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



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday, 16 January 2022 Psalter Week 2**



Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Patsy Gallagher

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Teresa & Tomás DeVilly

Monday St Anthony of Egypt

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Angela McKinney

Wednesday St Wulstan, bishop

10.00 a.m. Danny Grant

Thursday **St Fabian, pope, martyr**
St Sebastian, martyr

7.00 p.m. Reception of Danny Grant

Friday **St Agnes, virgin, martyr**

10.00am Requiem for Danny Grant

Saturday **St Vincent, deacon, martyr**

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 pm. Patsy Gallagher

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Moira DeVilly & Family

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Robert Batley, Tom Bennett,
Alison Bingley Pauline Souflas,
Teddy Howes, Katie Glackin and
David Gage.

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Responsorial Psalm: 95

*R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
among all the peoples.*

Gospel Acclamation: 68

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish rooms 8-9pm (Alternate weeks from 20th September)

Tuesday Exploring Faith 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday Rainbows 6.15pm (Parish Rooms)

Brownies 6.15pm (Hall)

Parish Prayer Group (in church) 7.45pm

Funeral Arrangements - Danny Grant will be received into church on Thursday, 20th January at 7.00pm. The requiem Mass will be on Friday, 21st January at 10.00am. Masks **MUST** be worn. If possible, please do a lateral flow test the day before.

To OLST & St. Thomas of Canterbury Parishioners - An update and a big thank you



Bethlehem has been in lockdown for almost two years. There have been no pilgrims or tourists and the economy is in tatters. Just when there was hope the new variant arrived and imposed another lockdown. Over 80% of the population have no jobs. Without Social Care or state support the elderly and the terminally ill suffer most.

During 'COVID' we have distributed £5,000 to AHDAF, a Bethlehem Charity, to directly help the 60 poorest families there (chosen in conjunction with the Parish Priest). We sent £2,000 in support of the Parish emergency food programme at Easter and we were able to send a further £600 for that purpose later in the year.

We have a Steering Committee in Bethlehem, Chaired by Fr Rami Asakreih, Parish Priest in Bethlehem, and we are continuing to work to provide Hospice Care to the elderly and terminally ill and their families. Due to the above taking matters forward has been very difficult but we have made some progress and we are hoping to be able to report a significant development shortly. We are in real need of support to enable us to continue supporting Bethlehem's sick and elderly poor so please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Over Christmas from our parish we have received £239.91 from Christmas Cards and stars and £58.60 from donations to the crib.

The Trustees THANK YOU VERY MUCH for this and also for your continued support of our Trust.

The new Virus variant forces Bethlehem to remain closed. The hardship gets more severe but we continue to work to establish the First Hospice there.

Synod Update 16 January 2022

What do you want to say to Pope Francis



For those who have not been able to join a listening group in their parish, there are three opportunities to join one of the Diocesan-wide events (either in-person or on-line):

22 January 2022 Blessed Trinity, Wickersley, Rotherham 10:00-12:30

5 February 2022 All Saints Catholic High School, Sheffield 10:00-12:30

19 February 2022 St Peter's Doncaster 10:00-12.30

Participants will need to register to join by visiting the Eventbrite page and choosing the event they want to attend:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-hallam-synod-38169347133>

2022 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 24th June – Thursday 30th June

(6 nights) £765.00 Full Board flying from Doncaster Airport. Insurance £33.

Booking form and further details from www.hallam-lourdes.com or telephone 07724 650066. See the poster at the back of church

Please note:- Everyone participating in the 2022 pilgrimage must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. We feel that it is possible to plan for the pilgrimage to take place safely, but if it does not prove to be possible and the diocese cancels, then full refunds will be made.

Stop abuse of the environment and human rights

"Indigenous communities must be protected from companies, particularly multinational companies, that operate in less developed countries in ways they could never do at home, through the destructive extraction of fossil fuels, minerals, timber and agro-industrial products." (*Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation 2020*)

That's why CAFOD is urging the UK government to introduce **a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act** to hold business to account when it fails to prevent human rights abuses and environmental harm. Please ask your MP to support this. Find out more and email your MP at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Human-rights> Thank you.

A not so Ordinary Time

We are now in the season of “Ordinary Time”. And just like any other season in the liturgical calendar, it celebrates a very specific time in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we think of seasons of the church we typically think of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Namely the incarnation, birth, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. The 33 - or 34 depending on how the feasts fall - weeks of Ordinary Time contain the rest of Jesus’ earthly ministry and some of the major events of the Gospels. The miracles, the parables, the calling of the twelve, the sermon on the mount, the bread of life discourse. . . we get all that and more during this season. Truly, there is much to celebrate.

Ordinary Time has two parts, but it remains one season. The first part begins after the feast of the Epiphany and runs until Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday (2nd March this year.) The second part begins the Monday after Pentecost (Sunday 5th June) and runs until the First Sunday of Advent (27th November).

Why the word Ordinary?

Ordinary comes from the Latin term *ordinalis*, meaning ‘numbered’ or ‘ruled’. This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and weeks.

The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green, which symbolises the virtue of hope is symbolised, just as the burning fire of love is symbolised by red (for martyrs). Green is the colour of growing things, and hope, like them, is always new and always fresh. Ordinary Time is a season in which we are being neither single-mindedly penitent (in purple) nor overwhelmingly joyful (in white).

Like all liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time is meant to be lived! We aren’t passive receptors of the liturgy – or at least we shouldn’t be. We are called to be active participants! Participating in Ordinary Time means participating in the everyday life of Jesus. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation. Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. But the true power of the season is only unlocked if we live it!

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2022:

7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

New Year’s Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD

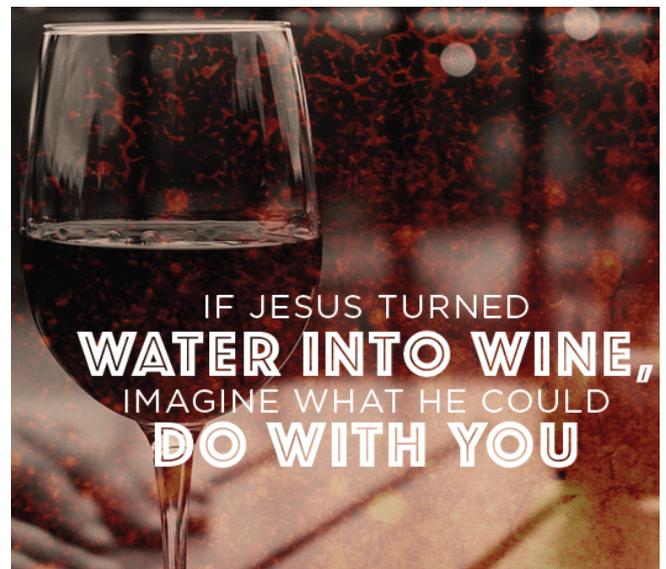
A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year’s resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD’s work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- **In local schools** – where you’ll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD’s work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

If you’d like to know more, please get in touch with apowell@cafod.org.uk or telephone 07779804247.

SVP - The Brothers and Sisters of the SVP wish to thank parishioners for their kind donations of biscuits and chocolates on the 2nd Sunday of Advent and their financial donations to the SVP during 2021. Many housebound parishioners, disadvantaged families and individuals have benefitted from your support.

40 Days for Life is an international campaign which raises awareness and prays for an end to abortion locally, through prayer, fasting and outreach. The Lenten campaign runs from 2nd March to 10th April. Could you spare one hour to witness for the unborn? In 2020, the Royal Hallamshire Hospital performed 1431 abortions. If you would like more information or to get involved, please contact Rachel on 07368297872 or 40DforLsheffield@gmail.com



Pope Francis's January Prayer for True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Practising compassionate and true fraternity calls us to suffer with those who face persecution, poverty, and isolation. A call to be present to the body of Christ in a world rife with indifference. Let us pray that God enlivens our hearts and unites us in our common humanity.

Almighty, everlasting God, look with compassion on all those who suffer persecution for justice' sake. Grant them grace to carry their cross with patience in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let the chalice pass from them if such be Thy holy Will: yet, in all things, may Thy Will be done.

Grant to those who persecute, light to see the truth, and the grace of mercy and forgiveness, for they know not what they do.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, Comfort of the Afflicted, help thy children in their time of bitter trial.

O Lord our God, by the sign of Thy holy cross deliver us from our enemies.

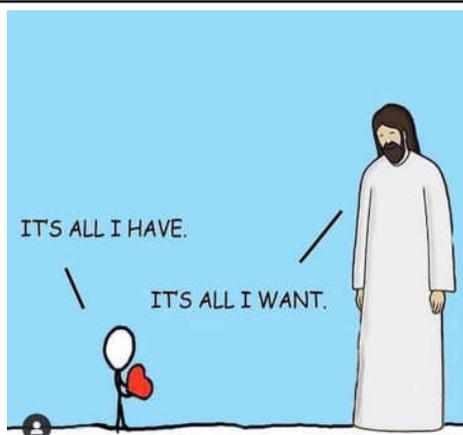
Thoughts for the Week

Learn to live and move in the Spirit; then there is no danger of your giving way to the impulses of corrupt nature. The Spirit yields a harvest of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, forbearance, gentleness, faith, courtesy, temperateness, purity. Since we live by the Spirit, let the Spirit be our rule of life.

Galatians 5

Be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.

Philippians 2



A prayer for Afghanistan

Compassionate God,
We hold in your presence the people of Afghanistan.
Be a shelter for those who have been displaced.
Be a comforter for those who are mourning.
Be the peace for those who are afraid,
Be near to those who are hungry.
Be healing for those who are sick.
Be the strength of those working to bring hope.

Open our eyes and hearts,
so we may stand in solidarity,
and reach out in love,
to our brothers and sisters.
May they know they are not forgotten
and that we hold them in our hearts
whilst they search for the path to peace.
Amen.

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This Week's Readings Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 95

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Next Week's Readings Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: 18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

This week's ministries for 8/9 January

Readers	5.00 p.m.	G Wilkinson, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	J Fojut, S Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, M Richardson
Communion	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos

Next week's ministries for 22/23 January

Readers	5.00 p.m.	C Nicholson, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri, A Peacey
	11.15 p.m.	F Glaze, M Pybus
Communion	9.15 a.m.	S Portaluri
	11.15 a.m.	M Chisholm
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	Volunteers Needed!
	11.15 a.m.	H Stones, S Campos