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

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

**13 September 2020 Psalter Week 4**

### Saturday

5.00 p.m. John Frain

### Sunday

9.15 a.m. Margaret Stancer

11.15 p.m. People of the Parish

### Monday

**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

10.00 a.m. Fr Firas

### Tuesday

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

10.00 a.m. Dead List

### Wednesday

**St Cornelius, pope and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs**

10.00 a.m. Ken Tough

### Thursday

**St Robert Bellarmine**

10.00 a.m. Tom Willcock

### Friday

*Feria*

10.00 a.m. Yorkshire Brethren

### Next Week's Masses

#### Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

#### Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Arthur Beever

11.15 a.m. Eugene Rafferty

### *Please Pray for:*

**Our sick:** Rae Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Michael Goodfellow, Sr Emma Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin, Peter Baines, Breda Pakenham, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Linda Costello, Catherine Mary Tetzlaff, Pauline Collins and Edward Keefe.

**Lately dead:** Mary Langan, RIP

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

### 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.

**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.**

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## Isle of Innisfree by W B Yeats

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:  
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,  
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

**With these words from W B Yeats Fr. Gus would like to formally announce his retirement** from Pastoral Ministry. On the first Tuesday of September 1967 he began his formal Vocational training by entering the Seminary of St. John the Evangelist in Waterford and was ordained on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1973. He arrived at Leeds Bradford Airport with two suitcases, one containing the Family Chalice and his vestments.

For the next 47 years he ministered in and around South Yorks serving 7 parishes. His ability to continue to serve has now been hindered by the prevailing and unpredictable behaviour of Covid- 19, underlying health issues and 75+. All of this places him in a vulnerable category and prevents him from engaging fully with the community and the school. Like countless other people his plans have been altered in a way he is powerless to prevent.

With the support and encouragement of the Diocesan Trustees Fr. Gus will be leaving the Parish and Sheffield very soon. He is most grateful for the hospitality, support and generosity received in the Parish and all the personal acts of kindness shown to him by many.

The new Parish Priest will be Father Stephen from the Cathedral.

### Novena to St Francis - For a world under threat

**The Season of Creation** starts this week, 1st September, with the theme '*Jubilee for the Earth*'. Can you remember all we did last year at this time? What changes we have seen! You can find out more at [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org) and join in the Novena to St Francis below.

#### Sixth prayer: Earth

**“We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth,  
who sustains us with her fruits,  
coloured flowers, and herbs.”** (*St Francis of Assisi*)

“There will be a point when we will not have this richness. And then what will we do?”  
(*Yésica Patiachi Tayori, Harakbut indigenous people, Peru*)

Creator God,  
we grieve for our Amazon sisters and brothers  
whose lands are wrecked by greed.  
We take more from the earth than we need. Forgive us.

[St Francis, joyful steward of creation,](#)  
from you we learn to live with less,  
to give and not to take.

***St Francis, pray for us.***

**13th September 2020**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday A**

**In the** immortal words of the poet Alexander Pope: 'to err is human, to forgive, divine.' Forgiveness of a hurt is part of the victory of divine life over evil. In practice there is no greater test of genuine Christianity than the willingness to forgive others.

Jesus Christ came on a mission of liberation and reconciliation. He announced that he would open closed eyes and ears, break open the chains of captives, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead. It was good news for the poor. His miracles to heal the body illustrated the healing and liberation that he brought to souls. When his compassion touched people they were able to let go of the anger and resentment which had bound them captive.

Today's readings begin with the comment: 'Resentment and anger, these are foul things.' The chains that bind us are often located in areas of un-forgiveness in our conscious and unconscious memories. Psycho-somatic illnesses are seen in the body but are rooted in the mind. The pain is not the root of the trouble. Treating the ache brings only temporary relief. Better to regard the pain as a cry from repressed hurt, anger, tiredness or bitterness. This area is coming increasingly to light as attention is given to the victims of rape, or abuse and to the stresses inflicted by parents through divorce and substance addictions.

When the person who perpetrated the hurt is of close kinship it may be difficult to admit one's anger. But if there is anger, it must be recognised before one moves towards forgiveness. Forgiveness is very different to turning a blind eye on one's hurt or pretending that nothing has happened. If we do not admit our hurt the danger is that we take it into ourselves and hide it. Then it is dangerous.

The Church does not ask us to forget our hurts. On the contrary we are asked to face them and talk them out in the light of confession or counselling.

One great obstacle to finding forgiveness is a tendency to self-pity, a sort of martyr complex. People can be in love with their hurts because it makes them feel that they deserve sympathy.

You will hear self-pity being expressed in sentiments of vengeance and a certain satisfaction when somebody gets his comeuppance.

St. Francis of Assisi had the wisdom of true sanctity when he described anger as a sin against the virtue of poverty; for he saw that there were people who willingly might give away every material possession but hold on to what he called 'the purse of anger.'

One meets people who harbour bitterness about parents, the church, the school, the system, the rich, the authorities and that anonymous collection of A.N.Others gathered under 'they'. They did this, they did that, and they ran the system, they made the rules.

Mister A or Father B or Sister C may have done me a wrong. If they have sinned then that is their problem. But if I harbour any anger and resentment towards them, then I too have a problem. I have been infected by their poison. Now there are two wrongs, a situation which rarely makes a right.

Isn't significant that when Jesus spoke about the man who would not forgive his fellow servant, the image which dominates the story is prison? To harbour resentment or to hold on the hurt memories is to be imprisoned; bound in chains and paralysed. But to overcome all bitterness and anger is to be released. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned...and released...and healed...and restored.

**Fr Gus** would like to express his gratitude and thanks for all the cards, gifts and kind words he has received over the last two weeks since announcing his retirement.

