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The Month of March is devoted to St Joseph

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Sunday, 15 March 2020 Psalter Week 3

Saturday

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

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Margaret Stancer

11.15 a.m. Malcolm McDonald

Monday

Lenten Feria

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley)

ST PATRICK, BISHOP,
PATRON OF IRELAND

No Mass

Wednesday

St Edward, martyr
St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop

No Mass

Thursday

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

No Mass

Friday

Lenten Feria

No Mass

Saturday

Lenten Feria

**Lunch club has been cancelled until
further notice.**

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Archbishop Peter Smith

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Eileen & Matt Henderson

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

**There will be
no Confessions, Exposition
or Benediction until further notice.**

Please pray for:

Our sick: Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin,
Peter Baines, Breda Packenham, Neville
Garratt, Roy Longdon, Pauline Souflas,
Lucia Fojut, Pauline Collins, Linda
Costello, Catherine Mary Tetzlaff, and
Edward Keefe.

Lately dead: Joan Bates, Fr Tony Burke,
Archbishop Peter Smith, Marie Howles,
Malcolm McDonald **RIP**

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

Events for the Coming Week

Sunday Tea and coffee after 9.15 & 11.15 Masses

Monday Mother & Toddlers 9.30 - 11.30

SVP 8.00 p.m. Parish Rooms

Wednesday Prayer Meeting in church 7.45pm - 8.45pm.

Thursday Prayer Group in parishioners' homes 7.30pm

Friday Youth Pub - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Important Notice - Father Gus will be away until 25 March. During that time there will be no Masses, Lenten or Saturday morning celebrations. Vigil and Sunday morning Masses will be as normal. This may continue as further guidelines are issued relating the latest information on the coronavirus pandemic. Please note, **Lunch club has been cancelled until further notice.**
The Lenten Lunches will continue if those hosting them wish to do so.

CORONAVIRUS AWARENESS - we all have our part to play in trying to limit the spread of the virus and thereby to protect vulnerable people for whom catching it might have serious consequences. You will no doubt have seen and heard about the personal hygiene measures that are recommended. Here at church we are making a few temporary changes - following diocesan guidelines - to help reduce the risks.

◆ **From next weekend HYMN BOOKS are not to be used.**

◆ Holy Communion will only be distributed in one kind - the Chalice will be withdrawn for the time being. (So no Eucharistic Ministers will be needed at Totley and just one at Meadowhead.) It will only be given on the hand - **NOT** directly on the tongue.

◆ Holy water is not available in the fonts.

◆ We should consider non-tactile alternatives at the Sign of Peace.

◆ All the door handles and handrails and surfaces are being sanitised daily.

◆ Finally, if you need to self-isolate and so can't come to church, that's ok. Just say some extra prayers at home.

Lent Lunches Do join us, 12 - 1pm ish in the Parish Rooms Today: you are invited to share a simple lunch of soup, bread, cheese & fruit and make your donations to provide for St Wilfrid's Centre.

Next week: ...is a bit different:
NO LUNCH but CAKE,
CRAFTS & GIFTS for
Mothering Sunday/Easter along
with Coffee after both morning
Masses. Proceeds to our Out-
reach Partners.



My Day By Day - Copies for junior children for Lent and Easter are available at the back of church Extra copies of the adult version for Lent and Easter are also available. All cost £1 each.

Stations of the Cross: This will no longer take place due to the current concerns re coronavirus.

HOPSY (House of Prayer South Yorkshire) Our next *night of regional prayer for South Yorkshire* is on **FRIDAY, MARCH 6** at the **DONCASTER (KEEPMOAT) STADIUM, 7-9PM.**

ASSIST - It was good to see a few more parishioners at the Outreach meeting to welcome the speakers from ASSIST and hear of their work with Asylum Seekers in Sheffield which we support with the help of your Give to Live money. The needs are great: not just for money, but time, skills, listening, advocacy, conversation, short and long-term accommodation. You can find out more at www.assistsheffield.org.uk If you have a specific question, you can contact Events, Fundraising and Awareness Leader, Lyndsey McLellan, at Lyndsey.McLellan@assistsheffield.org.uk

CARITAS - OPEN MEETING Ministry for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Hallam Pastoral Centre Thursday May 7th 11am – 12.30pm (followed by a light lunch), Fr. Paul Fletcher SJ, National Advisor Catholic Deaf Association

If you are interested in the development of services for the Deaf and hard of hearing in the Diocese

If you are Deaf or hard of hearing

If you are a signer and would like to know about training in sacramental signing

Please book your place by contacting Sue Tym 0114 2566407 stym@hallam-diocese.com.

St Wilfrid's Centre require a temporary cleaner for 2 hours a day, 4-6pm Monday to Friday, from 30th March. This is to cover a regular cleaner who is due to have an operation and is for a period of approximately 12 weeks. If you are interested in this opportunity, please telephone 0114 2555720 option 2 and ask for Helen, or email helen@stwilfridscentre.org. Thank you.

'England, Her Dowry' - On 29th March 2020, the Bishops of England will formally rededicate our country as the Dowry of Mary... But why?

We might sometimes understand the word "dowry" to refer to a transaction, but in England a dowry was a gift given to a woman which would allow her to remain independent even if her husband died. It was in this sense of the word that England was given to Our Lady, first by an early English monarch, Richard II and later in a tradition resurrected thanks to Pope Leo XIII and Cardinal Vaughan.

