



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 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
Monday 4 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 11.00am <i>Funeral Service</i>	<i>Yorkshire Brethren</i> Carl Bontoft
Tuesday 5 July			
Wednesday 6 July	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass 5-6.00pm Exposition / Reconciliation	<i>Decd Molloy . . . Milner Families</i>
Thursday 7 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 10.00am Reconciliation	<i>Frank Lee</i>
Friday 8 July	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Faithful Departed (Polish List)</i>
Saturday 9 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Faithful Departed (November List)</i>
Sunday 10 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Dominic Stones</i> <i>Parish Family</i>

This Sunday, on being Baptised into our Parish and Church Family, we pray for and congratulate Harper Lily Myers, daughter of Nicola and Kai
Lillie Lee-Anne Rose, daughter of Hayley and Thomas

*The harvest
is rich
but the labourers
are few.*



*Ask the Lord
to send
labourers to his
harvest.*

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

Continuing a summary of St Luke's Gospel, from an article (abbreviated) by Fleur Dorrell.

There are six miracles and eighteen parables which Luke has uniquely saved for us, in his Gospel. They particularly reflect mental and physical healing, and hospitality and service; with Jesus stating: 'I am among you as one who serves' (22: 25-27), and inviting us to follow him. Luke celebrates Jesus' opening up of a shared table fellowship to the rich and poor, the saints and sinners, excluding no-one as a sign of the coming of God's reign. It is Luke who has Jesus teach "Blessed are the poor" and choose to share his and his disciples' life with the outcasts and the destitute.

Justice and restoration are drawing around Jesus, but all this is at great cost as the Jewish leadership and some of his early disciples turn against him. The risen Jesus himself will explain these events to the two sad disciples on the road to Emmaus as the inevitable consequences of his prophetic acts and teaching; and in tune with the prophetic tradition of the Jewish Scriptures.

Luke structures his Gospel in three parts:

Jesus' birth and the beginning of his journey from Galilee. It starts with Jesus' birth immersed in the pious Jewish world of figures such as Elizabeth, Simeon and Anna, whose songs and words echo the Psalms and Prophets.

The central journey of Jesus to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27), revealing God's love and mercy for the lost and forsaken: "today, salvation has come to this house..." (19:10-11)

Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and return to God while the emerging church then journeys on from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth in Acts 1:8. Jesus dies outside Jerusalem and is vindicated as the suffering Messiah in the resurrection. He uniquely gives his own explanation of all that has happened to the disciples on the Road to Emmaus and in the breaking of bread.

This journey motif allows us to travel along with Jesus and gradually to grasp the meaning of his role and destiny as the Christ.



In Christian art, the Evangelists have different symbols, taken from the four living creatures referred to in the Book of Ezekiel (ch.1). These are commonly shown with wings. The most usual, but not the only associations are: Matthew the man, Mark the lion, Luke the ox, and John the eagle. Evangelist portraits that depict them in their human forms are often accompanied by these symbols.

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.

Our Parish SVP is to meet **Wed 6 Jul**, 6.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall. To know more of their work or to join them, please have a word with any present Member.

Singing for the Brain The local Alzheimer's group invite people with dementia and carers/supporters to a sing along, in a friendly environment, to encourage a sense of wellbeing: 1.30-3.30pm **Thu 7 Jul**, in our Sacred Heart Hall. The event is free, but please first book places: email wakefield@alzheimers.org.uk or tel 01924-373264.

Open Heart Memory Cafe Especially for any within our neighbourhood with dementia and their family, friends and carers. Next gathering in our Sacred Heart Hall, this **Fri 8 Jul**, 10.00-12.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome.

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.

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.

You might also ensure you have copy of our Parish Newsletter of the same weekend, where a brief explanation of the readings can be found, on pg 4.

Our Parish Prayer Trees are for any and all to use. If you have an intention you wish us all to pray for, write it on one of the cards provided and hang the card on the Prayer Tree, where it will remain for four weeks. If the need continues, after four weeks simply write another card and again hang it on the Prayer Tree. Whether any identifying names/details are given is completely up to the one who places the intention.

Quite a number of Parishioners read and pray for the intentions so placed and all are encouraged to do so. At both of our Churches, usually monthly on Sundays and weekly on weekdays, the intentions placed on our Prayer Trees are included in the Intercessions at Mass.

Red Missio Boxes Please bring these to Church in the next week or so, ready for emptying.

& in our Diocese

Fountains Abbey Annual Mass. All are invited to attend (free entry for Mass) on Mon 11 July, 12.00nn. Poster, with more details, on our Church Entrance notice boards,

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 have already begun their Preparation Programme for First Eucharist will next meet, with their parents, in our Sacred Heart Hall:

Sat 10 Sep, 10.00-12.00am.

Application forms for Children who will be due for First Confession, next time round, should be available during the coming Autumn.

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

Parish Monies

26 June **Many Thanks**

Offertory: Loose £215.78

Envelopes £189.80

Door Collection £152.56

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.*

The Eucharist is given to us so that Christ's presence may be real in the lives of his people, a presence living in our attitudes and values, in our thinking, speaking and the style of life we choose to live. It is important that we should show great reverence to Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist, but it is even more important that we should let his presence be real in our lives, for that is the reason he has given us the Eucharist, 'so that you may copy what I have done to you' (John 13:15).