**First Holy Communion 2020\21**

Invitations have been sent to Y3 children through school inviting them to take part in next year's First holy Communion preparations. If you do not attend St Thomas school please collect an invitation from church.

**Attending Mass? - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Sunday morning Masses are nearing capacity, in fact 9.15 was at its maximum last week. Please ensure you ring to book your place as it may be that you will not be allowed in if you just turn-up. Please remember, masks MUST be worn.

**Baptism Certificates** - If you require proof of baptism for entry into either primary or secondary school, please email church for with your child's name, date of birth and roughly when baptised, marked for the attention of Liz Mason. Please include an address for sending. Thank you.

**CANCEL THE DEBT** Coronavirus is causing devastation right across the world. Many of the world's poorest nations are not only dealing with this health emergency but are also facing unimaginable financial hardship as a result of the global economic slowdown. The quickest way to deal with this worrying financial outlook is to keep money in developing countries by cancelling debt payments now. The coronavirus petition will end on Friday 11 September. Thanks to all who have signed it already over the summer, but if not, you'll find a link at [www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Time-to-cancel-the-debt](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Time-to-cancel-the-debt) You can also find there another way to add your voice by taking a photo of yourself creatively displaying the words "Cancel The Debt" to help get the message across to World Leaders before the World Bank and IMF meetings in October.

## Today's Mass - Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm: 102

**R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry forever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

**Second Reading:** Romans 14:7-9

*Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

**Newsletter** - If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please let me know by emailing the parish, and you will be added to the list.

**Readers** - If you are a reader and are attending Mass would you either please indicate you are willing to read when booking, or let one of the stewards know when you arrive? This will save having to go around finding someone just before Mass thus reducing unnecessary contact.

**Off to University? Then this will be perfect for you!!**

**Table-Top freezer** *free* to a good home. If you *need* a small table top freezer, in excellent condition and in full working order please contact Alan Southeran on 07941 464908. The dimensions are 17"x18"x20".

## Prayer for the Week

Father,  
You created us to praise, reverence, and serve You as our God and Lord, and by doing this we receive the gift of salvation. All other things on the earth are created for me, to help me to pursue this purpose of my creation. Help me to use Your creation insofar as it helps me to praise, reverence, and serve You, and free me of any created thing that hinders me. Grant me the grace of indifference toward all created things, that I might seek only what is best for my soul and my created purpose, and that of my neighbour. Let me prefer not health to sickness, wealth to poverty, honour to dishonour, a long life to a short one, nor any one created thing over another, save for what aids me most in loving You in this life, that I might love you eternally in the life You promise to those who praise, reverence, and serve you after the example of Your Son, through Whom and for Whom you created all things. Amen.

*From Pope Francis's  
prayer intention for September*

## This Week's Readings Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A)

**First Reading:** *Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 102

**Second Reading:** *Romans 14:7-9*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 18:21-35*

## Next Week's Readings Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 55:6-9*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 144

**Second Reading:** *Philippians 1:20-24, 27*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 20:1-16*

I don't care who your dad is, this is an illegal gathering



## **RETURNING TO CHURCH AND ATTENDING MASS (Updated)**

Firstly, how wonderful it is to be able at last to attend Mass, albeit in a restricted manner.

In keeping with Government and Diocesan guidelines, the numbers able to attend each Mass are very restricted and MUST be adhered to. Social distancing must be observed. The expected number is 45 but this will be confirmed.

Please remember that Sunday obligation is still suspended so attending Mass any day of the week will count. If you are able to attend Mass during the week please do so and leave Saturday and Sunday to those who are working.

If you wish to attend **SUNDAY** Mass a telephone booking system will be in place (**see below**).

### **Coming to Mass**

1. You will be asked to come through one door and leave through another.
2. You will be directed to a seat – please do not change as they will have been allocated on the numbers attending in any one group.
3. You are asked to wear a mask as this will allow a greater number of parishioners to attend.
4. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.
5. Do not congregate before or after Mass.
6. When receiving Holy Communion nothing will be said.
7. There will be no singing; no offertory procession; no sign of Peace; no Chalice.
8. At the weekend, there will be a few copies of the newsletter. You are welcome to take one but please DO NOT leave it behind or put it back. Take it home with you.
9. Extra directions may be given at Mass.
10. On fine days weekday Masses will be outside.
11. Please note - **masks MUST be worn in church**. This has been mandated by the Government.

### **Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers**

#### Eucharistic Ministers

During this period there is no requirement for Special Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass. However, so long as strict guidelines are kept, it may be possible to take Holy Communion to the housebound/ shielding etc. This would need to be discussed with Father Gus and the recipient.

#### Readers

For the time being there will be ONE reader at all Masses. Weekdays, will remain the same – someone will be asked to read on an ad hoc basis. If any reader is booked to attend a Sunday Mass, they are asked to identify themselves so they can be called upon if necessary.

Unfortunately, the rule for over-70s still applies. When reading, you are asked to sanitise your hands both before and after reading.

Please leave the sanctuary after the Alleluia.

No Bidding Prayers

### **Booking a place at Mass**

Masses will be at 10.00am each weekday. On Saturday, Mass will be at 5.00pm *at Meadowhead*. On Sundays it will be at 9.15am and 11.15am at Meadowhead. (Please note that English Martyrs will not be open for the time being.)

If you would like to attend Mass at the weekend you will need to ring up and book a place.

This will not be necessary if you are attending **a weekday** Mass.

### **When to Ring**

To attend Mass at:

5.00pm Saturday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Wednesday (**included**) of that week.

9.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Thursday (**included**) of that week.

11.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Friday (**included**) of that week.

If it is not possible to take your call, please leave a message giving your name, telephone number, **and how many of you** will be attending. If you do not receive a return phone call you may assume your booking has been confirmed.