"When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will come back to England" - Pope Leo XIII (1897)

There are booklets available, free of charge, with a Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Can You Spare 20 Hours a Year?

For more than thirty years Hallam has delivered 'Preparing for a Lifetime Together' to couples getting married in the Church.

The ten-hour course explores feelings, communication, managing conflict, intimacy and the covenant of marriage, and is informed by current research on what makes a marriage work.

Our team of trained volunteer married couples offer the course in their own homes or in a parish setting.

The course can be delivered either over 5 sessions or two days.

So we can continue to provide this ministry to marriage we need to recruit more married couples like you to the team.

If you know marriage is not 'a bed of roses'

If you're concerned about marriage breakdown

If you are willing to deliver two courses a year

If you'd like your own marriage to grow

Please talk to Sue Tym stym@hallam-diocese.com 0114 2566407



Choir practices for the Triduum are on Tuesday 17th March and Tuesday 7th April, 7.30pm. New voices always welcomed to 'come and make a joyful noise to the Lord'!

Divine Mercy Sunday, Sunday 19 April 2020 - Divine Mercy Sunday - Receive those special graces - "the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment". Confessions at 2pm with Veneration and Mass at 3pm. at The Mount St Mary's, Spinkhill.

40 Days To Change The World by Changing Ourselves. Another opportunity to see and reflect on the film *Global Healing* and its follow up *Global Caring*: 11 March / 18 March / 1 April - Wednesdays, 7.30 pm after 7pm Mass at St Vincent's, Pickmere Rd S10 1GY. All welcome. "All is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." Pope Francis in his letter *Laudato Si*.

Lenten Offertory Collections: Thank you for your gifts today and for your CAFOD Fast Day donations which brought in a wonderful £655.39.

Lenten Lunch - A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Lenten Soup Lunch last Sunday. Thank you especially to all the fantastic 'soup makers' and all who helped in lots of ways on the day. We managed to raise £275 to support the work of Church Action on Poverty.

A new Head of Centre is being sought for St Wilfrid's. Responsibilities include ensuring the Centre is responsive to client needs, business planning, budgets, overseeing fundraising, representing St Wilfrid's and insuring the Centre fulfils its legal, statutory and regulatory responsibilities, and that the Christian ethos is supported. More details are on the website <https://www.stwilfridscentre.org/news/recruiting-for-head-of-centre>



Throughout Lent as we make greater efforts at self denial for the health of our own body & soul, we can also benefit our neighbours' bodies & souls by channelling any money saved thereby to meet their needs through continuing support of CAFOD's work and by joining in the 'Practical Offertories'. (See the plan in the Lent insert.)



3rd Sunday of Lent: Groceries for Grace Food Bank

4th Sunday of Lent: Money collection for LIFE.

5th Sunday of Lent: Small /med underwear pants, vests & T- Shirts, socks & size 7-10 shoes for Ben's Centre.

6th Sunday of Lent: Regular 1st Sunday Give to Live collection & Tinned meat, cleaning items + Biological washing powder & money for cheese for St Wilf's Centre.

3rd Sunday Lent Year A.

1st Reading Exodus: In spite of having experienced God's help in various ways, the liberated slaves remain sullen and sulking towards God, and complain bitterly against Moses. Here they are complaining about lack of water. Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert. This prepares us for the Gospel, and the 'living water' God offers through Jesus.

2nd Reading Romans: Paul says that we have abundant grounds for hope. Our hope lies in what God has done for us in Christ. God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The Christian life is a response to something that has already been accomplished on our behalf by a loving God.

Gospel John: For his Sunday and the next two Sundays, the Gospel readings are taken from John. We are given the stories of the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus. The first speaks about water, the second about sight and the third about life.

Today's story tells of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. As the Israelites journeyed through the desert Moses provided them with life-giving water. Jesus, the new Moses, offers something infinitely better. He offers us 'living water', that is, a share in the very life of God. It is through the waters of Baptism that we receive a share in the life of God.

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.'

Communion Antiphon:

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Prayer for the Week

Prayer for Climate Talks, Glasgow COP 26

Creator God,

We cry out to you:

The earth is damaged and in chaos;
People in poverty are suffering the most;
Greed and consumerism are a disease;
And your Church is too often asleep.

Merciful Lord,

Protect your people and restore your earth,
Embolden governments to take action,
Awaken Church leaders,
Give the youth influence
And guide businesses to change.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
May we unite and be bold
Take heart and find hope in you,
Worship you with our lifestyles,
Walk in your truth
and see justice and renewal in the earth
Amen.

Next Weekend's Readings Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: *1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13*

Responsorial Psalm: 22

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Gospel: *John 9:1-41*

This week's ministries:

Communion

5.00pm: None

9.15am: H Grady

11.15am: H Stones

Readers:

5.00pm: A Southeran, E Watson

9.15am: M Batley, K Kelly

11.15am: J McNally, D Wood

Ministries for 21/22 March 2020

Communion	5.00 p.m.	None required
	9.15 a.m.	E Grant
	11.15 a.m.	M Chisholm
Readers	5.00 p.m.	G Wilkinson, C Nicholson
	9.15 a.m.	A Peacey, J Fojut
	11.15 a.m.	P McDonald, G Thomas
Welcomers	5.00 p.m.	J Grayson
	9.15 a.m.	Youth Pub
	11.15 a.m.	H Stones, S Campos