



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 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 Parish Family</i>
Monday 11 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
Tuesday 12 July			<i>Mary Bridget Eager</i>
Wednesday 13 July	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Decd Clarkson, Young, Lawrence Fams</i>
Thursday 14 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Ron Cockroft</i>
Friday 15 July	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Raymond Ward</i>
Saturday 16 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Kath Dixon</i>
Sunday 17 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Liz Finn Kitty Long</i>

This Sunday, at our 10.45am Mass, prior to her upcoming Baptism, we present and pray for Macie Amelia Drury, with her parents, Bethany and Nathan.

A priest saw the man, but he passed by on the other side - then a Levite saw him, and passed by on the other side.



But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion and he looked after him.

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

From Fr Anthony

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

While Matthew alludes to the birth of Jesus in one verse only, it is Luke who especially focuses on it, with the child Jesus entering the everyday world of power, politics and economics; opening up an alternative way of life, the Kingdom of God. Already, the account of the babe lying wrapped in the manger anticipates the wounded body wrapped in the tomb and the new life that will come in to the world beyond that death.

Luke portrays Mary as a young woman called to do something extraordinary for God, in the midst of her ordinary life. Like the great prophets, Mary has questions and is fearful. Yet, in a time of great difficulty, she leaves to help her aged pregnant cousin, Elizabeth, and no doubt to seek support and understanding. Luke gives us the scriptural basis for part of one of our most loved prayers: "Hail Mary full of grace," spoken by the Angel at the Annunciation and: "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus" spoken by Mary's cousin Elizabeth.

With Mary and Elizabeth, we see female prophetic companionship. Like Ruth and Naomi in the Jewish scriptures, they work together to realise God's purpose. Luke depicts them as giving themselves up to the mystery of God's call, and speaking out of this mystery. And when Zechariah the priest is muted, we have a story where two women's voices are celebrated while the voice of patriarchal power is silenced. The order of this world is turned upside down before Jesus and John the Baptist are born.

In the second century, St Irenaeus began to associate symbols from Ezekiel 1:1-21 and Revelation 4:6-8 with each of the four Gospels. St Jerome revised these symbols in the fourth century where Luke was represented as the ox. The choice of the ox relates to the sacrifices offered in the Temple. Luke's Gospel begins and ends in the Temple. Only in Luke is a link clearly being made between the Temple sacrifices and Jesus' own sacrifice on the cross.

Luke has been portrayed as an artist since the sixth century (as the painter of icons of Our Lady). It is certainly as a writer, with dramatic and visual effect, that he has inspired artists since the Renaissance, and St Francis' crib at Greccio, Italy, providing the basis of our own Christmas devotions.



Things happening in our Parish

Assistant Gardener very much needed for our St Joseph's grounds. 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.

Seniors Group Meets weekly on **Wednesdays**, in our Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 2-3.30pm. All aged 55+, both males and females, most welcome. Chat, refreshments, entertainments, all the order of the day.

Many Thanks to all who helped organise last weekend's International Mass, to those who assisted with the music and serving, and to those who provided and/or read the various language texts. So many noted how they found the Mass moving in one way or another. Thanks also to all who helped ready the hall and clear up after, and to all who brought the lovely display and taste of foods, a feast indeed. It is so good to have this spiritual and social event returned to our Parish Family calendar, after two years of covid restrictions.

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.

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,

World Youth Day 2023 Any aged 16-30 are invited to join the Leeds Diocese Youth Service, in Portugal, 31 Jul to 7 Aug 2023, for a youth festival with Pope Francis and young people from across the world! Cost of £1200 includes accommodation, travel, WYD package & more! Apply at youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

& Nationally

Universe Catholic Weekly online newspaper. Order a digital 4 weeks free trial: call Michelle on 0743-6617650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk.

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 next meet, in our Sacred Heart Hall,

Sat 17 Sep, 9.30-12.00am.

Note: as the Programme has begun 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

3 July	Many Thanks
Offertory: Loose	£234.35
Envelopes	£342.91
Donation	£1000.00
Jun Bank Orders	£1641.00

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 content of our belief in the resurrection is not merely that Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, rose from the dead and appeared to some of his friends in bodily form, but that this Jesus is the Lord of all creation. This is a truth which cannot be obtained, or deduced, from any number of apparitions, however dramatic: it can only be known by faith. In St. John's account, Peter and John are pictured running to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning. John arrives first, sees the empty tomb and the linen cloths lying there, but does not go in. Peter enters, John follows and 'he saw and he believed'. Before any appearance, John believed. Later in his Gospel John describes Thomas's doubts (John 20:28-9). Christ appears and says to Thomas: 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand, put it into my side. Doubt no longer, but believe'. Thomas replies, 'My Lord and my God,' a statement of faith, not a deduction from the evidence of his senses.

That Jesus Christ is Lord of all creation cannot be proved by reason: it can only be known by faith. The resurrection of Christ, Lord of all creation, is as new and as real today as it was two thousand years ago. Through the medium of the Gospel accounts and through the celebration of the Eucharist, we can be taken up in this mystery in which all creation lives.

The Gospel accounts of the resurrection do not together give a coherent picture, and they contradict each other in parts. They are struggling to express in human language an event that transcends our categories of thought and imagination, of space and time. However, although there are inconsistencies in the details of the resurrection appearances, there are three common features and these are important for our understanding of how the resurrection is affecting our lives now.

The first common feature is that those to whom Christ appears are portrayed as being in a negative mood of some kind or other: the women in Mark's Gospel are terrified out of their wits; the disciples on the road to Emmaus are sad and disillusioned; Mary Magdalen is distraught; the disciples in the upper room are afraid and living behind closed doors; Thomas is in doubt. This suggests a truth which subsequent Christians experience confirms, that we can only come to know the risen Christ when we have experienced some kind of death, some disillusionment with ourselves and others, some loss, bereavement, sense of fear, hopelessness or meaninglessness and have not tried to anaesthetized ourselves against it. The answer is in the pain, which is revealing to us our poverty and our need of God. If we can acknowledge and be still in our poverty, Christ will show himself to us in his glory.

.....To be continued

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

DO YOU KNOW?

In a Catholic Church, the sanctuary is the area commonly at or towards the front, where are placed the ambo or lectern, the altar and the presidential chair, for the celebration of Mass.

Quite often, mistakenly, people refer to this whole area as the altar. The altar is properly the table only, usually made of wood or stone (or it may be a solid slab, like an ancient altar) on which are placed the bread and wine that become the Lord Jesus, in his Body, Blood, Spirit and Divinity.

What is the primary purpose of the Tabernacle, in a Catholic Church?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A vicar asks God if they play cricket in heaven.

God says: "Do you want the good news or the bad first?"



"The good news first," the vicar replied. So God tells him: "They do play cricket in heaven; but the bad news is that you are opening the batting in the morning."

**Please Keep
In Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**, and their families
Ronald Savage, 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 15: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

To many a Jew at the time of Jesus the hatred of the Samaritans was such that a Good Samaritan was a contradiction in terms. It is striking that Luke changes the dialogue about the two commandments. In Mark's and Matthew's accounts Jesus answers the question about the commandments, while in Luke Jesus challenges the questioner, who then himself gives the right answer. It is also striking that, in his reply at the very end, the lawyer, despite Jesus' praise of him, cannot bring himself to pronounce the hated name, 'Samaritan', and says 'the one who...'. The conscientious dilemma of the priest and the Levite reveals a dry humour within this story: if the huddled traveller turns out to be dead, they will incur corpse-defilement and be unable to perform their sacred duties! This legal difficulty makes the Samaritan's attentive generosity all the more poignant, for a Samaritan is free of any such hang-ups. Love shown to the unfortunate and the down-trodden is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. But note also the Samaritan's careful administration of his funds: he gives not a blank cheque but two days' wages, which he will supplement on his return if necessary!



First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Book of Deuteronomy consists of four great discourses on the Law. This lovely passage concludes the last discourse, after which the death of Moses is recounted. It encourages the people to observe the Law. The Law, it teaches, is not obscure, or difficult, or far away; the people do not need to travel far or search deeply. The author is saying that the Law is Israel's natural inheritance, and so it is natural for them to observe it; it is almost – as we would say – second nature. The Law was God's most

precious gift to Israel, a revelation of the divine nature and the divine ways to the world, and so a source of light and life. It revealed how Israel had to behave in order to be God's faithful people. Therefore, observance of the Law was not to be thought of as a tiresome obligation but a response in love to this gift made in love. For Christians the Law is brought to perfection in the incarnate Word of God, who is the perfect revelation of the Father, and is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Israel saw the revelation of God's will, and so of his nature, in the Law; Christians similarly see the full revelation of the glory of God in Christ Jesus.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

This is the first of the readings we will hear from Colossians over the coming week; it is a hymn to the pre-eminence of Christ. It falls into two stanzas: the first proclaims Christ's pre-eminence as firstborn in creation, the second his pre-eminence as firstborn from the dead. As first-born in creation he is the image of the invisible God, in whom all is created, just as, in the Book of Wisdom, Wisdom is called the image of God, the reflection of the eternal light and the mirror of God's active power. In

Wisdom, in Christ, God can be seen. In the second stanza, as first-born from the dead, Christ brings all things to perfection and completion. The hymn is a sort of parabola, starting with God in creation, descending to Christ as Lord of the Church, and returning with Christ to completion in God.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 16

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Week 3

Sun Of Sunday

Mon Proper of Saints

Tue Of Weekday

Wed Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Thu Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Fri Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Sat Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

Tue Of Weekday

Wed St Henry, Holy Man

Thu St Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Fri St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of Church

Sat Our Lady of Mount Carmel