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

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)
Sunday, 14th September 2025

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Pauline Souflas

11.15 a.m. Terry Conneely

Monday Our Lady of Sorrows

No Mass

Tuesday St Cornelius, pope, and
St Cyprian, martyrs

NO MASS

Wednesday Sr Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor
St Holdegard, virgin, doctor

10.00 a.m. Tom Willcock

Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday St Januarius, bishop, martyr
St Thodore of Tarsus, archbishop

12.00 p.m. November Dead List

Saturday Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, priest,
Paul Chong Hasang and
Companions, martyrs

No Morning Mass

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. Paul Simmerson

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Kath Jarman

Saturday, 20th September

No Morning Mass

No Exposition

No Confession

Pray for our sick: Philomena McNally,
Anne McPhee, Anne-Marie Fletcher,
Paul Smith, Brenda Charles,
Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley,
Molly Upton, Oliver Wragg,
Sheila Hurst, and Sue Jarman.

Lately dead: Paul Simmerson RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 78

R: Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for
7th September 2025: £290.78 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!

Thank you also for your offerings last week for
the **Needy Parishes in the Diocese** - £201.21

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 15th September 6.45pm SVP Meeting

Wednesday 6.15pm Rainbows

7.15pm Brownies

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Club follows Mass

MASSES THIS WEEK: There will be no Morning Mass at Totley this Tuesday and no Morning Mass, Exposition, Rosary and Confessions at Meadowhead on Saturday.

Foundation Governors Needed: A pastoral letter from Bishop Ralph is being read at all Masses this weekend. He is entreating parishioners to consider becoming Foundation Governors in our schools, as there are currently over 80 vacancies across the diocese. You do not have to be an expert in education, just a willing volunteer! If anyone is interested in enquiring about this important ministry, please look at the diocesan website for more information (<https://hallam-diocese.com/schools-home/information-for-governors/>) or phone the schools department on 0114 256 6440.

Would you like to help our parish community by becoming an altar server? Anyone who has received their First Holy Communion may serve. If you would like to do so at any of our Masses please let Fr Clement know and come along to a quick training session on Sunday 21 September after the 9:15 Mass.



Confirmation 2025 Celebration –TODAY.



There will be a celebration lunch after the 11.15 Mass this Sunday for all those who were Confirmed earlier this year. Everyone is welcome to join in in the parish rooms.

Grace Foodbank Our regular 3rd Sunday collection of Groceries in church for our local Foodbank here in S8 is this coming Sunday, 21st September. Or donate any time at shops eg Sainsbury, Archer Rd. **We're shortest of tinned pasta, breakfast cereal, tinned fruit, microwave rice, tinned vegetables, soup, shampoo, laundry powder/capsules.** We have no surpluses and are grateful for every tin and packet that you can donate.



Another **MAJOR NEED is Prayer**, as the Foodbank faces the prospect of being homeless shortly as the church is being closed. So lots of prayers please and suggestions about what other premises on Lowedges could be used. For updates and other information eg how to donate money, please check out <https://gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk/> Thank you

Harvest Thanksgiving
On Saturday 20th September,
we will be celebrating
God's generous bounty during
our 5 pm vigil Mass at
ENGLISH MARTYRS CHAPEL, TOTLEY.

All your donations
of tinned & dried foods,
fresh fruit & vegetables
will be passed on to
our charity partner,
THE GRACE FOODBANK.
ALL WELCOME!



Diocesan Jubilee Mass for Altar Servers this coming Saturday 20 September at 10.30am, at Holy Rood Church, Barnsley (S70 1AX), Bishop Ralph will celebrate. Altar servers to bring alb/cincture or cassock/cotta and their Guild of St Stephen medal, if enrolled. Please arrive by 10.00am for vesting in the church hall.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT with Pie and Peas

Saturday, 11th October is QUIZ NIGHT!! Parish Hall at 7.00pm. Pie and Peas are available, with all the usual trimmings and vegetarian and vegan options are available. Cost £8.00 per person. If you do not want the pies and peas entry is £5.00 pp. (children £2.50). You can bring your own nibbles and drink. Please get your teams together - maximum of 8 per team. There will be a raffle so please donate anything you can for a prize. **Who will lift the trophy this year?!!** (Would the current holders please return the trophy!!!) Tickets will be on sale from next weekend. Buy early to avoid disappointment!! Please bring cash if you can! Thank you.



TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES

Please note - it is important you keep your ticket as it will show which pie you have ordered. Only the correct number of each pie will be available.

All proceeds will go the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust.

Today is Education Sunday, marked on the second Sunday in September, just after the start of the new academic year. It is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established in 1848. As the challenges and opportunities of a new academic year get under way in schools and universities, we pray for the grace of Almighty God to approach them strong in faith and as 'pilgrims of hope' in this Holy Year of Jubilee. The Rt Rev Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds, Chairman of the Catholic Education Service, writes.

"This year Education Sunday occurs on the same day as the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Today's Gospel reading forms the theme for Education Sunday "The Son of Man must be lifted up" (John 3:13-17).."

"The Holy Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is a symbol of hope for all, and His teaching in the Gospels a guiding light for lifelong learning and spiritual growth for those who work in Catholic education and formation.

On Education Sunday, we give thanks to Almighty God for the vocation of all who work with the children and young people in the Catholic education sector: governors, school leaders, chaplains, teaching and support staff.

In the academic year ahead, let us endeavour to give witness to our Saviour's message of hope in the Gospels, and to pray that our Catholic schools, colleges and universities will be beacons of hope in our communities."

Next weekend, parishes in the UK celebrate *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday). There will be a retiring collection for the Home Missions.

A Public Meeting on Welfare not Warfare with keynote speakers has been organised at the Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JN on Monday 22nd September at 6.30pm. An Alternative Defence Review prioritising healthcare, education, transport, housing and clean energy as opposed to armaments will be promoted and discussed. All are welcome. Pope Leo XIV has strongly advocated prioritizing social welfare over military spending and using hunger as a weapon of war, emphasizing the need to combat poverty through sharing and solidarity, rather than hoarding or conflict. He advocates for addressing structural causes of poverty with policies that uphold labour, education, housing, and healthcare as universal rights, positioning the poor as central to the Church's mission and the message of the Gospel.

Date Night @ The Hub - Keep Your Love Alive

Fri 26 Sep 2025 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM St Vincent's Mission Hub, Sheffield, S1 4DE

Join us for an uplifting evening of prayer and praise, followed by cheese and wine! Date Night@The Hub, is here to offer couples (married or engaged) dedicated time with each other and the Lord! Amidst the busy pace of marriage and family life, we know how hard it can be to make time for our spouses and time for prayer. Date Night is here to help couples carve out time for the important rather than just the urgent, with the opportunity for Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, followed by wine and cheese.

The evening will begin with 7pm Mass followed by a Holy Hour from 7:30pm with Confessions available.

The evening will conclude with a wine and cheese. Buy tickets at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentsmissionhub/1816075>--Fr Lee Marshall, St Vincent's Mission Hub, Solly Street, Sheffield S1 4DE 07912 290 687 www.stvincentsmissionhub.org

All Saints Catholic High School Year 6 Open Evening this Thursday 18 September, 4.00 to 6.00pm.

We would like to invite prospective Year 6 students and parents to attend All Saints Open Evening on Thursday 18th September from 4pm to 6pm.

Presentations in the school hall will take place at 4pm, 4.45pm and 5.30pm

Please be aware parking in the area is very limited.

More details on the school website <https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/year-6-into-year-7/>
We look forward to welcoming you into our school.

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!

As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a new *EasyAction* tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you.

Please take action now and visit

www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

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, tel. 07808283807 know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.



**Christ the Saviour, Gloria 1013, Holy Holy 1014,
Memorial acclamation 1016-1017, Amen 1018, Lamb of God 1019.**



Today 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. For a reflection on today's feast and Mass readings visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/reflection-education-sunday/>

Prayer for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (today)

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. Amen

Tomorrow, Monday, 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.

**This Week's Readings
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

First Reading: *Numbers 21:4b-9*

Responsorial Psalm: 78

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11*

Gospel: *John 13:13-17*

Saturday's feast of **Saints Andrew Kim Taegŏn, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions** honours 103 of the thousands of Korean Christians martyred for their faith in a century of persecution before religious freedom was granted in the late 1800's. Evangelisation had been difficult, as Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest.

At the Canonisation of the martyrs in 1984, Pope John Paul II observed that the Korean Church is unique as it was founded entirely by laypeople.

**Next Week's Readings
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

First Reading: *Amos 9:4-7*

Responsorial Psalm: 113

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 2:1-8*

Gospel: *Luke 16:1-13*

The New Ministers Rota for the period 20 September to 14 December has been emailed out this week. Hard copies are available in the porch.

A big thank you to all ministers for your time and dedication.

This Week's Ministries 13/14 September 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer + 1 other
	9.15 a.m.	F Green, J Bourne
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, M Pybus
Communion	5.00 p.m.	K Durkin, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	D Winter, R Gasser, J Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, K O'Brien, J McNally

Next Week's Ministries 20/21 September 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	S Corker, K Corker
	11.15 a.m.	M Pybus, A Willcock
Communion	5.00 p.m.	C Udall, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	H Grady, B Ayanleke, S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson, P Orkamfat, M Harrison
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock

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