



# 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, Pentecost (Whit) Sunday, 5 June, 2022

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			<i>Mass Intentions</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 4 June	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Kath Dixon</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 5 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm <i>Baptism</i>	<i>Brian O'Connor</i> <i>Michelle James</i>
Monday 6 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Patrick &amp; Janet Byrne</i>
Tuesday 7 June			
Wednesday 8 June	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Gladys &amp; Bill Tyrrell</i>
Thursday 9 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Decd Czajko . . . Woodall Families</i>
Friday 10 June	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Decd Jones &amp; Lewins Families</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 11 June	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 12 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Joseph &amp; Kathleen Smith</i> <i>Faithful Departed (November List)</i>

**Ordinary time resumes, this Monday, at Week 10 (Weekday Readings, Yr 2 - Psalter, Wk 2)**

This weekend, on his being Baptised into our Parish and Church Family, we congratulate and pray for **Reid Asher Edward Jordan**, with his Parents, **Jack and Bethany**

*Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire.*



*They began to speak, as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.*

**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 was most likely written by a sixth century African author.*

The disciples spoke in the language of every nation. At Pentecost God chose this means to indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit: whoever had received the Spirit spoke in every kind of tongue. We must realise that this is the same Holy Spirit by whom love is poured out in our hearts. It was love that was to bring the Church of God together all over the world.

Therefore if somebody should say to one of us, "You have received the Holy Spirit, why do you not speak in tongues?" his reply should be, "I do indeed speak in the tongues of all men, because I belong to the body of Christ, that is, the Church, and she speaks all languages. What else did the presence of the Holy Spirit indicate at Pentecost, except that God's Church was to speak in the language of every people?"

This way is the way in which the Lord fulfilled his promise: *No one puts new wine into old wineskins. New wine is put into fresh skins, and so both are preserved.* So when the disciples were heard speaking in all kinds of languages, some people were not far wrong in saying: *They have been drinking too much new wine.* The truth is that the disciples had now become fresh wineskins, renewed and made holy by grace. The new wine of the Holy Spirit filled them, so that their fervour brimmed over and they spoke in manifold tongues. By this spectacular miracle they became a sign of the Catholic Church, which embraces the language of every nation.

Keep this feast, then, as members of the one body of Christ. It will be no empty festival for you if you really become what you are celebrating. For you are the members of that Church which the Lord acknowledges as his own, being himself acknowledged by her, that same Church which he fills with the Holy Spirit as she spreads throughout the world. He is like a bridegroom who never loses sight of his own bride; no one could ever deceive him by substituting some other woman.

To you of all nations, then, who make up the Church of Christ, you the members of Christ, you, the body of Christ, you, the bride of Christ – to all of you the Apostle addresses these words: *Bear with one another in love; do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* Notice that when Paul urges us to bear with one another, he bases his argument on love, and when he speaks of our hope of unity, he emphasises the bond of peace. This Church is the house of God. It is his delight to dwell here. Take care, then, that he never has the sorrow of seeing it taken down by schism or falling to ruins.



## 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 now in school year 5, or older, and not Confirmed, are invited to apply. We await notice from our Bishop of a date, but it is likely he will administer Confirmations, for our local Parishes, in February 2023.



**Covid Recommendations** While few are now testing for covid with regularity, there is good evidence that cases have dropped considerably. Also, those who are most vulnerable have recently had the opportunity of a booster injection. It is important that any who wish to wear a face covering can feel comfortable in doing so. However, the wearing of face coverings, in our Churches, is now being left entirely to personal choice. This applies to Eucharistic Ministers also, *but they should continue to sanitise their hands immediately before administering Communion*, as they have been doing.

There are thoughts to soon endorse the bowing of heads **or**, for those who prefer, the shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace, at Mass. Fr Anthony would welcome comments about this, during the next couple of weeks.

**Our Parish SVP** is to meet **Wed 8 Jun**, 6.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Church. They would be much pleased to have more members. To know more of the work or to join them, please have a word with any present Member.

