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**The Month of January is devoted to The Holy Name of Jesus**

**Second Sunday of the Year (B)  
14th January 2024 Psalter Week 2**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. Dead List

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Teresa & Tomás DeVilly and Family

**Monday**

*Feria*

No Mass

**Tuesday (Totley)**

*Feria*

10.00 a.m.

**Wednesday**

St Anthony of Egypt, abbot

No Mass

**Thursday**

*Feria*

No Mass

**Friday**

St Wulstan, bishop

12.00 p.m. For all those mentioned on the Christmas Tree Stars

**Saturday**

St Fabian, martyr  
St Sebastian, martyr

No Mass

**Next week's Masses**

**Saturday - Totley**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday - Meadowhead**

9.15 a.m. Michael & Linda Hudson

11.15 a.m. Mary & Laurence Gamble & baby

**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, Elizabeth Maltby, Anne McPhee and Fr Michael O'Connor.

**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total for 7th January is £304.78. 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.

**Responsorial Psalm: 39**

**R:** *Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.*

**Events for the Coming Week**

**Monday** SVP Parish Rooms 10.00am  
22nd January

**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.**



**We warmly welcome the priests who will be celebrating Masses for us over this weekend and next.**

### Peace Sunday 2024

Today is Peace Sunday, marked on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice.

For many of us, the first question is: 'what exactly is 'Artificial Intelligence?'' It is a concept that has entered our everyday language and yet we are not quite sure what it encompasses. The definition used by the UK Information Commissioner is helpful:

"AI is an umbrella term for a range of technologies and approaches that often attempt to mimic human thought to solve complex tasks. Things that humans have traditionally done by thinking and reasoning are increasingly being done by, or with the help of, AI."

Pope Francis warns of the need to be vigilant that a "logic of violence and discrimination" doesn't take root in the development of AI at the expense of the most fragile and excluded; that the advancement of AI does not fuel injustice and inequality and therefore conflict, and, of course, that AI is developed so that it serves humanity and the protection of our common home.

For more information and for links to Pax Christi resources for Peace Sunday 2024, visit the Bishops' Conference website. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/peace-sunday-2024/> .

#### The Universe Catholic

**Newspaper** - If you would like a copy of the Universe on a weekly basis, £2.50 a copy, please let

Liz Mason know as soon as possible so a order can be placed.

Many thanks.



#### Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm

Monday 15th January. All welcome

...to help prepare for Lent activities –

yes, we know we are only just putting

decorations away but Easter is early this year so Ash Wednesday

will be here in a month! Please contact

[david.angela.wood@gmail.com](mailto:david.angela.wood@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



**Grace Foodbank** Our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday collection of Groceries in church for our local Foodbank here in S8 is this coming Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January. Or you can donate at any time at shops eg Sainsbury, Archer Rd. We are currently shortest of: *Tinned meat, Instant Mashed potato, Jars of pasta sauce, Tinned pasta, Tea, Microwave rice and instant noodles, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, Toilet rolls. We don't have any surpluses at the moment and every single packet, tin or jar will be very gratefully received!* For updates to the list and other information please check out <https://gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk/> Thank you.



**On behalf of all the parish**, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all those that provide music for our Masses, musicians and singers; and especially the efforts that were put in to making the Christmas Masses really special. Jane Perryman did a great job in accompanying the children during their carol celebration on Christmas Eve and the choir were the best ever at late night Mass the same evening. We'd also like to thank Hugh Finnigan, for his excellent playing of the organ on Christmas Eve night Mass. Thanks also to John Shekelton for his regular, equally excellent organ playing at 11.15am Masses and Jane, Anna, Maureen and Hannah for their musical accompaniment at 9.15am Masses - without which we'd all be struggling to stay in tune.

If anyone would like to join the choir at 11.15am Mass please contact Mary Harrison on 07425763149.





**“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](http://tryalphasheffield.org.uk) or scan the QR code.

A launch party is planned at 7pm on Wednesday 24 January at The Dore Bar & Grill, with the Alpha course starting the week after on 31 January at the Christ Church Dore Community Centre.

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.

Promotional flyers are also available.

**Would anybody** like to join the tea and coffee rota for the 9.15 Mass? If anyone would like to, please let Angela Holman know.



**Mini Vinnies** - Thank you to all those who expressed an interest in joining our new Mini Vinnies group. We would like to have a first meeting on Sunday 21st January in the parish rooms after 9.15 Mass for all children and parents who would like to be involved. If you can't attend on that day but would like to be involved please get in touch with Molly Baxter via the parish office.



**A Synodal Church in Mission in Hallam**

Come and learn how to continue the synodal journey here in the diocese. A gathering for those who would like to embed the synodal way of working in their parish community over the next year.



Date and time: Saturday 20 January 2024 9:30-11:30 AM at the Hallam Pastoral Centre Please book on the diocesan Eventbrite page using the QR Code



*"I thought you said you were excited to go to the apple store. Why the change in attitude?"*

**When then song of the angels is stilled,**

when the star in the sky has gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are  
back with their flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart.  
And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way,  
in all that we do, and in all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins.

**(Howard Thurman 1899 - 1981)**





## HYMNBOOK NUMBERS

### Mass setting Ordinary Time Pershore Mass

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



#### A Prayer for Peace Sunday

God our creator and sustainer,  
We thank you for the gifts of creativity  
you have given us, for the ability to explore  
science and understand your creation.  
We ask your forgiveness for the times  
we have used science for evil and not for good,  
for war and not for peace.  
Make us vigilant as we develop technology,  
that violence and discrimination may not take root,  
that injustice and inequality will not be fuelled,  
that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost.

#### A Daily Prayer for Ordinary Time

God, Lord and master of the vineyard and  
harvest, you allot us our daily tasks and determine  
the just rewards of our labours.  
Help us to bear the burden of each day  
and to accept your will in all things  
without complaint.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### A not so Ordinary Time

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord last Monday  
brought the Christmas season to a close. Until Ash  
Wednesday, which this year falls quite early, on  
**14 February**, we are now in "Ordinary Time" Not,  
however, ordinary according to dictionary definitions of  
the word, such as "average, run-of-the-mill, mediocre,  
indifferent, and undistinguished." In the Church's  
"Ordinary Time" the word refers to the Latin term  
*ordinalis*, meaning "numbered" or "ruled". It is a season  
when we are being neither single-mindedly penitent nor  
overwhelmingly joyful. And yet it is a time for learning,  
for growth (symbolised by the green vestments), for  
participating in and celebrating the everyday life of  
Jesus. This is certainly not a time for mediocrity or  
indifference.

#### This Week's Readings

##### Second Sunday of the Year

**First Reading:** *1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 39

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20*

**Gospel:** *John 1:35-42*

#### Next Week's Readings

##### Third Sunday of the Year (B)

**First Reading:** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 24

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

**Gospel:** *Mark 1:14-20*

#### *Pause for Thought*

"New goals don't deliver new  
results. New lifestyles do. And a  
lifestyle is a process, not an  
outcome. For this reason, all of  
your energy should go into  
building better habits, not chasing  
better results."

#### This week's ministries:

##### Communion

**5.00pm:** S Davey, K Durkin

**9.15am:** P Ashby, B Ayanleke, M Mahon

**11.15am:** P Or Kam Fat, M Richardson, M Harrison

##### Readers:

**5.00pm:** H Simmerson, D Fletcher

**9.15am:** O Farragher, L Grady

**11.15am:** J McNally, J-J Carter

#### Next Week's Ministries 20/21 January 2024

**Communion** 5.00 p.m. C Udall, J Brook

9.15 a.m. J Tucker, S Jones, R Gasser

11.15 a.m. E Williamson, P Corkell, J McNally

**Readers** 5.00 p.m. G Higgins, V Coomer

9.15 a.m. C Farragher, R Portaluri

11.15 a.m. P Moon, A Willcock

**Welcomers** 9.15 a.m. Volunteers please!

11.15 a.m. E Williamson

