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The Month of January is devoted to The Holy Name of Jesus



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, 10 January 2021



Saturday

5.00 p.m. John Walton

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Pat Kirk

Monday *Feria*

12.00 p.m. Requiem for Rosalee Travis

Tuesday St Aelred of Rievaulx, abbot
St Benedict (Benet) Biscop, abbot

No Mass

Wednesday St Hilary, bishop, doctor of the church

10.00 a.m. Margaret Stancer

Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday *Feria*

No Mass

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Anne Brown

11.15 a.m. Yorkshire Brethren

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Mgr Mark Langham, Teddy Howes, Rae Goodlad, Sr Emma Bechold, Marie Lennox, Katie Glackin, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Michael Goodfellow, Pauline Collins, Sheila Ryan, Linda Costello, and Edward Keefe.

Lately dead: Anne Brown, Carole Dixon, Rosalie Travis **RIP**

And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

Sort Code: 40-41-07 Account Number: 01095153

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to:

'Woodseats R C Parish Account'. The bank will not accept any variation.

Sr. Anne, the sister of John Walton would like to thank all the parishioners for their kindness, offers of help, cards, Mass cards and donations to Outreach. May God bless each one of you and your families.

Weekend Masses - from this weekend, when booking for Mass, the same system we used for Christmas will be in place. Therefore, you will have seats allocated at the time of booking. We will now be able to have more numbers in church so those who were leaving the weekends free for those who couldn't go during the week may book for whenever they wish!
You may also book for up to 4 weeks ahead to save having to ring every week. *However, it is important that you let us know if you have booked but are unable to attend.*

Please note, there are no longer any restrictions as to when you can ring and book Mass. However, having said that, I don't work at weekends!! ***and cannot access emails*** or the booking programme on the computer, so if you have not rung by 3.00pm on Friday it will not be possible to book you in.
You can ring the presbytery and leave your name with Fr Stephen, but there is no guarantee there will be a seat for you.

Please note - There will be no Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays until further notice. This is due to a lack of stewards. With the increased risk from the new variant of the virus, cleaning and disinfecting is an even bigger job. ***If you could help with being a steward please contact Maria Mahon on 07904499610 or Alexis Tucker on 07870442479.***
Thank you

Right To Life UK are asking for prayers to help prevent abortion. For the next few weeks a bidding prayer will be included in the newsletter - you are asked to pray for the lives of unborn children and their parents.

January 10th - *"As we celebrate the baptism of our Lord, we recall our own baptism and the promise of life we have gained through it. We pray that all would be given the opportunity to experience life in its fullness, both in this world and the next. Lord hear us."*

RESTORED LIVES - ONLINE COURSE FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

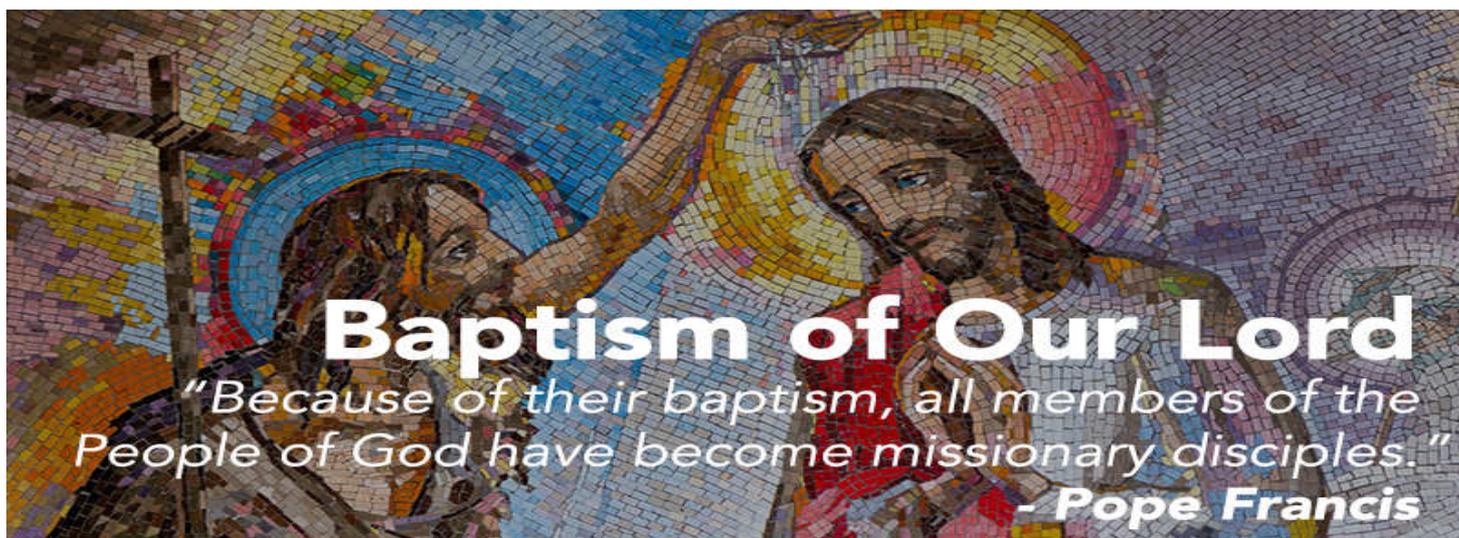
Recovering from relationship breakdown? The Restored Lives course supports and helps people to move forward from divorce and separation, or the breakdown of any serious relationship, to live a full life, free from past issues.

