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

*Baptism
of the Lord*

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Sunday, 12th January 2025 (C)

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Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Andrew Richardson

11.15 a.m. Anne Moisey

Monday

No Mass St Hilary, bishop, doctor

Tuesday (Totley)

No Mass *Feria*

Wednesday

No Mass *Feria*

Thursday

No Mass *Feria*

Friday St Antony, abbot

12.00 p.m. Conor McMeel RIP

Saturday *Feria*

No Mass

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Kate Phelan

11.15 a.m. Anne-Marie Byrne
and family

Pray for our sick:

Pat Durkin, Brenda Charles,
Theresa Greensmith, Stephen Bingley,
Philomena McNally, Sue Jarman,
Anne-Marie Fletcher, Molly Upton,
Pauline Souflas, Patricia McGuone,
Helen Aulton, Sheila Hurst,
Teddy Howes and Paul Smith.

Lately dead: Beryl Tucker **RIP**

Responsorial Psalm: 104

R: Bless the Lord, O my Soul!
My God, how great you are!

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total
for 5th January 2025 is £306.70. Thank you.

Come to Mass with no cash? You can
donate by card on the machines in the porch
and by the side door. You can gift-aid too!

Events for the Coming Week

Friday 12.30 Lunch Club follows Mass at noon.

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 Clement or Simon Jones know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.

We thank and warmly welcome Fr Geoff Bottoms and Fr Chris Ainslie, who will be celebrating Masses with us this weekend.

Please note there are no weekday Masses this week except for the Lunch Club Mass on Friday.

Next Sunday, 19 January the Catholic Church will mark Peace Sunday 2025.

There will be a talk and retiring collection at Masses at Meadowhead on that day in support of the work of **Pax Christi**, the International Catholic Movement for Peace.

Parish Outreach Zoom meeting this Monday 13th January at 7.30pm. All welcome. Do you want to get more involved this year? Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Thank you.

Opening Hymn at the 9.15 Mass

1. There is a river that flows from God above;
there is a fountain that's filled with His great love.

Chorus:

*Come to the waters; there is a great supply;
there is a river that never shall run dry.*

2. Wash me with water, and then I shall be clean;
white as the new snow, if You remove my sin.

3. Plunged in the water, the tomb of our rebirth,
so may we rise up to share in Christ's new life.

4. All who are thirsty, now hear God as He calls;
come to the Lord's side, His life pours out for all.

5. Safe in the new Ark, the Church of Christ our Lord,
praise God of water, His sign to save the world.

Grace Foodbank Our regular 3rd Sunday collection of

Groceries in church for our local Foodbank here in S8 is next Sunday, 19th January

Or you can donate at any time at shops eg Sainsbury, Archer Rd. We are currently shortest of *Coffee, Tinned meat, Rice, Biscuits, Jam, Shampoo.*

For updates to the list and other information eg how to donate money, please check out <https://gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk/>
Thank you



SPUC is the oldest grassroots pro-life organisation. The Sheffield SPUC branch meets quarterly to support their work to protect life from conception to natural death.

If you would like to attend the upcoming meeting, it is Thursday 16th January at 7:30pm in the Upper Room at the Mother of God Church, S7 1DX.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few” Matthew 9:37

ALPHA @ S17

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone's invited.

As part of a city-wide programme, the S17 churches are hosting Alpha – more details and how to book can be accessed via tryalphasheffield.org.uk, scan the QR code or message David Fletcher on 07895 262220.

A launch party is planned at 7pm on Tuesday 21 January at The Dore Bar & Grill, Church Lane, Dore (S17 3GS), with the Alpha course starting the week after at 7pm on Tuesday 28 January at Dore Community Centre, Townhead Road, Dore (S17 3GA)

If you know someone who may be curious about exploring their faith, or even rediscovering their faith, please let them know about this forthcoming opportunity.

"I said this year would be the year of saying yes to all opportunities for me. I am so glad I said yes to Alpha - I've loved it and time with you all." (Participant from the 2024 Alpha in S17)

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

Angela Holman Email address: safeguarding1olst@hallam-diocese.com

Claire Parsons Email address: safeguarding2olst@hallam-diocese.com

Free Wellbeing Course for Women

A free six-week course for a happier and more relaxed you.

Starting for six weekly sessions from Monday 3rd February 6.30-7.30pm online.

Join us to explore;

Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.

Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience.

Being more assertive and setting boundaries – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.

Stress and relaxation techniques – learning new skills for a more relaxed you.

Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in your life.

Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

To book a place or find out for information contact Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Mini Vinnies 2025

Molly Barham writes:

After a successful start in 2024, we've had a quiet few months but are now keen to get the group up and running again in 2025.

The group is made up of young people from the parish aged 7 and up. We meet between the two Sunday Masses once a month. This year I thought it would be helpful to send out the dates for the whole year.

The first meeting of the year will be **Sunday 26th January**. If you have not come along before and are interested in joining us do feel free to drop in one Sunday. If there are any adults who feel they could get involved, please get in touch with me. All adults have to have a DBS check which can be arranged through the parish safeguarding team.

The dates for the year are as follows:

26th January, 2nd March, 27th April,
18th May, 29th June, 27th July,
24th August, 28th September,
19th October, 30th November,
and 21 December.

Vocations Events

The Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) are running two events in the coming few weeks:

Vocations Chat 16th January ONLINE For young people (17 - 30) An online opportunity to find out more about the vocation to religious life and priesthood. There will be some input from different Religious, opportunity to chat with other young people who are asking similar questions, and time for a Q&A session.

Register: <https://bit.ly/VocationsChat25>

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) - Discerning God's Call in your life

21st - 23rd February Location: Liverpool - In Person

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org

Les Mis 40th anniversary concert on the big screen

Remember those annual parish outings to London's West End musicals that our culture vulture parish secretary used to organise back in the day? Phantom of the Opera; Sound of Music; Mamma Mia!; Top Hat; War Horse; Wicked; The Lion King etc. And, of course, **Les Miserables:** so good we went there twice.

If you just can't get enough of "Bring Him Home, I Dreamed a Dream, One Day More etc", there is a unique opportunity to experience the spectacular staged 40th Anniversary concert version on the big screen, featuring an all-star cast including Michael Ball, Alfie Boe, Carrie Hope Fletcher, Matt Lucas and John Owen Jones. At Cineworld cinemas **on 2nd February**. Visit the Cineworld website for booking details.

The Baptism of the Lord





Mass Setting - Mass of Creation

Gloria 489, Holy Holy 490, Memorial Acclamation 491 – 493, Amen 494, Lamb of God 495.



Reflecting on our Baptism

The Solemnity of The Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrate today, is the last of three great manifestations or revelations of the Christmas season: **Christmas**, when God comes among us with the Good News for the poor, the outcast and the sinner; **Epiphany**, when God comes among us with a message of salvation for all the people of the world, not just for one select group; **The Baptism of Jesus**, when God is seen as specially present in Jesus and working in him and through him.

It is an opportunity for us to reflect on our own baptism. That is not something which happened a long time and which “made” us Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects; it is the beginning of a lifelong journey; of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members. Our baptism is essentially a community experience, not just a private or a family event. It involves active participation in the life of the Church and not just passive membership.

Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel: to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. So let us today renew our faith in and our commitment to follow Jesus. Let us re-affirm our readiness to carry on his work. Without our co-operation, much of God’s work will never get done.

This Monday we celebrate the feast day of **Saint Hilary of Poitiers**, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. In the early days of the Christian Roman Empire in the 4th Century, he was elected - against his will - Bishop of Poitiers in 350, and fought long, theological battles against the Arians, who denied the divinity of Christ, at a time when their heresy was threatening to overrun the Western Church. This brought him into conflict with emperors and some fellow bishops, and resulted in his exile for four years. He continued his work during and after his exile, dying around 368.

Christ said his coming would bring not peace but a sword (Matthew 10:34). The Gospels offer no support for us if we fantasise about a sunlit holiness that knows no problems. Christ did not escape at the last moment, after a life of controversy, problems, pain and frustration. Hilary, like all saints, followed in his Master’s footsteps.

Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (today)

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that we, 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. Amen

This Week’s Readings THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

Responsorial Psalm: 104

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7*

Gospel: *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

Next Week’s Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading: *Isaiah 62:1-5*

Responsorial Psalm: 96

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

Gospel: *John 2:1-11*

This Week’s Ministries 11/12 January 2025 (C)

Readers	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	S Corker, K Corker
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, I Paterson
Communion	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	R Gasser, H Grady, J Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	K O’Brien, M Richardson, J McNally

This Week’s Ministries 18/19 January 2025 (C)

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran + 1
	9.15 a.m.	S Jones, C Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	M Pybus + 1
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, C Udall
	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons, C Parsons, B Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, H Stones, E Williamson,
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, H Stones