**Just a month now, to our International Mass, Sat 2 July, 5.00pm. Be sure it's in your diary now and watch out for more details in the next weeks.**

**Our Parish Website** has served us well for over eleven years. In terms of websites, however, it is of an age; so rather than just give it a service, the plan is to achieve a rebuild. 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. Our proposed Web Designer has built sites for a number of Parishes. From among them, some might like to view -

Holy Redeemer, Huddersfield

<https://www.holyredeemerparish.co.uk/>

St John Vianney, Leeds

<https://www.stjohnvianneyleeds.org.uk/>

St Benedict's, Garforth

<http://www.stbenedicts-garforth.co.uk/>

Some others include St Joseph's, Wetherby, St Joseph's, Castleford, and Sacred Heart, Ilkley.

### & 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](mailto:briery@btconnect.com), £10 offering) - Thu 16 Jun, 2.30pm, at Wheeler Hall, Leeds (to book find [growingoldgracefully.org.uk](http://growingoldgracefully.org.uk) - *Calendar*, on Eventbrite, 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

29 May **Many Thanks**  
Offertory: Loose £204.05  
Envelopes £198.50  
Priests' Training £215.63

## 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

### 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.*

In some preaching and teaching on the passion and death of Christ, a most hideous picture emerges of God, the Father, whose voracious appetite for vengeance—called retributive justice—can only be satisfied by the last drop of his son's blood, drawn from him in the agony of crucifixion. Those on whom such teaching is inflicted then conclude that if they are to be accepted by the Father, they must also placate him with their suffering, and the more they suffer, the happier the Father will be. There was a type of hagiography which confirmed this depraved picture of God, depicting the saints as men and women, and the occasional child, dedicated to intense suffering and who, not satisfied with the sufferings which ordinary life imposed, added other torments of their own devising, flagellating themselves, rolling in nettles, standing reciting the psalms in ice-cold water, sleeping little and then only on the floor and living on a diet of bread and water. The false impression is then given that the more we suffer, the more we become like Christ and therefore the more pleasing to the Father. The directions for our journey through life can then be reduced to the simple prescription: 'Make life as difficult and painful for yourself as possible: the more you deny yourself in all things the more you will find God.' It was the kind of picture of God and of Christ which revealed itself to Fred's imagination when he pictured Christ at Cana, seated on a high-backed chair, wearing a white robe, a crown of thorns, holding a staff and looking disapproving. Such a picture of God and Christ is not Good News, but a nightmare, does not strengthen and console, but weakens and terrifies, does not engender a love of God, but implants a religious schizophrenia in the psyche.

This deformed notion of the passion divinizes suffering which, in itself, is an evil and to be avoided. Suffering does not save: its effect is normally to destroy. Passively and indiscriminately to accept all suffering, as though in so doing we were imitating Christ, can be a denial of Christ. If we are victims of injustice and oppression and deceit, whether from secular or religious authorities, then to accept it passively and to encourage others to do the same 'for the love of Christ' is to collude with evil, not to resist it. Christians must resist evil with all their power, but they must still try to love the evil-doers however difficult that may be, and, I believe, their resistance must never be violent.

In contemplating Christ, the man, in his passion, we must beg him to teach us, through his humanity and the pain of it, who God is. God, in Christ, is manifesting his nature in the sufferings of Christ. Therefore the God who holds me in being at this moment is a God who enters into my pain and the pain of the world. He put aside his divinity and became a slave out of love for us (cf. Phil. 2:6-7)

.....To be continued

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

### DO YOU KNOW?

In the Sacrament of Ordination, the ordaining bishop places his hands on the head of the candidate, symbolic of calling the Holy Spirit down upon him. After him, at the ordination of a bishop, other concelebrating bishops so place their hands in the head, and at the ordination of a priest, so also do other concelebrating priests. The 'Laying on of Hands' on the head is also used in the Sacrament of the Sick, before the anointing with oil.

*In our Catholic Church, who are the ministers or celebrants who perform or effect the Sacrament of Marriage?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

During a children's sermon, the minister was saying what Communion was all about: The Bible talks of Holy Communion being a 'joyful feast'.

Joyful means happy and a feast is a meal, so it means 'happy meal' - and what do we need for a happy meal?

A little boy put up his hand and said, 'Hamburger, fries and a regular soft drink?'



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, Pentecost (Whit) Sunday: Commentary on the Readings

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

In Jesus' final speech after the Last Supper he is preparing his disciples for life after the Resurrection. He several times mentions the 'Paraclete'. 'Paraclete' is Greek for 'advocate', that is someone who is called to your side to help, to guide you through a tricky patch. In Hebrew teaching about the Last Judgement there would be an Accuser and an Advocate on either side. In the gospel, Jesus asks the Father to send this Advocate to his followers to be his own presence when Jesus is no longer there and to guide the Church into all truth. That is the inspiring situation which Jesus speaks of: the Church and every one of her members will continue through the power of the Spirit to grow in understanding of the mysteries of God, as a people over the centuries and as individuals over the years of life. Before the Spirit was given, even the disciples who had been with Jesus throughout his ministry failed to understand his real significance, and certainly lacked courage to proclaim it. The coming of the Paraclete was the booster-rocket which set off the Church on its course and keeps it on course. Now it is the duty and privilege of each of the members of the Church to fulfil the prophetic office of the Church, understanding more deeply and declaring more clearly the truth about Christ in the world.

#### First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The ministry of Jesus starts with the coming of the Spirit at his Baptism. In the same way, the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. There can be no witness to Jesus or to his message, no spreading of the Kingship of God, without the Spirit of Jesus. Another lesson from this parallel between Jesus' Baptism and Pentecost is that the task of the Church and the life of the Church are the same as those of Jesus himself: to bring God's kingship to its fulfilment by pouring out healing, love and joy through the message of the risen Christ. The rushing wind and the tongues of fire are an allusion to the Old Testament when God's Spirit

descends upon Moses and the elders of the people. So the message of Pentecost is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, breaking out beyond the borders of Judaism to include all peoples of the world. The union of all these peoples (all understanding one language in their own way) is a deliberate contrast with the Old Testament scene of the Tower of Babel, when the LORD split up all the peoples of the world (as symbolised by their inability to understand one another's languages). The list of peoples is itself a witness to the universality of the Church!

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17 (Alternative)

Paul's letter to the Romans is all about the process of salvation. What difference did the death and resurrection of Jesus actually make to me and my condition in the world? This passage is the climax: it plants the flag on the summit and leaves us to live a full Christian life in peace, tranquillity and hope. There have been three stages in this process of salvation. First came the work of Christ: his loving, obedient death on the Cross washed away, healed the disobedience of Adam, that is, the disobedience of the whole human race (Romans 5:12-21). What is that to me? So, stage two: by Baptism I express my faith in Christ. By myself I am helpless and hopeless, so I put all my trust in Christ. In Baptism I am plunged into Christ, plunged into Christ's death, and emerge from the waters soaked and dripping with Christ's risen life (Romans 6:1-11). Stage three: permeated with, or vivified with, this risen life of Christ, I am adopted into the sonship of God and can cry out 'Abba, Father' with the voice of Jesus himself. The inheritance of Jesus as Son of God is now my inheritance too. So Pentecost is the celebration of the Spirit of Jesus alive and active in every Christian.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

#### The Word: Year C, Trinity Sunday

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

### Prayer of the Church

#### Psalter: Week 2

**Sun** Of the Feast

**Mon** Of Weekday + Common of BVM

**Tue** Of Weekday

**Wed** Of Weekday + Common of Pastors

**Thu** Of the Feast

**Fri** Of Weekday

**Sat** Proper of Saints

### This Week's Feasts & Saints

**Mon** Our Lady, Mother of the Church

**Tue** Of Weekday

**Wed** St Wilfrid of York, Bishop

**Thu** Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

**Fri** Of Weekday

**Sat** St Barnabus