relationships to God and to other human beings. When we look at this truth we become more aware of the conflict within ourselves, between our relationship to God, expressed in a life of sharing and of compassion with other human beings, and our relationship with Mammon. We examined this conflict in the light of St. Ignatius' Meditations on the Two Standards. This led us to the third guideline, namely, that whenever we pray to Christ, we should pray to share his spirit of poverty that we begin to discover the treasure within us, his presence.

His Passion and Resurrection in Our Lives

*Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us,
be a crimson-cressed east.*

Many, who can contemplate imaginatively on Christ's life, find it difficult to contemplate him in his passion. Their minds go blank, or they are overcome with guilt feelings, or afflicted with a sadness verging on despair. Their distress may arise from two very different reasons: false notions of the meaning of the passion, or it may be that they are sharing in Christ's passion at a deeper level than ever before...

In contemplating the passion, as in any other event of the Gospels, put yourself in the scene as though it were happening at this moment, yourself present in it. Be there as though you were seeing the scene for the first time, so that you see Christ the man, the carpenter's son from Nazareth.

Just as we can have false images of God, seeing him as monstrous Uncle George, so too we can approach the passion with similarly distorted ideas.

.....To be continued.

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

DO YOU KNOW?

The 'Laying on of Hands', in Confirmation, symbolises the coming of the Holy Spirit. With one Candidate only, the Bishop places his hands on their head as he says the prayer of Confirmation. When there are more recipients, he holds his hands over them all, palms facing down. As he then anoints each recipient, he places his hand on their head and uses his thumb to anoint them with the oil.

In which other two sacraments is there a 'Laying on of Hands', symbolic of calling down the Holy Spirit, on the recipient?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A Rabbi said to a precious six-year-old boy:

'So your mother says your prayers for you each night? Very commendable. What does she say?'

The little boy replied:

'Thank God he's in bed!'



Please Keep
In Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**, 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, Nicola Glew, Jerry O'Mahony, John Lovely, Tim Byrne
and all our household

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



Gospel: John 17:20-26

The final chapter of Jesus's sayings at the Last supper is a prayer which both gives meaning to the sacrifice which Jesus is about to make and at the same time is a meditation on the Lord's Prayer. In today's portion Jesus speaks to his Father (also 'Our Father') with that perfect love which he will express most fully in his acceptance of torture and death on the cross. The story of the Crucifixion is not a story of rejection, but is the story of the most perfect union of Father and Son in love and willing obedience. It will make the Name, that is the love, of the Father fully known ('Hallowed be thy Name'). It will also grant Jesus that 'glory which he had before the foundation of the world' (Thy Kingdom come). But the kingdom is not complete without those who believe in Jesus and belong to him. The completion of the Kingdom is the work of the Spirit to come upon the Church at Pentecost. The story of its completion is, with all its twist and turns, its failures, its chastisements and its recoveries, the history of the Church.

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

This reading fulfils a dual purpose. It reflects both on the position of Jesus after the resurrection, seated at the right hand of God, and on his first martyr, Stephen. These are the two inspirations of the life of the Church, here combined. The martyrdom of

Stephen closely reflects the passion of Jesus: just as Jesus proclaims to the High Priest that he will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of the Father, so Stephen now sees Jesus standing at the right hand of God. This image to describe the glory of the Risen Christ is drawn from Psalm 110 (Greek 109). In other writings of the New Testament, e.g. the Book of Revelation, the exalted Christ shares the very throne of God: there is one throne and one godhead. It is fitting that on the Sunday before Pentecost these two inspirations of the life of the Church should be combined, for the Church relies upon this vision of the glory of Christ, and in that confidence bears witness to the truth of the Gospel even to the extent of martyrdom, a word which in itself means 'witness'.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 22: 12-14,16-17,20

The hope of a speedy second coming of Christ was especially vivid in the first generation of the Church. Paul envisaged (in 1 Thessalonians 5) that in his own lifetime Christ would appear 'on the clouds of heaven' in a triumphal procession, to be joined by those Christians who were still alive. The final words of today's reading may be translated either 'the Lord is coming' or 'Come, our Lord', depending on how the words of the Aramaic expression Maranatha are divided; in either case the expectation of Christ's return is vivid and pressing. In the later writings of the New Testament the accent has changed, so that 2 Peter 3.8 says that for the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and the stress is on the suddenness and unexpectedness of the final coming, 'like a thief in the night'. The coming of the Lord which, in today's reading, is to happen very soon is the coming of the Lord in the Spirit at Pentecost, for which we need to make ready and 'have our robes washed clean'.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Pentecost (Whit) Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 14:15-16,23-26

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 3

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper + Common of Martyrs

Tue Proper of Saints

Wed + Seasonal Proper + Proper of Saints

Thu + Seasonal Proper

Fri + Seasonal Proper + Proper of Saints

Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Yorkshire Martyrs

Tue Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed St Justin, Martyr

Thu Of Easter Weekday

Fri St Charles Lwanga & Companion Martyrs

Sat Of Easter Weekday