



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph



with the churches of  
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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## Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 19, 7 August, 2022

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<b>Saturday</b> 6 August	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<b>Mass Intentions</b> <i>Chris Rayner</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 7 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Fr Norman Christine Feetenby</i>
Monday 8 August	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Liz Finn</i>
Tuesday 9 August			
Wednesday 10 August	Sacred Heart	9.30am Mass	<i>Doris &amp; Ted Ventom</i>
Thursday 11 August	St Joseph's St Joseph's	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass	<i>Carl Bontoft</i>
Friday 12 August	Sacred Heart	8.30am Mass	<i>Decd Bodurka . . . Birkinshaw Fams</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 13 August	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 14 August	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass	<i>Josephine Spencer Fr Bernard Funnell</i>

Next Sunday, 14 August, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God  
The prayers and readings, at Mass, will be those for the Feast

*Sell your  
possessions  
and give alms.  
Get yourselves  
purses that do not  
wear out.*



*Where your  
treasure is,  
there will your  
heart be; so see  
that you are ready  
for action.*

**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

The first part of the Bible, the Old Testament, is common to both Jews and Christians, with some differences. Jews and Protestants recognise the books that were written in Hebrew - thirty nine of them, placed into three main categories, called the *Torah, Nebi'im and Ketubim*.

*Torah* means *law* – not so much in the legal sense but more as instruction. We know this first part of the Jewish Bible as *Pentateuch* (the *five scrolls*), including the books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

*Nebi'im* means *Prophets*. This section is then divided into two parts, the *Former Prophets* (now called the *Historical Books*), including Joshua, Judges, 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings - and the *Later Prophets*, including the four scrolls of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the Scroll of the Twelve. This last scroll includes the writings of twelve so-called *Minor Prophets*: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

*Ketubim* means *writings*. This section includes thirteen books: Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Canticle of Canticles, Ruth, the Lamentations, Qoheleth (Ecclesiastes), Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, 1-2 Chronicles.

Catholics recognise seven books not within the Protestant Bible, each written in Greek, known as the *deutero-canonical* texts: namely Tobit, Judith, Ben Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Baruch, 1-2 Maccabees. (So forty six books in all.)

Unlike the Jewish Bible, the Catholic Canon of the Old Testament is divided into four main parts: the *Pentateuch*, with the same five books as in the Torah - the *Historical Books* - the *Wisdom Books* - the *Prophetic Books* with the Book of Daniel (half prophetic and half apocalyptic).

The Catholic Bible then also includes the New Testament, which has three main sections: the *Gospels* and the *Acts of the Apostles* - the *Epistles*, including Paul's letters, the letter to the Hebrews and the Letters to the entire Church - and the *Book of Revelation* of John.

Above all, the Bible is, for believing Jews and Christians, God's Revelation, a unique record of God's self-communication. God can, of course, also be known through nature and in prayer; but in a very particular way, God chose to reveal himself through the written word as is now found in the Bible. This, indeed, is the main purpose of the Bible. It is not primarily a collection of truths, or commands and laws. Through the Bible, God reveals who he is and how much he has loved and still loves the world and humanity – so much, in fact, that he came as a human being, in Jesus, who tells us who God is and what he is like, and especially of his relationship with human beings, who are his beloved sons and daughters.

From 'The God who Speaks' Website (adapted).



## Things happening in our Parish

We very much need more to read at our Masses, and just now at our St Joseph's Church especially, where soon we will have very few regular readers. ***It would also be good to have more young readers, especially from among those who have been confirmed in recent years.*** Rehearsals can be arranged for any who require some guidance in public speaking or using microphones. Names, please, to Mary Day (Sacred Heart), Margaret Whitehouse (St Joseph's), or Fr Anthony.



**Our Parish SVP** is to meet **Wed 10 Aug**, 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.

**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 12 Aug**, 10.00-12.00am. Do come along for a cuppa, chat, laugh and to meet new friends. All welcome.

