



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

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			Mass Intentions
Saturday 25 June	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Kath Dixon</i>
Sunday 26 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm <i>Baptism</i>	<i>Liz Finn</i> <i>Parish Family</i> Ellie Nowak
Monday 27 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Charley & Ada Covell</i>
Tuesday 28 June			
Wednesday 29 June	St Joseph's Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass - <i>with SJ School</i> 11.00am Mass - <i>with SH School</i> 7.00pm Mass	<i>Decd Timmons . . . Tonner Fams</i> <i>Decd Moran, Comer Fams</i> <i>Decd Gabriola, Watson Fams</i>
Thursday 30 June	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Sam, Kathleen, Pauline Foster</i>
Friday 1 July	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Chris & Margaret Rayner</i>
Saturday 2 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Sunday 3 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart St Joseph's	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass 1.00pm <i>Baptisms</i>	<i>Liz Finn</i> <i>Raymond Ward</i> Harper L Myers & Lillie L-A Rose

This Sunday, on being Baptised into our Parish and Church Family, we pray for and congratulate Ellie Nowak, daughter of Ewelina and Krzysztof

This Wed 29 June, the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul, is a Holyday of Obligation: see Mass times

Do come join us! 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

While we have recently had a number of Gospel readings from John, at our Sunday Masses, this is primarily the Year of St Luke

Luke the 'beloved physician' (Colossians 4:14), who accompanied Paul from Troas to Philippi, has since the second century been credited with writing his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

They provide a seamless narrative describing the birth of Jesus, the founding of Christianity, the experiences of Jesus' disciples as he died, rose, reappeared and ascended into heaven; and the coming of the Holy Spirit poured out anew on the whole community of disciples, that they might share and spread the gospel throughout the world.

Luke is a master storyteller and his gospel alone begins with a personal dedication. His message is universal and moves from the poor of God in Judaea and Galilee to Jerusalem and then from Jerusalem to Rome, and then to the whole world. He uniquely records some of Jesus' most famous stories such as the parable of the Good Samaritan; Jesus' praise of the faith of the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian (Luke 4:25-27); and the story of the one grateful leper, a Samaritan (Luke 17:11-19).

Luke bridges the gulf between the old Israel and the newly emerging faith community. Luke's Jesus insists on mercy for sinners and opens up



new possibilities for all, but especially for the marginalised: Samaritans, women, lepers, tax collectors, prostitutes, children and widows. Only Luke tells of this depth of divine forgiveness in the story of the Prodigal Son welcomed back by a forgiving father; and scandalously for the righteous, the commendation of a forgiven woman sinner who disrupts a public feast to wash Jesus' feet with her tears. Around Jesus no-one is outside the love of God. Luke has old Simeon emphasise this when, as the child Jesus is brought to the heart of the Temple: "... for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have made ready in the presence of all nations; a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:30-32).

Luke (14:18-19) sees Jesus as fulfilling the Jewish prophecies, with Jesus citing Isaiah 61:1-2 in his first teaching in the Nazareth synagogue:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the
captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."
(Luke 4:18-19)

From an article (abbreviated) by Fleur Dorrell

Parish A.G.M, this 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).

Things happening in our Parish



Helping Parents We need to train up one or two to help run our Baptism Preparation course, for parents who are wanting their child baptised. The course has run over two evening 90 minute sessions, four times a year, with the next due 14 & 21 September. For Information, please speak with

Steve Dent, Linda Needham or Fr Anthony. Fr Anthony much looks forward to receiving volunteers.

Assistant Gardener very much needed for our grounds at St Joseph's. If you can help, please have a word with Bernadette France or Fr Anthony.

Extra help at our Sacred Heart grounds would also be welcomed. Have a word with Pat Matchan or Fr Anthony.

**Don't forget our International Mass
and the International Food Feste
Next Saturday 2 July, 5.00pm**

After the long days of covid

*it's an opportunity to celebrate God's love for us
as his and our Parish Family*

Our Parish SVP in the spirit of St Vincent de Paul, can be called upon for a number of reasons, such as - to visit the sick and housebound - to help bring some comfort to those who are grieving - to give practical assistance to any who are suffering poverty.

Might you be interested in helping, as an SVP member, in such important Christian works? Have a word with any present member to learn more. (A DBS check is required before members may visit any who might be vulnerable.)

In these difficult times, many are struggling, or even can't make ends meet. Our SVP may be able to help with such as a food parcel or towards other necessities. If you know of someone with a real need - *but first ask their permission* - let Fr Anthony or any SVP Member know, so that the SVP can visit them, to assist.

A fine way to pray

is to take home, from our weekend Masses, a copy of the Mass prayers and readings - and to use them, during the week, for prayer and reflection.

Door Collection after each Mass, this weekend: half to go towards *Catholic Communications* and half to *Day for Life*: two ways to help promote the teachings and works of our Church, in England and Wales.



& in our Diocese

Fountains Abbey Annual Mass. All are invited to attend (free entry for Mass) on Mon 11 July, 12,00nn. Further details on our Church entrance notice board.

*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 14 & 21 Sep**. 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.

Confirmation Our Applicants and also their Parents are to first meet, in our Sacred Heart Hall,

Sat 9 July, 9.30-12.00am.

Note: once the Programme begins we are unable to accept late starters.

First Communion Our Children who had their First Confession, during Lent, will begin the Preparation Programme for First Eucharist, with their parents, 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

19 June **Many Thanks**

Offertory: Loose £206.41
Envelopes £223.50

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.*

I hope I have not given the impression that unless we contemplate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ imaginatively, we cannot share in it. Every celebration of the Eucharist is a celebration of the life, passion, death and resurrection of Christ in which all creation is involved and taken up.

