



# 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, Ordinary Time, Sunday 16, 17 July, 2022

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<b>Saturday</b> 16 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<b>Mass Intentions</b> <i>Kath Dixon</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 17 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Liz Finn</i> <i>Kitty Long</i>
Monday 18 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Service	Ronald Savage <i>Pauline G Faller</i>
Tuesday 19 July			
Wednesday 20 July	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass - <i>SH School attending</i> 5-6.00pm Exposition / Reconciliation	<i>Fr Denis Norman</i>
Thursday 21 July	St Joseph's St Joseph's St Joseph's	<i>No Morning Prayer today</i> 9.30am Mass - <i>SJ School attending</i> <i>No Reconciliation today</i>	<i>John Gott</i>
Friday 22 July	Sacred Heart St Joseph's	8.30am Mass 11.15am Funeral Service	<i>Derek, Mark, Stephen, Chris Jones</i> <i>Brenda Mary Jubb</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 23 July	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 24 July	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Joseph &amp; Kathleen Smith</i> <i>Debbie Lane</i>

*You  
worry  
and fret  
about  
so many  
things.*



*Yet  
few are  
needed,  
indeed  
only one,  
said Jesus*

**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 Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-90) was a major inspiration behind the devotion to the Sacred Heart, about which she wrote:*



It seems to me that our Lord's earnest desire to have his Sacred Heart honoured in a special way is directed towards renewing the effects of redemption in our souls. For the Sacred Heart is an inexhaustible fountain and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the

humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure.

From this Divine Heart three streams endlessly flow. The first is the stream of mercy for sinners; it pours into their hearts sentiments of contrition and repentance. The second is the stream of charity which helps all in need and especially aids those seeking perfection to find the means of surmounting their difficulties. From the third stream flow love and light for the benefit of his friends who have attained perfection; these he wishes to unite to himself so that they may share his knowledge and commandments and, in their individual ways, devote themselves wholly to advancing his glory.

This Divine Heart is an abyss of all blessings, and into it the poor should submerge all their needs. It is an abyss of joy in which all of us can immerse our sorrows. It is an abyss of lowliness to counteract our foolishness, an abyss of mercy for the wretched, an abyss of love to meet our every need.

Therefore, you must unite yourselves to the Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, both at the beginning of your conversion in order to obtain proper dispositions, and at its end in order to make reparation. Are you making no progress in prayer? Then you need only offer God the prayers which the Saviour has poured out for us in the sacrament of the altar. Offer God his fervent love in reparation for your sluggishness. In the course of every activity pray as follows: "My God, I do this or I endure that in the Heart of your Son and according to his holy counsels. I offer it in reparation for anything blameworthy or imperfect in my actions." Continue to do this in every circumstance of life. And every time that some punishment, affliction or injustice comes your way, say to yourself: "Accept this as sent to you by the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ in order to unite yourself to him."

But above all preserve peace of heart. This is more valuable than any treasure. In order to preserve it there is nothing more useful than renouncing your own will and substituting for it the will of the Divine Heart. In this way his will can carry out for us whatever contributes to his glory, and we will be happy to be his subjects and to trust entirely in him.

## 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.



### 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.

**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.

**Door Collection** after each of next weekend's Masses, to help fund the costs of maintaining the retired priests of our Diocese.

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

### & in our Diocese

**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](mailto: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](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk).

## Reviving Prayers

Past years have seen some lovely, newer prayers taught in schools and parishes, but with the prayers differing from place to place. Some older, well known and loved ones seem now to be fading in memories. Some will recall a good ditty prayer for our faithful departed:

**Eternal rest grant to - name (or her/him/them), O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon - her/him/them.**

**May - she/he/they - rest in peace. Amen.**

When said in public, such as at a funeral, the priest might say the parts in blue, and all then say the parts in red.

*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

10 July **Many Thanks**

Offertory: Loose £181.71  
Envelopes £388.80

## 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.*

A second feature common to the Gospels' resurrection accounts is the slowness of those to whom Christ appears to recognize that it is the risen Christ. The disciples on the road to Emmaus have walked several miles with him before they recognise him, and Mary Magdalen mistakes the risen Christ for the gardener. This is also a



feature common to our own faith in his resurrection, a slow dawning of the truth that he is a living presence in every detail of our lives. At first the resurrection is presented to us as an event outside of ourselves, something which happened two thousand years ago. Slowly, if our faith is developing, we come to know the resurrection as something which is happening to us now. The risen Christ is continuously coming through the closed doors of our minds and imagination as he came through the doors of the room where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews. He enters our consciousness, closed through fear of ourselves and our fear of other people, and says to us, 'Peace be to you'. The

power of the resurrection gives us hope in a situation where before we felt it was hopeless, gives us courage to face a task when before we wanted to run away, gives us the ability and strength to be open and vulnerable when before we could think of nothing but our own protection and security.

A final feature common to the resurrection accounts is that those to whom Christ appears are commissioned to go and tell others. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you' (John 20:21). 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations' (Matt. 28:19). The Acts of the Apostles are an account of the resurrection, of the Spirit of the risen Christ at work in the early Christian communities, a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation, a spirit of joy and peace even in the midst of conflict and persecution, a spirit which breaks down the barriers between Jew and Gentile, slave and freeman, men and women, a spirit summed up in this brief account of the early Church:

The whole group of believers was united heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need. (Acts 4:32-5)

.....To be continued

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

## DO YOU KNOW?

From ancient times, the Eucharist has been taken to the housebound, to provide them with the Sacrament and also to keep them in touch with the rest of the Eucharistic Community, As this could not always happen straight after Mass, there was the need for a safe place in which the Sacrament could be kept, until the Lord could later be taken to the housebound - thus the primary or main need for tabernacles in our churches. Where tabernacles are installed, there is then opportunity for their secondary reason, that is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass, in the tabernacle.

*Where is the appropriate place for the tabernacle, in a Catholic Church.*

## AND SERIOUSLY!

Two elderly couples were chatting. One man asked the other: 'How was your visit to the memory clinic?' 'Outstanding, they taught us some techniques'. 'What was the name of the clinic?' Fred's mind went blank, he smiled: 'What do you call that flower with thorns?' 'A rose?'. 'Yes!' He turned to his wife: 'Rose, what was the name of that memory clinic?'



**Please Keep  
In Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**, and especially  
Ronald Savage, Brenda Jubb, Johnny Higgins,  
Fr Bernard Funnell, 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 housebound

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 16: Commentary on the Readings

**Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

Martha and Mary have become classic figures in the Church representing two different styles of life, the active and the contemplative vocation, an active apostolate or a life of prayer. Carried to an extreme, this opposition is, of course, merely silly. No active apostolate can thrive unless it grows out of a life of prayer, for we cannot draw others to the knowledge and love of a God whom we do not ourselves know and love. Nor can a life of prayer be genuine unless it leads to care for others and concern for the salvation of all those whom the Lord loves. Even a strictly enclosed community cannot claim to be a part of Christ's body unless its fabric is one of love and concern for all the members, and especially those in need, the elderly, the sick and the young. In fact, Jesus does not present any such choice between two different religious ways of life. His speech is always in terms of absolutes. He does not use comparatives; he says that Mary has chosen not 'the better' (as our translation has it) but 'the good' part (as the Greek has it). Any 'good' life must be founded on listening devotedly to the Lord and responding to what we have heard.



**First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10**

This splendid narrative of Abraham entertaining the three strangers is chosen by the Church to pair with the gospel reading of Martha and Mary as an example of hospitality. But the tale has many other important aspects to it too. In the story the three men shimmer between being one and three. Since they clearly represent God – in a delightfully human way – this has been understood from the time of the earliest Church writers to be a hint of the Trinity, though the Trinity is not revealed until the New Testament. Another vital element is that it features the beginning of the fulfilment of the promise of a great posterity to Abraham. Abraham's faith has been tested by having to wait until both he and his wife are well beyond the

normal age of conception, and now at last the Lord shows his care for them. A charming scene occurs just after the end of the reading: Sarah laughs at the idea of giving birth to a child at her age which leads to word-play when her son is named Isaac - which means laughs or smiles in Hebrew; this pun recurs several times in the Isaac story. For the sequel to the story, Abraham's bargain with God, we must wait till next week!

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28**

The letter to the Colossians, begun last Sunday and read over four Sundays, is one of the latest of the Pauline letters. Some scholars think it was written not by Paul at all but by a disciple, thoroughly familiar with Paul's thought, applying his master's ideas to a new situation. In any case, it is part of the inspired Scripture handed down to us. The mystery revealed only at the end of time, which Paul was commissioned to proclaim, is that the salvation promised to Abraham and his kin now extends to all people. The author is also very aware that Paul's own sufferings and tribulations in the apostolate mirror and complete those of Christ. When it says that Paul is 'completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions', the author does not mean that Jesus' Passion was somehow faulty or deficient. Rather he means that the Church (as the Body of Christ in every age) must be a suffering Church. His confidence rests in these sufferings, for they enable him to say that Paul is the Servant of the Lord Jesus in just the same way as Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Lord. In 2 Corinthians, when others claim more authority than he has, Paul replies by saying that he has suffered more.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 17

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32  
2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14  
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter: Week 4**

- Sun** Of Sunday
- Mon** Common Dedication of a Church
- Tue** Of Weekday
- Wed** Of Weekday (or + Common Martyr or Pastors)
- Thu** Of Weekday (or + Common Pastors)
- Fri** Proper of Saints
- Sat** Proper of Saints + Common Women Saints)

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

- Mon** Dedication Leeds Cathedral
- Tue** Of Weekday
- Wed** St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr
- Thu** St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Dr of Church
- Fri** St Mary Magdalene, Holy Woman
- Sat** St Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe