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**The Month of September is devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Mary**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Sunday, 12 September 2021 Psalter Week 4**

**Saturday**

5.00 p.m. (Totley) People of the Parish

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. Connie & Frank Trainor

11.15 a.m. Pauline Collins RIP

**Monday** St John Chrysostom, bishop

No Mass

**Tuesday** (Totley) THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

10.00 a.m. Dead List

**Wednesday** Our Lady of Sorrows

10.00 a.m. Philip Robinson

**Thursday** **Ss Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs**

No Mass

**Friday** St Robert Bellarmine, bishop

10.00 a.m. Tom Willcock

**Saturday** *Feria*

No Mass

**Next week's Masses**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. Marie Meaghn

**Sunday (Meadowhead)**

9.15 a.m. Danny Grant

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

***Please Pray for:***

**Our sick:** Joe McNally, Kath Jarman, Barbara Richardson, Danny Grant, Angela McKinney, and Edward Keefe.

**Lately dead:** Doreen Wilde RIP

**Responsorial Psalm: 114**

*R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

**Events for the Coming Week**

**Monday** SVP Parish rooms 8-9pm

Outreach 7.30pm (Via Zoom– details inside the newsletter)

**Wednesday** Rainbows 6.15pm

Parish Prayer Group (in church) 7.45pm

**Please let me know when your group re-starts. Thank you.**

**Hymn Books** - As the 72 hour rule has been relaxed there is no longer a need to put used hymn books in a separate box on the way out. However, those coming to 11.15 Mass should not use the books which have just been replaced by those attending 9.15. The shelves will be marked accordingly.

### **The Assisted Dying Bill 2021**

This October, an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to PRAY this Bill is defeated, WRITE to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and SHARE our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media.

Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here:

[parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/](https://parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/)

Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

**Survive and Thrive – Learn about Lebanon Tuesday, 14 September 7- 8:30pm** CAFOD online talk. Mary Lucas, CAFOD's Country Representative for Middle East and Sri Lanka, will speak about the work of CAFOD's partners in Lebanon. Hear about the way vulnerable women, including Palestinian and Syrian refugees, are receiving training and support to earn a living. They are also learning to deal with issues like gender violence, which is on the rise due to Covid-19 curfews and confinement. This is a special NBCW National Board of Catholic Women and UCM Union of Catholic Mothers event fundraising for CAFOD. Catholic Women interested in the work of the National Board of Catholic Women and the Union of Catholic Mothers are particularly welcome to attend this talk. Register to join us.

### **Friday Lunch Club**

After much careful consideration, we have decided to postpone the restarting of the Lunch Club. We will review the situation in the New Year and let you know when we intend to start again, having investigated all options in order to make things safe for all of us.

### ***This week there will be a retiring collection for Home Mission***

***Sunday*** - Home Mission Sunday provides us with the opportunity to focus on spreading the Gospel in our local areas. At the same time, the second collection for this Sunday supports the work of the Home Mission Office.

Contributing to this collection is one way to play your part in our vision to help the local Church make the Joy of the Gospel a reality across England and Wales.

**St Wilfrid's Centre - Bishop's Walk 2021** - Taking place on Friday 1st October 2021. A sponsored walk in the beautiful Peak District. St Wilfrid's Centre has created an online form to enable people to **sponsor the Bishop's Walk**. Please support the Centre and the work which has been quietly taking place for the last 30 years. Thank you so much.

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/StWilfridsCentre/BishopsWalk2021.html>

### **Study for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) in Hallam?**

Are you interested in studying for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS), a nationally accredited course about the Catholic faith? The first module, on the Old Testament, with Monsignor John Ryan, begins on 3rd October 2021 for three Saturday mornings, October 3rd, 9th, 16th, from 9-12.30 at Hallam Pastoral Centre (in person, socially distanced).

Modules on New Testament, Church, Christology, Sacraments and other special interest topics will be offered later in the year.

See the [national CCRS website](#), for more details about the course.

You can request an application form from: [formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com)

Closing date for applications 25 September 2021

**Vacancies** - There are various **NEW** school vacancies throughout the diocese, both teaching and non-teaching. Please go the Diocese of Hallam website for further details.

**There are 2 permanent part-time** vacancies at the cathedral - one for a sacristan and one for a cleaner. Please see the notice board at the back of church for further information.

Closing date 8th October. Interviews 18th October.

## The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

### World Day of Prayer for the Day of Creation

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.

We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.  
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the  
universe, for all things speak of You.

Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all  
You have created, using wisely all that you have  
entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build  
your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty  
where the poor of the earth are crying out.

You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

### GIVE TO LIVE 100 CLUB AUGUST DRAW

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Claire Parsons £67.90

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Thomas O'Brien £19.40

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Anne Hurley £9.70

**97 numbers now sold**

**Application forms available at both  
churches.**

**Caritas - Struggling after a break-up?** Restored Lives is a 6-session course dealing with conflict resolution; communication; legal matters and co-parenting. A safe, non-judgmental space. Starts 16th September. Registration fee £20.00 To book a place ring 0114 256 6407 or email [stym@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:stym@hallam-diocese.com) Further information on the notice board or take a leaflet at the back of church.

### Children's Liturgy

On Sunday 19th September at 9.15 Mass we are starting the children's liturgy group again. It will run on the first and third Sundays of the month in term time.

Children are welcome to attend up to the time that they make their first communion.

Pre-school children need to be accompanied by an adult. If any adults wish to volunteer to join the children's team, please speak to Angela Holman. It would help us with covid measures if children could bring their own **pencil case** with colouring pencils or felt tips to the sessions.

### *Saying for the Week!*



*"Happiness is not  
something readymade.  
It comes  
from your own actions."*

*Dalai Lama*

### *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*

by

*(An excerpt)*

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,  
The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the lea,  
The plowman homeward plods his weary way,  
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.

Now fades the glimm'ring landscape on the sight,  
And all the air a solemn stillness holds,  
Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,  
And drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds;

Save that from yonder ivy-mantled tow'r  
The moping owl does to the moon complain  
Of such, as wand'ring near her secret bow'r,  
Molest her ancient solitary reign.

Beneath those rugged elms, that yew-tree's shade,  
Where heaves the turf in many a mould'ring heap,  
Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,  
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep.

*Thomas Gray*

## Prayer for the Week

God of All Creation,  
we thank you for all of your good gifts,  
especially the many resources that are available  
to us to live happy and healthy lives.  
Because of our attachments, our greed,  
and our tendency to complicate things,  
we pray that you might give us the grace  
to see things differently.  
Clear away the obstruction of our attachments  
so that we might be attentive to loving people  
more than possessions. Liberate us from greed  
and overconsumption so that we can care for  
our Common Home and all of your creatures.  
Free us from unnecessary busyness and worry  
so that we might use our time well, for your glory  
and not for ourselves.  
We know that this will not be easy.  
We need your grace. Give us the courage  
to resolutely commit to living together in a simpler,  
more sustainable way.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*From Pope Francis's prayer  
intention for September*

## Thoughts for the Week

This Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Some might ask why we are exalting an instrument of torture. Firstly, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race. Secondly, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and spiritual religion. It springs from God's direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross.

Wednesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows flourished in the Middle Ages, and the hymn Stabat Mater (At the Cross her station keeping) was composed for it. Although it is officially celebrated today, the day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, popular devotion in many parts of the Mediterranean celebrates it with processions on the Friday before Holy Week.

[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

## Prayer for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (this Tuesday)

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.

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

#### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 50:5-9*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *114*

**Second Reading:** *James 2:14-18*

**Gospel:** *Mark 8:27-35*

### Next Week's Readings

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 2:12,17-20*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *53*

**Second Reading:** *James 3:16-4:3*

**Gospel:** *Mark 9:30-37*

### This week's ministries for 11/12 September

<b>Communion</b>	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	J Tucker
<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, E Watson
	9.15 a.m.	J Fojut, S Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, J McNally

### This week's ministries for 18/19 September

<b>Communion</b>	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally
<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	E Watson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	F Green, R Portaluri
	11.15 a.m.	F Glaze, M Richardson
<b>Welcomers</b>	5.00 p.m.	
	9.15 a.m.	Youth Pub
	11.15 a.m.	H Stones, S Campos

This Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, is the Feast of **St John Chrysostom**. John was born in Antioch around the year 349. Ordained to the priesthood, he became a fruitful and effective preacher, and was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 397. He was energetic in reforming the ways of the clergy and the laity alike, but he incurred the displeasure of the emperor and was forced into exile. He died, worn out by his hardships, in 407. His sermons and writings did much to explain the Catholic faith and to encourage the living of the Christian life: his eloquence earned him the surname "Chrysostom" (the Greek for "golden mouth").