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The Month of March is devoted to Saint Joseph

LAETARE
SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday (B))

10th March 2024 Psalter Week 4

LAETARE
SUNDAY

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Mass & Sheila Taylor RIP
Children's Liturgy

11.15 a.m. D. B. Santos

Monday

No Mass *Lenten Feria*

7.00 p.m. Reception of Fred Sherwood

Tuesday (M/Head)

10.00 a.m. Requiem Mass for Fred Sherwood

Wednesday *Lenten Feria*

9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00 a.m. Chris and Amber Shepherd

Thursday *Lenten Feria*

No Mass

Friday **Bl John Anne (Amias), priest and martyr**

12.00 p.m. Fred Sherwood

Saturday *Lenten Feria*

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Mary McCarthy

11.15 a.m. Corazon Gilbert

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray for: Our sick:

David Gage, Helen Aulton, Anne Grayson, Stephen Bingley, Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes, and Fr Michael O'Connor.

Lately dead: Fred Sherwood and Lucia Sacco (sister of Pina Ward) **RIP**

Responsorial Psalm: 136

R: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for the weekends of 3rd March was £374.67. Thank you.

Come to Mass with no cash? You can make weekly donations by card on the machines in the porch or at the side door table. You can gift-aid too! Please make use of this service if you can.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish Rooms 10.00am 18th March

Friday Lunch Club follows Mass at noon

Registered Charity No 512021

If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm or requires repair please let Liz Mason, Fr Stephen or Simon Jones know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.





This weekend we welcome Fr Emmanuel Mbeh MHM, who will be making an appeal on behalf of MISSIO, the Pope's charity for World Mission (www.missio.org.uk) .

The Requiem Mass for Fred Sherwood is this Tuesday, 12 March, at Meadowhead at 10.00am. He will be received into church on the evening of Monday 11 March at 7.00pm.
NOTE: There will be no Mass at Totley this Tuesday.

Drop-in event with Parish Safeguarding Representatives THIS FRIDAY 15 March from 9.30 till 10.30 am. Join Angela and Claire for an informal drop-in session in the Parish rooms, if you want to find out about our role ; discuss any concerns; or share your good ideas about how to make our Parish community into a truly safe, respectful and welcoming environment. **Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:**
Angela Holman Email address: safeguarding1olst@hallam-diocese.com
Claire Parsons Email address: safeguarding2olst@hallam-diocese.com

Calling all mini Vinnies - next Sunday, 17th March, we have been asked to help out at the St Patrick's Day lunch in the parish rooms (*see the next item below.*) If you are free to come and help please ask a parent or guardian to check the parish Facebook group for more information. Children will need to have a responsible adult stay with them. Any questions just ask Molly Baxter after Mass.

NO Lenten lunch this weekend but.....Come and celebrate St Patrick's Day on Sunday 17th March after the 11.15 Mass.

Whether any Irish blood runs in your veins, you've visited The Emerald Isle or just drunk a pint of Guinness, no-one ever needs an excuse to celebrate Ireland's Saint's Day and wear the green! We can remember all those who lost their lives during the potato famine by feasting on a baked potato with a variety of fillings followed by a small piece of fruit.



Any donations will be given to our Mini Vinnies to enable them to carry out their mission in our parish.

..... and further to the previous article, when a saint's feast day falls on a Sunday the feast is not observed. So it won't be the Mass for St Patrick's Day next Sunday. However, after 9.15am Mass has ended (after the dismissal) we might sing hymn number 383 "Hail glorious St Patrick". There are numerous recordings of the hymn available online if you want to familiarise yourself with the melody.



Music for the Triduum and Easter: The liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are a celebration for the whole parish. If you would like to help with the music to lead the parish in worship come and take part. There will be music/choir practices (all at Meadowhead) on Mondays 11, 18 and 25 March at 5.00 pm, and Tuesday 26 March at **8.00 pm**

Easter Vigil Celebration: volunteers needed It has long been a parish tradition to hold a celebration in the parish rooms after the Vigil, with food and drink supplied by the parish, and to which everyone is welcome. Frances Green has once again kindly volunteered to do the advance preparation and to purchase the food, but she will need some volunteers to help set up on the evening, to work in the kitchen and clear up afterwards. If you can help, see Frances or Tony or email me at the parish email address. Many thanks.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

27th March, Spy Wednesday 7.30pm - Penitential Service
28th March, Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper 8.00pm
29th March, Good Friday - Stations of the Cross 10.00am
 Good Friday - Liturgy of The Lord's Passion 3.00pm
30th March, Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 8.00pm
31st March, Easter Sunday - 9.00am Mass at Totley;
 9.15am & 11.15am Mass at Meadowhead

LENT
 Pray + Fast + Give





Next weekend there will be the annual diocesan collection for LIFE.

Fr Peter McGuire writes: “Only a few days ago it was announced that the government is planning to offer to parents who have lost a baby before 24 weeks of pregnancy a certificate in recognition of their loss. This is surely good news. How difficult to understand, then, that at the same time there are those who are pushing Parliament to allow abortions to be carried out later and later.

LIFE spends much of its time helping women to avoid such a loss through abortion. LIFE also helps those who experience the loss of a baby in any circumstances to cope with their loss. The LIFE way is always a compassionate way grounded on the value of the unborn child and in solidarity with the pregnant woman.”