### & in our Diocese

**Forewarning** This Autumn, the relics of St Bernadette are to be taken round England, Wales and Scotland, and are due at Leeds Cathedral 3-4 October. As well as the opportunity for private visits, there will be various liturgies celebrated. All are encouraged to register for attendance, sooner rather than later, owing to expected numbers. For details see [stbernadette.org.uk/continuing-the-journey/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/continuing-the-journey/) or to book go to [stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour).

Copy of the Leeds Cathedral programme is displayed on notice boards, at both of our Churches. Some may wish to book for other venues to be visited.

### Reviving Prayers

Some older, well known and loved prayers seem now to be less in memories. There is a tradition of reciting the *Angelus Prayer*, below, at 6.00am, 12.00pm and 6.00pm, but it might, of course, be said at any time

**V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.**

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary . . .

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary . . .

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

31 July **Many Thanks**

Offertory: Loose £211.34  
Envelopes £295.36

## 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.

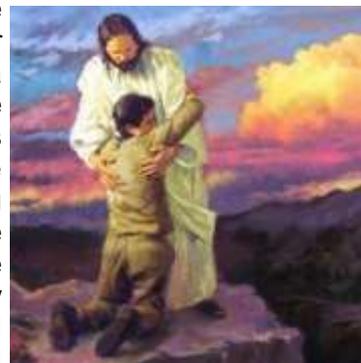
## GOD OF SURPRISES

### The decision in Every Decision - God or Mammon

Although the normal characteristic of the destructive spirit is to cause sadness and anxiety, it can sometimes attack more subtly by giving false consolation, peace, joy, enthusiasm; so this brings us to a second guideline:

2. *True consolation can be distinguished from false consolation by its results. If the consolation is false, the thoughts arising from it will tend towards something evil, or less good, and so lead eventually to disquiet, sadness, etc. In true consolation, the thought arising will tend to what is good.*

At the time, true consolation may be indistinguishable from false: the difference will only become apparent later. Two people may, for example, feel strongly moved by a sense of God's justice. Let us suppose that in one of them the consolation is from God, in the other from destructive spirit. In their subjective feeling of being moved by a sense of God's justice there is no perceptible difference in the consolation they experience, and they are both right in accepting it, and trusting it is from God, but they should also notice the tendency of the thoughts which arise from it. The difference between true and false consolation will only become perceptible to them through the thoughts and actions which follow. If the destructive spirit was the cause of the consolation, then the thoughts and decisions which follow will gradually reveal themselves as destructive. The individual who is falsely inspired in this way may set to work with great enthusiasm but, in his or her zeal for a more just world, may begin to act contemptuously and destructively towards any unfortunates who do not share their world vision! There is a wealth of evidence in the history of the Church of the existence of false consolation and of the destructiveness that can follow if it is not spotted. Monsignor Ronald Knox's *Enthusiasm* is a detailed study of this point.



The daily examination of conscience, already described is a good way of guarding against false consolation. In true consolation there will be a gradual increase of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness and self-control! There is also laughter, merriment and a lightness of touch when God is present. Solemnity, grimness, over-seriousness and frantic hurriedness do not bear the mark of God's action. Worrying and agonizing as to whether we are acting out of true, or of false consolation is destructive, so we must relinquish the agonizing and trust in God's goodness. If we are really on a wrong course, he will make it clear to us in a way we can understand. It is through our decisions in life that we determine the direction our lives shall take.

.....*To be continued*

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

### DO YOU KNOW?

Outside of the celebration of Mass, it is a great benefit if people are able to adore the Blessed Sacrament that is retained in the tabernacle. Some argue that for adoration, the link with Mass is more clearly shown when the tabernacle is on the main sanctuary, rather than in a separate chapel. Some feel less comfortable if the priest has his back to the tabernacle, during Mass, if it is behind the altar, so in some churches the tabernacle is to side of the sanctuary.

