

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH'S

WETHERBY, WEST YORKSHIRE *Diocese of Leeds*

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14th JAN 2024 SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (B) Mass Book: p 127)

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Readings and Mass texts can usually be found at: www.universalis.com

Today's first reading is one of my favourite parts of the Old Testament as it shows that passing on of faith from the older generation to the younger. In the baptism ceremony this is described as a "responsibility" with parents and godparents being asked to take it on in all seriousness. That being said, it is the responsibility, and the joy, of us all to nurture and pass on faith to the generations coming after us. There is a Nigerian proverb that "it takes a village to raise a child". Perhaps we can adapt that to say it takes a parish to pass on faith to the children. So, I'm writing this weekend to ask for help.

On Thursday a group of us met to discuss and plan the preparation for the first sacraments (Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation) for the children in our Parish. The preferred way is what is called Family Catechesis, where the children come with a parent or parents, or perhaps grandparent or other relative, and together they take part in the preparation, assisted and supported by catechists and others. In other words, it is meant to enable parents to speak with their children about the faith following a set structure, helping them with their "responsibility".

When we met, we were joined by Jessica who works for the Diocese to promote Family Catechesis and who follows this programme in her own Parish. She said that it takes time, but it really works. I found what she had to say very encouraging, especially as a way of answering the question we keep asking ourselves: how can we support younger families within our Parish and welcome them? (*continued overleaf.....*)

WEEKLY DIARY IN ST JOSEPH'S PARISH (AT ST JOSEPH'S UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)			
14 TH – 21 ST JANUARY 2024 - 2 ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat 13	5-00pm – 5-30pm Confessions 6-00pm Vigil Mass	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 1 Sam 3:3b-10,19 Ps 39 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a,17-20 Jn1 :35-42	Harold and Dorothy White
Sun 14	10-00am Mass with Children's Liturgy followed by Tea and Coffee		People of the Parish
Mon 15	No Mass Today	1 Sam 15:16-23 Ps 49 Mk 2:18-22	
Tue 16	09-30am Mass	1 Sam 16: 1-13 Ps 88 Mk 2:23-28	Jack Willis LD
Wed 17	09-30am Mass	St Anthony Abbot 1 Sam 17 :32-33, 37,40-51 Ps 143 Mk 3: 1-6	Sam Lampitt LD
Thu 18	09-30am Mass	1 Sam 18: 6-9,19 : 1-7, Ps 55 Mk 3:7-12	Janine Smith
Fri 19	09-30am Mass	1 Sam 24: 3-21 Ps 56 Mk 3:13-19	Kathleen Harris
Sat 20	5-00pm-5-30pm Confessions 6-00pm Vigil Mass	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Ps 24 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20	William Dinsdale
Sun 21	10-00am Mass with Childrens Liturgy followed by Tea and Coffee		People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated each morning at Wood Hall Carmel, please check for the time.

Mass is usually celebrated at the Immaculate Conception, Sicklinghall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

The Immaculate Conception Church is available by arrangement with the Trustees, for weddings, baptisms and funerals. In the first instance please contact Fr Andrew or the Parish Office.

Collection 07th January 2024
Cash and Envelopes: £ 534.75
Weekly Standing Orders: £1235.73

Second Collection for the |Poor Missions £ 641.28
Many thanks for your generosity and support

For Internet Banking or to set up a Standing Order:
Account Diocese of Leeds St. Josephs Parish Wetherby
Sort Code 40-27-15
Number 11675141
A DONA card payment station is available in the Narthex of St. Joseph's Donations may be gift aided.

(...from the front page)

To make it work we need lots more helpers. Not necessarily to be catechists, but people who would be willing to sit alongside parents and offer a helping hand in the sessions; people to look after refreshments; those who would be willing to set up the Hall and welcome people.

It's all very much in the planning phase, but as you can see below, we have dates in place already and we need to make a start. I feel a little embarrassed at making an appeal as I am about to disappear for a couple of weeks, but there is a need.

If you think you could help, even for one or two sessions only, could I ask you to e-mail the Parish Office or leave a message, with an indication of what you might be willing to do, and when I'm back we can start putting things together. Thankyou. *Fr Andrew*

Welcome Back

I shall be away from 14 – 26 January 2024. It's a pleasure to welcome back Mgr Stephen Alker MBE who will be staying in the Presbytery throughout that time.

Children's Liturgy and Altar Servers

This Sunday the Children's Liturgy will recommence. Please do encourage your children to take part in it, and for the younger ones, please feel able to accompany them to it.

We have a great group of cheerful and willing altar servers, and it would be good to have more. Any young person who has made their First Communion is welcome to join in – there is on the job training! Please let Fr Andrew know or have a word with Alan Dinsdale... or just turn up.

Monthly Holy Hour

A reminder that the monthly hour of exposition, benediction and personal prayer will begin again on the last Wednesday of the month (31 January 2024) between 6-30pm and 7-30pm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This Thursday, 18 January 2024, sees the beginning of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which ends on Thursday, 25 January 2024, the celebration of the Conversion of St Paul.

The week begins in Wetherby with an Ecumenical Service in the Methodist Church at 7-30pm on Thursday 18 January 2024. It is then followed by the Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Wetherby and District. Please do accept the invitation to attend and even if you are not able to stay for the Meeting, to attend the Service would be a good thing to do.

Academy Trust Directors

During the coming year there will be a need for a number of foundation directors for the Academy Trusts in the Diocese. There are slightly different skills and experience required to those of being a School Governor, though having been a Governor is useful. If you think you could be interested, please let Fr Andrew know.

First Sacraments in 2024

Confirmation

For children in Year 6 who have made their first confession and first communion. The first session is at **4-30pm on Saturday 24 January 2024**, followed by evening Mass. The Confirmation celebration will be at **6-00pm on Tuesday 19 March 2024 – the Feast of St Joseph.**

First Reconciliation

For children in Year 3, **10-00am on Saturday, 23 March 2024.** The introductory session will take place at **6-00pm on Thursday, 1 February 2024** at St Joseph's Church.

First Holy Communion

For children in Year 4 **Saturday 8 June 2024 at 10-30am.** The introductory session will take place at **6-00pm on Tuesday 16 April 2024** at St Joseph's Church.

SVP – Discrete Help for Tough Times

When you need a friend or support with everyday living the SVP are only a phone call away 07759 044263. Please continue to support with donations into the Food Box in the Narthex of St Joseph's. There are many in need at this time.

A few things for the diary...

27/28 January 2024 – SVP Report to the Parish
14 February 2024 – Ash Wednesday (Evening Mass in Sicklinghall)
24 March 2024 – Palm Sunday, 10-00am Mass led by Schoolchildren
9 May 2024 – SVP Sponsored Walk
15 June 2024 – Mass with Anointing of the Sick
29 June 2024 – Ss Peter & Paul, 6-00pm Mass led by Schoolchildren
14 November 2024 – 2-00pm Remembrance Mass for the Bereaved.

Readers, Children's Liturgy & Refreshments

This Weekend 13th/14th January 2024

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

6.00pm Leonora Tate/Jo Parascandolo

10.00am Mary Farnell/Mike Forest

Coffee Antoinette, Anna & Mike Fineberg

Next Weekend 20th/21st January 2023

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Vigil 6.00pm Noah Ronicle/Holly Ronicle

10.00am Andy Minshull/Margaret Rosser

Coffee Marie Clinker and Bob Bentley

Katangi Prizes still to be claimed

Please collect your prizes

02nd July Mike Woodhead

Christmas Draw 17th December

1st Prize CJ & CM Kay

2nd Prize Owen Clarke