



# 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, Feast of The Holy Trinity, 12 June, 2022

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			<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<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 Faithful Departed (November List)</i>
Monday 13 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Deceased of Abraham Family</i>
Tuesday 14 June			
Wednesday 15 June	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass 5-6.00pm Exposition / Reconciliation	<i>Deceased of E Dixon</i>
Thursday 16 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation	<i>Deceased Kapusta . . . Kubik Fams</i>
Friday 17 June	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Raymond Ward</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 18 June	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Intentions Kath Straughan</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 19 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 4.00pm Reception of Body	<i>Parish Family Mick Moran</i> Liz Finn

This Sunday, prior to their up-coming Baptisms, we present and pray for Clara Alice McCann, with parents Charley and Karl and also Vlad Gabriel Serban, with parents Alexandru and Sandra, at our 9.00am Mass: and at our 10.45am Mass, Harper Lily Myers, with parents Nicola and Kai

### Do Remember and Book in Your Diary

International Mass, Saturday 2 July, 5.00pm in our Sacred Heart Church  
*Any who wish are invited to come in what they regard as their national dress.*



We hope all will bring some food to share afterwards, so please, bring what you consider typical food for your (original) nationality, with enough for your group, but to put with the rest, for any to enjoy.



**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 Irenaeus wrote the following in his treatise 'Against the Heresies'.*

When the Lord told his disciples to *go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised, through the prophets, that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ. Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations, and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, a loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

*The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God, came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world, into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.*

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord, in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted mankind to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.



## 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**. Any Parents of Baptised Children who are 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.

**Please note:** Application forms need to be completed and returned to Fr Anthony by next Sunday, **19 June**.

**To Clarify** If any are unsure, the Bishops of England and Wales have, as from last Sunday, restored all Sundays as a Day of Obligation, for sharing in Mass, throughout England and Wales. This serious responsibility, with its truly wonderful effects, can only be fulfilled by someone being physically present at a Mass, but not by watching a Mass on television or via the Internet. The obligation can, of course, be fulfilled at a Saturday Vigil Mass and usual exceptions apply (eg if one is too ill to be out and about). (See Bishops' letter in our Parish Newsletter: Eastertide Sunday 6 - or on the Leeds Diocese Website.)

**International Mass** We will need a number of readers who can read one of the Mass Readings, or a Prayer of Intercession, in a language other than English, at our International Mass, on 2 July. Any who might be able, please have a word with Elizabeth Smith or Fr Anthony,

**Covid Recommendations** 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. Any comments about this would be welcomed by Fr Anthony, within the next week or so.

**Parish A.G.M, Wednesday 29 June, 7.45pm**

Our Parish Pastoral Council invite all of our Parish Family to receive its reports, and afterwards to enjoy a chat over cheese/wine/juice, in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall, (after the 7.00pm Holyday Mass of Ss Peter & Paul).

**Our Parish Website** has served us well. However, it is of an age, so 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, emailed 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

**& In the Diocese**

**Novena** to Our Lady of Unfailing Help 18-26 June, Leeds Cathedral: Saturdays/Sundays, 5.00pm, Mon-Fri 6.15pm.

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

5 June **Many Thanks**

Offertory: Loose £177.49  
Envelopes £235.70

## 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 his life on earth, Jesus lived the love of his Father for all creation, manifested the Father's compassion and tenderness, the Father's love for the least of his creatures, his hatred and anger at every form of injustice and oppression. Image of the Father's goodness, Jesus antagonized and threatened those whose security consisted in the oppression and enslavement of others. Jesus saw the injustice and deceit being practiced on the poor and helpless. He saw how the face of his Father was masked for the people by the multiplication of trivial rules and regulations imposed on them by religious rulers in God's name. Jesus did not choose to suffer this kind of abuse passively: he challenged the rulers and spoke out against them.

The opposition to him grew, the opposition of sin, of those who would not let God be God. God, in Christ, had the power to eliminate all opposition. 'Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence?' (Matt. 26:53). God, in Christ, does not eliminate his enemies. He protests against their injustice and their hypocrisy, and uncovers their deceit, but he does not distance himself from them. God, in Christ, takes the pain of their sinfulness upon himself. It is as though all the accumulated power of evil, the hatred, greed and cruelty of humanity had joined forces and hurled itself at God, in Christ. 'He became sin for us,' Paul says.

In Christ, who is God, human sin and God's goodness meet in the same person. Christ absorbs the pain in himself and prays, 'Father forgive them'. When human sin had done its worst, God, in Christ replies with the blood and water from his pierced side. God's love is greater than human hatred and has won a victory for ever. This is the triumph and joy of the cross. Evil has been confronted, has been allowed to do its worst to God in the humanity of Christ, and God, in Christ, transforms this evil act into victory through love.

When we contemplate Christ in his passion, we do so not simply to recall a historical event now over and done with, but to encounter the living God, the God who enters our darkness, weakness and sinfulness, who enters our hatred and our despair, and can transform it. We contemplate the ravaged body of the dead Christ to understand the nature of God now holding me in being, a God who pursues us into our darkness and destructiveness, and entering and sharing it, brings life out of death. Therefore we can take our own suffering, from whatever source it comes, whether physical illness, or bereavement, or the damage we have done to ourselves and the damage inflicted on us by others, or the pain we experience in letting God's pity, compassion and love act in us. In our pain we meet Christ in his passion, know his presence and healing power bringing hope out of our despair.

.....To be continued

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

### DO YOU KNOW?

In our Catholic Church, such as priests and deacons can be officiating *witnesses* to marriages, but it is the



couple marrying who are the ministers or celebrants of the Sacrament, as only they can mean what they say, in giving their consent to the marriage.

*Is it essential that there is an exchange of a ring or rings, at a Catholic marriage?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

Our minister never prepared his sermon during the week and on Sunday morning would desperately pray: 'Lord give me your message.'

One Sunday, desperately praying, he heard the Lord say: "Derek, here's my message. You're lazy!"



**Please Keep  
In Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**, and their families  
especially Elizabeth (Liz) Finn, and her 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, Feast of the Holy Trinity: Commentary on the Readings

**Gospel: John 16:12-15**

We can learn a little about the Trinity from this passage. Think of a perfect relationship between a father and a son: complete understanding between them - loving care from the father, loving obedience from the son; complete support from both sides. As soon as one has an idea, the other expresses it, to the perfect satisfaction of the first. As soon as one starts an action, the other has completed it, to the delight of the first. Then the son sends his own spirit, which is not himself, but represents himself fully, makes him present when he is not there and does his work exactly as he would do it. Two other images, perhaps rather cheeky: three men on a bench outside a pub or three women with supermarket trolleys, all three chatting in perfect harmony and understanding, with complete exchange of ideas and plenty of humour, laughter and warmth. Their friendship is so attractive that you would love to join them but don't dare. They are so welcoming that they seem to invite you to join them. They are so loving that you feel you have found happiness as never before. These are rather wretched images, straining to express the unity in diversity of the Trinity, but one must at least try to understand. Read the gospel again!



**First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31**

How did we Christians come to see God as a Trinity of Persons? With a noble sense of reverence the Israelites saw God as so infinitely other than the world that it became difficult to understand how God could mix with the world, even how God could 'dirty his fingers' by creating the world. The solution was that God must have created the universe by his Wisdom, the 'master craftsman' by his side in the work of creation. God's Wisdom is in a way the same as God, but yet not exactly the same. But is God's Wisdom itself created? It is not clear whether God

'created' or 'possessed' Wisdom, for the Hebrew word, is given both senses by different ancient translators. So there is in God something which both is God and is not the same as the Creator. The Wisdom of God is also similar to the Word of God by which God created ('He spoke and it came into being,' it says in the Creation Story in Genesis 1). In the New Testament Jesus is known both as the Wisdom of God and as the Word of God. The first thing we know about God is that we cannot fully know God. Nevertheless, texts (like this one from Proverbs) indicate a groping towards the idea that there is diversity within God. Here we find something of the origins of our understanding of the Trinity.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5**

When Paul wrote his letter to the Romans the theology of the Trinity was still waiting to be worked out. The interrelationship between the three Persons did not begin to be elaborated by theologians for a couple of centuries yet, nor what is meant by calling them 'persons'. Paul does call the Risen Christ 'Lord', using the sacred name which may be used only of God. Moreover, he shows an awareness that three different modes are involved in human salvation, the divine action which brings human beings back to God. He often has a triple formula like the one in this reading, using different language of God, Christ and the Spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we are brought into peace with God, and the love of God is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Human language is so inadequate to express truths about God that it will take a long time before any satisfying formula is found.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year C, Body & Blood of our Lord**

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter: Week 2**

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

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

**Mon** St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of Church  
**Tue** Of Weekday  
**Wed** Of Weekday  
**Thu** St Richard of Chichester, Bishop  
**Fri** Of Weekday  
**Sat** Of Weekday