*The most common form of the rosary, with ten Hail Marys to each decade, and three mystery sets with five decades each, was made popular by which saint?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!



A man finds a bottle on the beach and pulls out the cork. Out pops a genie, granting three wishes:

Firstly he gets a billion pound, secondly, a brand new Ferrari.

and then he wants to be irresistible to women - flash of light and he turns into a box of chocolates!

Please Keep  
In Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**, and especially



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, Jerry O'Mahony, John Lovely, Tim Byrne  
and all our housebound

### The Word: Year C, Ordinary Time, Sunday 19: Commentary on the Readings

#### Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Just before the reading above, Jesus has warned in St Luke's Gospel about the peril of worldly possession. This is a danger about which Luke, writing to a prosperous audience, continually reminds his audience. Then Jesus issues a series of exhortations to be alert for the final meeting with the Lord, and a series of blessings on those who are so ready. Luke does not have a great scene of a universal final judgement (as Matthew's Gospel does with the parable of the sheep and the goats). For Luke there is no need to wait for a great final judgement scene at the end of the world; instead, with his Greek frame of mind, he is more interested in the individual judgement (for each of these parables concerns a single individual who is rewarded or punished). This is fully compatible with the notion that each individual's final judgement is at death, rather than all together at the end of the world. Most wonderful and startling is the promise (suggested by today's parable) that, after the Master's return at the judgement, he will himself serve the faithful servants.



#### First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

The Book of Wisdom is possibly the latest book of the Old Testament, written not in Hebrew but in Greek, for the Greek-speaking Jews of Alexandria, just a few years before the birth of Jesus. The book is written against the background of considerable hostility between the Jews and the Egyptians. It vigorously attacks the Egyptian worship of idols and especially of sacred animals, but is also vividly aware of Israel's vocation to bring salvation to the whole world. The final section of the book, from which this reading is drawn, makes a series of rhetorical contrasts between the Egyptians and the Israelites at the time of the Exodus. At the very moment at which the Israelites were being delivered from Egypt, the Egyptians were seeing the deaths of the first-born.

The promises to Abraham to make his children God's people were being fulfilled, while their enemies were being punished. This was the moment of the Passover when Israel offered sacrifice and agreed to the divine Law. Most first readings relate to the gospel reading; however, this reading prepares for the second reading, which is a meditation on the journey of God's People. For Christians the Passover of the Lord is the Eucharist.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

The Sunday reading of the Letter to the Hebrews is divided between Years B and C. The author of the letter is unknown; there is no reason to think that it was written by St Paul. Its purpose was to strengthen Jewish priests who had joined the Christian community and were yearning for the sacred rites of Judaism. So it sets out to show that the rites of Christianity are superior. This year we have four readings from the later part of the letter, of which this reading is the first. The principal theme is the journey of the People of God in faith. The faithfulness of the ancestors of Israel, as they journeyed in faith through trials and difficulties, reliant in turn on God's faithfulness, is still an inspiration. Outstanding among their acts of faithful obedience was Abraham willingness to sacrifice his only-begotten son, Isaac, seen by the Church as a foretaste of God's willingness to sacrifice his only-begotten Son to reconcile the world by his obedience. But whereas the resting place which Israel reached (the Promised Land of Israel) was not their final heavenly homeland, the Christian People of God is on pilgrimage to the final place of rest.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

#### The Word: Assumption of Mary, Mother of God

1st Reading: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

### Prayer of the Church

#### Psalter: Week 3

Sun Of Sunday

Mon Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Tue Common of Martyrs or Virgins

Wed Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Thu Of Weekday + Proper of Saints

Fri Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

Sat Of Weekday (or + Proper of Saints)

### This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Dominic, Priest

Tue St Teresa Benedicta, Virgin, Martyr

Wed St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

Thu St Clare, Virgin, Religious

Fri St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Sat St Pontian, Pope, St Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs