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The Month of February is devoted to The Holy Trinity

**Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)
11th February 2024 Psalter Week 2**

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. John Phelan Snr

11.15 a.m. Elizabeth Robinson

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Feria*

10.00 a.m.

The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday

10.00 a.m. People of the Parish

7.30 p.m.

Thursday *Lenten Feria*

No Mass

Friday *Lenten Feria*

12.00 p.m.

Saturday **BL WILLIAM RICHARDSON,
PRIEST, MARTYR**

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Sheila Taylor

11.15 a.m. Muriel Coverley RIP

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, Fred Sherwood, and Fr Michael O'Connor.

Lately dead: Maureen Ijeoma (sister of Deacon Christian) RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 31

R: *You are my hiding place, O Lord; you surround me with cries of deliverance.*

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for the 4th February is £312.97 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
19th February

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.



Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses will be at Meadowhead at 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Mary's Meals Appeal THIS Weekend: Founded in 2002, and named in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary's Meals now serves over 2.4 million nutritious school meals every day to children living in some of the world's poorest countries.

There will be an appeal on behalf of the charity at Masses this weekend, 10/11 February.

Happy 50th Birthday, Outreach!

This year marks fifty years since the founding of our Parish Outreach group. We work with partners both at home and overseas, raising funds for projects with which members of the parish have some personal connection. Locally we support the work of ASCEND, a local employment programme for young adults; ASSIST which provides relief for asylum seekers; Ben's Centre; the Grace Food Bank; the Hallam Caring Service; Sheffield Samaritans; the SVP furniture store; St Wilfrid's; The Besom project; and Transport 17. Abroad we currently support partners in projects in Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Southern India, and the Bethlehem Carer and Hospice Trust.

Our three main fund-raising events each year are 'Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings' in the spring; 'Coffee, Cakes and Crafts' in November and the parish raffle. We also ask people to give their loose change every month via the Give to Live scheme, or Join the 100 Club- where you can both give, and have a chance of receiving, with monthly cash prizes!

We meet once a month on either a Monday or Tuesday evening, and any member of the parish is welcome to attend. Post pandemic, most of our meetings are via Zoom. Look out for details in the newsletter. We would love to welcome new friends and hear your ideas for the group- there is no age limit, and no need to attend every meeting or get involved in every activity.

Children's Liturgy sessions at the 9.15am Mass will be on as usual during half term (Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th February).

Stations of the Cross During Lent - There will be Stations of the Cross after Mass on Tuesdays at Totley and before Mass on Wednesdays, at 9.30 at Meadowhead.

Ash Wednesday is the doorway into our Lenten season of renewal – a day rich in associations and symbolism. It marks the beginning of Lent – a time for turning again to the practice of our faith, in prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving).

Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, many Catholics consider it important to receive ashes on this day. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a period of 40 days (Sundays excluded) in which Catholics prepare for Eastertide. This period also represents the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert as well as the 40 years that the Israelites spent in exile.

The ashes themselves come from the burned palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration: thus bringing us full circle to our last celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that we are called to turn away from sin, to repent and to believe the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Mini Vinnies - Thanks so much to all those who turned up to the first meeting, if you couldn't make it but are still interested in joining us or finding out more about it you will be very welcome at our next meeting.

Next Sunday will be the 1st Lent Lunch: Outreach invite you to a simple lunch of soup, bread and fruit in solidarity with those who don't have the luxury of that choice. All donations will be shared between our Parish Outreach partners here in Sheffield and around the world.



There are still 3 Sundays available if you would like to organise a lunch for a charity of your choice. To book your date please contact Angela Wood at david.angela.wood@gmail.com or 07947 731 262.

Eucharistic Ministers - If you have recently agreed to become a Eucharistic Minister in the Parish and were unable to attend the last meeting about training; further advice and information can be obtained. Please contact us via email : lex0505@gmail.com or speak to Alexis Tucker or Claire Parsons. Messages can also be sent via the Parish office.

Also, if you are interested in being a minister please speak to Fr Stephen.

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

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Will you join the next 40 Days for Life - campaign in Sheffield? During the 40 Days for Life, we unite in prayer, fasting and public witness for life. We pray to change hearts and minds, and want pregnant women in difficult circumstances to know there are other options available and that we want to help. If you are able to join us, contact Rachel on 07368297872 or 40dforlsheffield@gmail.com

Church Action on Poverty Sunday - This Sunday is also Church Action on Poverty Sunday. Church Action on Poverty, the national ecumenical Christian social justice charity, committed to tackling poverty in the UK, writes on its website: "The ongoing cost-of-living emergency is driving more and more people into poverty. As a General Election approaches, we urgently need our politicians to take action to tackle UK poverty. Let's explore our dreams of a better world – and work together to turn them into reality." For information on how to give, act and pray as part of the movement to end UK poverty, visit <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday/>

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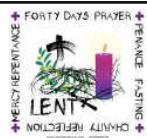


St William's will celebrate Morning and Night Prayer of the Church by Zoom each day in Lent. Morning 9am (8:30am on Sundays) is 15-20 minutes. Night 9pm (until the Wednesday of Holy Week) is 10-15 minutes. You are welcome to join. All the words are on the screen. You won't be asked to do anything unless you want to. You can just come when you wish.
Meeting ID: 958 9998 6746 Passcode: 296487
If you want to find out more, or want a single link to join, see the menu item 'Prayer of the Church via Zoom' on St William's web pages.

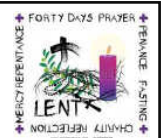


Do you have the gift of being a good communicator?




The Diocesan Communications Group would like to broaden its membership so that it is more representative of people from all over the diocese. The group currently meets monthly for about 60 minutes. If you have any skills or experience in journalism, website development or social media content generation and are willing to share your knowledge and experience we would love to hear from you. Contact Arthi Fernando communications@hallam-diocese.com for more information or to express your interest in joining the group.



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 through continuing support of CAFOD's work and by joining in the Practical Offertories.



(see the plan in the Lent insert.)
Starting NEXT WEEK

-  **1st Sunday of Lent:** Regular 3rd Sunday of the Month collections of Groceries for Grace Foodbank who are currently shortest of: tinned meat, instant mashed potato, jars of pasta sauce, tinned pasta, tea and coffee, microwave rice and instant noodles, biscuits, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet roll. There are no surpluses at the moment and every single packet, tin or jar will be very gratefully received!
-  **2nd Sunday of Lent:** 25th CAFOD Fast Day envelope collection and household items for SVP Furniture Store.
-  **3rd Sunday of Lent:** 3rd March Regular 1st Sunday Give to Live collection and tinned ham/tuna, washing up liquid, dishwasher tablets, black bin liners & money for cheese and potatoes for St Wilfrid's Centre.
-  **4th Sunday of Lent:** Money collection for LIFE;
-  **5th Sunday of Lent:** Groceries for Grace Food Bank
-  **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 Time Pershore Mass

Gloria 524; Holy Holy 579; Memorial Acclamation 580; Lamb of God 589



Day of Prayer for the Unemployed TODAY

The Sunday before the start of Lent has been kept by all the churches as a special Day of Prayer for the Unemployed in the UK for over twenty years. Since St John Paul II's letter about work, *Laborum Exercens*, in 1981 the Church has insisted on the importance of workers' rights, the right to join Trade Unions, the right to decent working conditions and hours, the right to strike etc; a person's physical labour is not something to be sold or exploited by his or her employer. Work has a spiritual and religious meaning. For God, everything about our life is special, so the work we do has a meaning; each one of us has a vocation. This is why traditionally sloth or idleness has always been considered sinful. This doesn't mean that we should overwork, that we shouldn't rest or enjoy a decent retirement. But enforced idleness as a result of unemployment is a social evil and is not in accord with God's will. There are many ethical issues surrounding both the nature of work and unemployment. Movement of peoples, more frequent changes in jobs in people's lifetimes, attacks on the rights of workers through unfair contracts affect people all over the world. It is important for Christians to look at these issues with the eyes of faith.

Prayer for Unemployment Sunday

O God, the source of human dignity, in your image every person is fashioned, and by your Son all people are redeemed. Make us honour the work of your hands, that we may reverence you in those whom the world considers least and serve you in all whom society neglects.

Catholic Bishops Conference

Pause for Thought



**Say to someone something kind,
speak praise sincerely meant.**

**Express appreciation
and give encouragement.**

**For we inspire and influence
just through the words we say.
Within us lies the power to bless
and change somebody's day.**



Prayer for Week

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and eternal God,
you hate nothing you have made
and you forgive the sins of those who are penitent.
Create in us new and contrite hearts
that we truly repent of our sins,
acknowledge our wretchedness,
and obtain perfect forgiveness from you,
the God of all mercy;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

This Week's Readings

Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)

First Reading: *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46*

Responsorial Psalm: 31

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:31-11.1*

Gospel: *Mark 1:40-45*

Next Week's Readings

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

First Reading: *Genesis 9:8-15*

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Second Reading: *1 Peter 3:18-22*

Gospel: *Mark 1:12-15*

This week's ministries:

Communion

5.00pm: J Brook, V Coomer

9.15am: M Mahon, B Ayanleke, P Ashby

11.15am: E Williamson, J McNally, P Corkell

Readers:

5.00pm: A Southeran, E Watson

9.15am: S Jones, J Fojut

11.15am: M Pybus, P Moon

Next Week's Ministries 17/18 February 2024

Communion 5.00 p.m. K Durkin, S Davey

9.15 a.m. A Tucker, A Tucker, J Tucker

11.15 a.m. P Or Kam Fat, K O'Brien, M Richardson

Readers 5.00 p.m. G Higgins, + 1 other

9.15 a.m. F Green, M Ayanleke

11.15 a.m. A Willcock, J-J Carter

Welcomers 9.15 a.m. S Jones

11.15 a.m. H Stones, S Campos