We are all branches of the one vine, cells of the one body, which is Christ. The reality of his presence must be expressed in the way we communicate with one another, our mutual care and concern, whatever form it may take. Christ's presence is not real in a congregation, however religious they may be individually, whose



members remain strangers or, still worse, enemies of one another. Nor can he really be present in a congregation whose energies and interests are focussed on themselves, and who do not show as a body and individuals, an interest and compassion for the needs of the immediate neighbourhood, and a consciousness that the

congregation exists, as a Christian group, to serve the needs of others. As the presence of Christ becomes real in a congregation, it will show itself in the openness of that congregation to all people, of all religions and none, of all races, nationalities and classes in society, but it will have a special care for those whom the rest of society overlooks and despises. In this way, the congregation really is living in the presence of Christ, in the power of his passion, death and resurrection.

As with every other event of Christ's life, the resurrection is a mystery, and therefore we can never adequately understand it. Many Christians who say, 'I cannot believe in the resurrection any more,' are really saying, 'I can no longer accept the infantile notion of the resurrection, which once I could accept without difficulty,' and what they fear may be a loss of faith, is very often an invitation to grow into a more adult faith. Because resurrection is a mystery, therefore God alone can teach us what it means and lead us into this truth in which we are living, moving and have our being.

As with the passion narrative, so too, we should approach the Gospels' resurrection accounts without, as far as possible, any preconceived ideas of its theological meaning, simply putting ourselves in the Gospel scenes and begging to know the joy of Christ's resurrection.

.....To be continued

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

DO YOU KNOW?

The three most important furnishings for Mass, in a Catholic Church, are - the ambo or lectern, from which is read the Word of God, from the Scriptures - the altar, where the bread and wine are consecrated and become Christ himself in his Body, Blood, Spirit and Divinity - and the presidential chair, from which the priest leads the gathered Family of God in the celebration, when not at the ambo or altar.

What, exactly, are the altar and the sanctuary, in a Catholic Church.

AND SERIOUSLY!

At the beach a child found a seagull lying dead in the sand by the shore.

'Mummy, what happened to him?' the little boy asked.

'He died and went to heaven,' the mother replied.

The child thought for a moment and then said, 'And God threw him back down?'



**Please Keep
In Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**, and their families
especially Carl Bontoft, Ronald Savage,
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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 14: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

The instructions to the seventy-two who are sent out are direct and simple. They are really sent out like lambs among wolves, without food, without distractions, without baggage, without spares. The version in the Gospel of Mark allows them sandals, presumably to enable them to make more speed on their journey, for the urgency of the task is paramount. They are not to be distracted by picking and choosing their accommodation or their food. Direct, too, is their method: to impart the blessing of peace and to heal. No second chance: if the blessing is rejected, away they go, leaving the town to a fate worse than that of Sodom! Last Sunday's gospel demanded an uncompromisingly whole-hearted response to Jesus from the apostles. This Sunday the apostles demand the same response to their own message. Again the absolute demands of Jesus! There is a wonderful simplicity about this message of the coming of the Kingdom: all that is involved is peace and healing. No squabbles, no fripperies, no complications of doctrine. If these Kingdom values can remain the focus of our Christian vision, we may make some progress towards bringing the Kingdom of God to reality in our own surroundings.



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

We are used to the imagery of God as Father, the creator and initiator of all things. But there is no gender or sex in God; God infinitely transcends such human limitations. So there is also room and need for a gentler image of God as mother: 'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you', promises this passage, even daring to invoke that most maternal and intimately loving and trusting image of the child feeding at its mother's breast. Such imagery for God as mother occurs in other biblical passages as well, such as Psalm 131, where the contentment of the believer in God is compared to that of a little

child in its mother's embrace; or Hosea 11:1-4, where God's loving care is described in terms of a parent leading and feeding a child. The child is now growing up, and God's maternal love continues throughout our lives. One of the chief Hebrew words describing God's love for his people is rahamim, the plural of rehem, which means a mother's womb. God's love involves, therefore, that instinctive gut-feeling of a mother for her child, which can never be destroyed or overruled.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-18

This is the final reading for this year from the fiery letter to the Galatians. It also provides the entry antiphon for Maundy Thursday, as we enter upon the celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death. Paul is again comparing the Law and the Cross. Instead of glorying in the physical mark of circumcision, the symbol of subjection to the Law, he glories in the Cross 'branded on' his body (he must mean in a symbolic sense by baptism - unless he means the scars of the floggings he received) which makes him a new creation. Everything is new about the Christian baptized into Christ, having left behind the old, mundane pre-occupations to embrace the new freedom inspired by the Spirit. This sounds all very well, but we know (and Paul knows too) that it is a constant challenge to bring this new life and new scale of values into reality: 'The good thing I want to do, I never do; the evil thing which I do not want - that is what I do', he laments when writing to the Romans. We are already reconciled to God, but only once does Paul say we are already saved. Even then it is 'saved in hope', which puts it into the future.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 15

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 2

Sun Of Sunday

Mon Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Tue Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Wed Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu Of Weekday

Fri Of Weekday

Sat Of Weekday (or + Common of Martyrs)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Elizabeth of Portugal, Holy Woman

Tue St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

Wed St Maria Goretti, Martyr

Thu Of Weekday

Fri Of Weekday

Sat St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and
Companion Martyrs