As he (Christ) is the beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross. (Col.1:17-20).

The same God who manifested himself in the historical Jesus once-for-all is still giving himself to us in love through the signs and symbols of bread and wine. God is not time and space conditioned. The once-for-all action of God on Calvary is a continuous action throughout creation. In celebrating the Eucharist, we are celebrating our awareness of this tremendous truth.

As our sinfulness can infect and deform our image of God and our understanding of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, so too, it can distort our understanding of the Eucharist. Instead of a celebration which fills us with joy and wonder, broadening our vision and uniting us with ourselves and with all creation, the Eucharist can become a cold and formal ritual, performed mechanically with more attention to rubrics and money-raising than to God or to one another, and attended by many because they are afraid

that their absence might cause their eternal damnation. Christian communities can be divided into hostile factions over the choice of hymns, the place of the tabernacle in the Church, the manner of distributing and receiving Holy Communion, who should and should not be allowed to receive it, or whether the Peace of Christ should be given to one another by the congregation! I am not saying that these questions do not have their importance, nor am I advocating abolition of all rubrics, rules and regulations, but I am saying that many of the questions which absorb our attention are very secondary. They preoccupy and divide us within the Catholic Church and between the Christian Churches, because our vision and understanding of the Eucharist is too limited; we turn this symbol of the reality of God's love for all his creation into a sacred object, a thing, and we do not allow God to be God to us even in this most simple and wonderful sign.

.....To be continued

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

DO YOU KNOW?

A wedding ring is normally of a precious metal - symbolic of the love between the couple marrying being precious. It is shaped as a continuous band that fully enwraps the finger - symbolic of the couple's lives now each enwrapping the life of the other, to be unbroken into eternity

What are the three most important furnishings (commonly at or towards the front), in a Catholic Church, for the celebration of Mass?

AND SERIOUSLY!

When I picked up Maisie for nursery, I noticed an older woman hugging her, as she left the house.

"Is that your grandmother?" I asked, "where does she live?"
'Yes,' Maisie said, 'she is visiting for Christmas. She lives at the airport: whenever we want her we just go and get her'.



**Please Keep
In Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**, and their families
especially Carl Bontoft 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 household

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 13: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

As Jesus embarks on his great journey to his death at Jerusalem, the latter half of Luke's gospel is marked by Jesus' teaching on the difficulties and challenges of discipleship. Right at the beginning of this section Jesus teaches the little lesson that the disciples must not be surprised or take vengeance when they are rejected. Then three lessons follow on the uncompromising demands of discipleship. These are not 'counsels of perfection', but demanded of every disciple of Jesus. First, the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. The disciple has no right to creature comforts. Second (perhaps the most counter-cultural of all Jesus' demands), burying a dead father was regarded as a sacred duty, and yet not even this may stand in the way of a response to the call of Jesus. Third (a more rigorous condition than even Elijah demanded of Elisha), there must be no backward glance even to bid the family farewell. Not even the most sacred of natural ties may stand in the way of the demands of following Jesus. Jesus expresses his teaching with maximum vigour; these conditions may seem unfeeling and unacceptably harsh. This is partly the nature of the Semitic language (the Aramaic which Jesus spoke), which rarely uses a comparative, 'more than...' It is either day or night, no dusk! There are no half measures. We must beware of softening what remains hard.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:19,19-21

This story is clearly chosen by the Church to pair with the latter part of the Gospel reading - or even possibly the reverse, for Jesus' call to the unnamed disciple seems to be modelled on Elijah's call to Elisha. Elisha must have been a rich man to have twelve yoke of oxen ploughing his field. Elijah's gesture of throwing his mantle over Elisha is to claim Elisha as his own. When Elijah is taken up to heaven his mantle falls on Elisha again, giving him a double share of his spirit. By slaughtering the oxen and burning the tackle Elisha destroys his own livelihood, but he is allowed to take leave of his family before

taking up the life of a prophet. Elijah was a fearless prophet of Israel, inspired by the vision of God (at the cave on Mount Horeb) and uncompromisingly defending the rights of God against idolatry (by the prophets of Baal) and injustice even by the king (appropriating Naboth's vineyard). Elijah was expected to come again to herald the final coming of God, and many saw him in John the Baptist. Elisha was perhaps more a political operator, furthering God's plans by the appointment of rulers.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-18

Paul is still, as last Sunday, warning the Galatians against regarding themselves as bound by the Jewish Law. The Law, he teaches, is an external restriction, whereas Paul wants them to be led only by the interior Spirit of God, which will lead them in the paths of love. It is important to understand correctly the distinction between the flesh and the Spirit. The sins of the flesh are not merely 'carnal' sins like sex, greed and overindulgence. They include also such things as rivalry, jealousy, quarrels and malice. So the 'flesh' is best defined as self-indulgence and lack of self-discipline, perhaps unrestrained natural desires. Natural desires are not in themselves evil, but they need to be harnessed and directed by the impetus of the Spirit. On the other hand, the Spirit is the life of Christ in us, and motivates everything that leads to Christ, not only - as Paul lists - 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control', but also everything that builds up the community in love - loving guidance, teaching, a healing touch, as well as more striking gifts like speaking in tongues. In 1 Corinthians he explains that each of the community has a special gift, and all are needed for a healthy community.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 14

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 1

Sun Of Sunday

Mon Common Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Wed Proper of Saints

Thu Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Fri Of Weekday (or + Common Martyrs or Pastors)

Sat Of Weekday

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Our Lady of Unfailing Help, Patron of Diocese

Tue St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

Wed Ss Peter & Paul Martyrs

Thu First Martyrs of Rome

Fri St Oliver Plunket, Bishop, Martyr

Sat Of Weekday