Vacancies from 1 September 2024 at All Saints School

Curriculum Leader for Business and Economics MPR / UPR plus TLR2a (£3,214)

Subject Leader for Design Technology (Food and Nutrition Specialist) MPR/UPR and TLR 2b (£5,352)

Please visit school website for an application pack www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies

Celebrate 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark (see Lent insert)

5 Start a Petition. Supporting us isn't just about signing petitions – you can start one too! Get a bit of inspiration from the children at St Peter's Catholic Primary School. They started a petition urging the UK government to start including Fairtrade bananas in their Free Fruit and Vegetables scheme.



Watch the video from St. Peter's School <https://vimeo.com/786237935?l>



Since 2021, March has become the month for Christians living in Sheffield & the surrounding areas **to actively and consciously go out and 'prayer walk' the streets;** asking for God's blessing & transforming grace. So simple yet so powerful ! Just as there are many ways to pray, there are many ways to prayer walk. For inspiration, see a short video from Arise via this link. Do join in this collective prayer movement as suits you best. <https://youtu.be/df800sxpjU>

THE WINNERS FOR THE FEBRUARY 100 GIVE TO LIVE DRAW ARE:-

1st No 81 Alan Southeran

2nd No 108 Margaret Eames

3rd No 34 Kath Young

Thank you all for your continued support.

March Meeting

Christ Church Community Centre Dore, S17 3GA
7pm: Fellowship - 7.30pm Worship

Special Guest Speaker: Simon Copley

Lenten Offertory Collections: Throughout Lent as we make greater efforts at self denial for the health of our own body & soul, we can also benefit our neighbours' bodies and souls by channelling any money saved thereby to meet their needs.
Thank you for your generosity so far.

4th Sunday of Lent: Money collection for Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. www.missio.org.uk

5th Sunday of Lent: Money Collection for LIFE. Groceries for Grace Food Bank, particularly: Breakfast Cereal, Instant Mashed Potato, Tea and Coffee, Microwave Rice and Instant Noodles, Tinned Meat, Biscuits – but every single packet, tin or jar will be very gratefully received!

6th Sunday of Lent: Small /medium underwear pants, vests and T Shirts, socks & size 7-10 shoes - Ben's Centre.





HYMNBOOK NUMBERS

Mass setting Ordinary The Celtic Mass

Holy, Holy, Holy 553; Memorial Acclamation 554; Lamb of God 591



Today, the Fourth Sunday in Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. It is part of human nature that we cannot go on being penitent for a long time, or we sink into a settled and insincere gloom rather than working at the definite and active spiritual exercise called penance.

The Church knows human nature, and both in Advent and Lent there is a moment where the atmosphere of penance and preparation is brightened by a shaft of light from the glorious season we are preparing ourselves for.

The third Sunday of Advent tells us ‘*Gaudete, rejoice!*’ because the Lord is near and the fourth Sunday of Lent says ‘*Laetare, Jerusalem, be joyful, Jerusalem, and all who love her!*’ because she herself is loved by the Lord.

Universalis

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

God our Father, grant that all your children may know what it is to feel loved and cherished.

We give thanks for mothers throughout the world who give everything for their children despite the challenges they face.
Amen.

CAFOD

This Week's Readings

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

First Reading: *2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23*

Responsorial Psalm: *136*

Second Reading: *Ephesians 2: 4-10*

Gospel: *John 3:14-21*

A CAFOD prayer / reflection on the Fifth Station of the Cross (Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the Cross)

Jesus, you know what it means to depend on someone and to need their help. **Walk with us.**

When my friends need help, teach me to work with them to lighten their load.

Show me how to listen carefully so that I can offer what they need.

We are your global family of many different cultures and religions. Make us one family united in you. **Amen.**

Next Week's Readings

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Responsorial Psalm: *50*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 5:7-9*

Gospel: *John 12:20-33*

This week's ministries:

Communion

5.00pm: S Davey, J Brook

9.15am: C Parsons, N Parsons, M Mahon

11.15am: E Williamson, P Orkamfat, M Richardson

Readers:

5.00pm: V Coomer, G Higgins

9.15am: S Corker, K Corker

11.15am: J McNally, J-J Carter

This Friday, 15 March, our diocese celebrates **the feast day of Blessed John Anne (also known as John Amias)**, a martyr of the Catholic mission to Elizabethan England in the late 1500's.

Born in Wakefield, he may have been married and widowed before entering the English College at Rheims, where he was ordained priest in 1581. Little is known of his missionary life, but in late 1588 he was arrested in Lancashire. He was hanged, drawn and quartered outside York on 16 March 1589, together with a fellow priest, **Robert Dalby**. Both were beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1929.

Next Week's Ministries 16/17 March 2024

Communion 5.00 p.m. K Durkin, V Coomer

9.15 a.m. B Ayanleke, A Tucker, A Tucker

11.15 a.m. M Harrison, S Campos, H Stones

Readers 5.00 p.m. A Southeran, E Watson

9.15 a.m. L Grady, C Farragher

11.15 a.m. M Pybus, J McNally

Welcomers 9.15 a.m. N Parsons

11.15 a.m. S Reynolds