A six session ZOOM course commences Wednesday February 3rd. 6pm - 8pm

£20 including handbook (unwaged free of charge)

Booking essential - see booking form (available on the website - olstsheffield.org.uk)

Or contact stym@hallam-diocese.com 0114 2566407



Looking for something new for 2021? Join our CAFOD Volunteer Team. Just a few hours a month could help us to share updates and enable our parish community to take action for global justice. Please help us to keep the conversations about human rights, social justice and climate action going, and stay connected with those who are impacted by poverty and injustice. You will be supported by Angela Powell our local CAFOD worker for Hallam diocese. Contact her for more details: apowell@cafod.org.uk or sign up here www.cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Sign-up

Outreach Zoom Meeting this Monday 11th January 7.30pm will be looking ahead to Lent -already! All welcome. Please contact Angela Wood for the Zoom link: david.angela.wood@gmail.com

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide.

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide.

It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

*If you want happiness
For an hour, take a nap.
If you want happiness
For a day, go fishing.
If you want happiness
For a year, inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness
For a lifetime, help somebody.*

Chinese Proverb

**An excerpt from In Memoriam
By Alfred, Lord Tennyson
Ring Out, Wild Bells**

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Newsletter - As you can probably tell from the space and the content, or lack thereof, there isn't an awful lot to go in the newsletter. If you have any news or information you'd like to share, or need to advertise something, then do pass it on and it can be included. Send anything to for the newsletter to olstsheffield@btinternet.com

Thought for the Week

On the Holy Name of Jesus

St. Bernard of Clairvaux said, *“Nothing so curbs the onset of anger, so allays the upsurge of pride.*

It cures the wound of envy, controls unbridled extravagance, and quenches the flame of lust; it cools the thirst of covetousness and banishes the itch of unclean desire... For when I name Jesus, I set before me a man who is meek and humble of heart, kind, prudent, chaste, merciful, flawlessly upright and holy in the eyes of all; and this same man is the all-powerful God whose way of life heals me, whose support is my strength.

An ecumenical Christian prayer

O God, Trinity of love,
from the profound communion of your divine life,
pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love.

Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,
in his family of Nazareth,
and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,
discovering Christ in each human being,
recognizing him crucified
in the sufferings of the abandoned
and forgotten of our world,
and risen in each brother or sister
who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves. Amen.

*From Fratelli Tutti (all brothers and sisters):
Pope Francis's recent encyclical*

Prayer for the Week

Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the
River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

This Week's Readings BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*

Responsorial Psalm: 28

Second Reading: *Acts 10:34-38*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

Next Week's Readings Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Gospel: *Mark 1:14-20*



The Gate of the Year by Minnie Louise Haskins

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.” And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.