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The Month of November is devoted to The Holy Souls

**Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year (B)
Sunday 17th November 2024 Psalter Week 1**

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Dead List

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Denis Dawson

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday Dedication of the Basilica of
Ss Peter and Paul

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Feria*

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday *St Edmund, king, martyr*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Thursday PRESENTATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

No Mass

Friday *St Cecilia, virgin, martyr*

12.00 p.m. Dead List

Saturday DEDICATION OF THE
CATHEDRAL

10.45 a.m. Wilfrid Willcock

Next week's Masses

Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Alan Nixon

11.15 a.m. D'cd members of the
Sivinski Family

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.00am – 10.40am

Rosary - 10.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.00am - 10.40am

Pray for our sick: Brenda Charles,
Theresa Greensmith, Stephen Bingley,
Philomena McNally, Sue Jarman,
Anne-Marie Fletcher, Molly Upton,
Pauline Souflas, Patricia McGuone,
Helen Aulton, Sheila Hurst, Teddy
Howes and Paul Smith.

Responsorial Psalm: 15

R: *Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.*

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish Rooms 18th November at
10.00am

Friday Lunch Club after Midday Mass

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for
10th November 2024 is £419.17 Thank you.

Come to Mass with no cash? You can make
donations by card on the machines in the porch
or at the side door table. You can gift-aid too!

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

Retiring Collection - There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for Sick and Retired Clergy. Please give generously.



The Bethlehem Ball - The ball is only 1 week away. Thank you to everyone who has responded by either buying tickets for the event - this parish is VERY well represented – and to all those who have bought and returned raffle tickets. After all Masses this weekend there will be raffle tickets on sale for those who haven't managed to buy any yet! 1st prize £500.

Also, we are in great need of items for the tombola to be held on the night. If you have any gifts, but especially bottles (full ones!) that you can donate for the event it would be very much appreciated.

Items can be given to Liz Mason, Cathal Farragher, Joe McNally or left at the office.

Please ensure any gifts are marked for the Bethlehem Ball. Many thanks.



First Holy Communion- If your child is in Y3 or above and is ready to make their First Holy Communion in 2025, please scan the QR code below or follow the link and complete the form. The catechists will then be in touch to provide details of and dates for the First Holy Communion programme.

Please complete the form by 24th November 2024 <https://forms.gle/xP9rnnffDayBYbXt8>



The Premises Committee is very small and needs more members. Do you have any experience in buildings maintenance and some time to offer? If so please contact Fr Clement or Liz Mason at the presbytery on 0114 2747257.

St Wilfrid's Centre's Reverse Advent Calendar 2024

Today marks the launch of our 2024 Reverse Advent Calendar. Copies can be downloaded from our website or hard copies are available from the centre. We've had lots of people asking when they can have a copy, so we hope you like this year's design. We are, as always, very grateful to everyone who donates towards our Advent Calendar. Throughout December, please add each item to a box or bag. Once completed, please drop off your collection (after January 2nd) at St Wilfrid's Centre.



Mass Offerings - If you would like Mass to be offered for someone or a special intention please send in your request and offertory using the envelopes at the back of church.

Please note some Masses over Christmas have now been requested - if you would like a Mass said on or near Christmas please send it in as soon as possible. First come, first served.

Mass for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing A "signed" Mass has been arranged by Caritas at St Marie's Cathedral Sheffield for Sunday December 15th at 3pm. This will be fully signed by Jennifer Harris (BSL interpreter) along with one of the priests of the parish. Prior to Covid, there was a well attended Mass for this group of people and we are hoping to schedule a number of such Masses throughout the Diocese.

New Sunday Missals

There seems to be a number of people who missed the deadline for the order of new Missals. I will put in another order on Tuesday. This is your last opportunity to buy one and avoid postage (if there are sufficient orders). Please let me know by Tuesday morning if you would like one ordering. Standard £19.95. Leather with a slip case £29.95. Thank you.

Dore Male Voice Choir's Christmas concert at St John's, Abbeydale (opposite the rugby club) on Thursday 12th - Sat 14th December at 7pm? The programme will feature some Christmas music you may not have heard before, along with a few more familiar melodies. Male voice choirs are dwindling in number, but we have one on our doorstep. Tickets £12.50 from Simon Jones (07808 283807) or via the Choir's website.

Times of Christmas Masses



Christmas Eve - 5pm with Nativity - Meadowhead
Christmas Eve - 10pm - 'Midnight' Mass - Meadowhead
Christmas Day - 8.30am Totley
Christmas Day - 10.00am Meadowhead





Parish Raffle – Many thanks to everyone who has already returned their stubs and money which so far totals £470. Hopefully that total will be boosted by monies returned today. If you've still got tickets at home, bring them along next weekend, as the raffle will not be drawn until the end of our Coffee, Cakes and Crafts event (see below). And if you've not bought any tickets yet, you can still buy some at the event itself.

Prize donations – a really big thank you to everyone who has donated raffle prizes in kind and in cash. This, together with other cash donations towards raffle expenses, means we will raise even more money for our Outreach partners in Sheffield and overseas.

Coffee, Cakes & Crafts This popular Parish event is NEXT Sunday 24th November 10am -1pm in the Parish Hall, Meadowhead, with Gifts, Crafts, Art photographs, Books, Cakes, Games, Gaelic Coffees, Bacon Butties.... Concluding with our Grand Parish Outreach Raffle. Come and join us to celebrate our Covenant with the Poor as we support our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad. NB We'll have a Sum-Up card reader available for your convenience if you've not brought enough cash.



Calling all cake makers! Your parish needs you! And so do our Outreach partners because everyone loves cake and it always sells like hot ca....! Bring your favourite creations along with you to CCC next Sunday 24th. Thank you.

Opportunities for Spiritual Development - The Formation and Mission Team is planning a number of events to help people to develop their spirituality. These will begin with an online week of Guided Prayer from 1-7 December led by the Jesuit Institute. If you would like to find out more contact the Formation & Mission Team. formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com

Grace Foodbank Christmas Wishlist: collecting in November please - FOOD: Christmas biscuits, cakes, chocolate mini rolls, sweets. Chocolates, coins, selection boxes etc - anything that looks festive! Pringles, cheddars or similar crisps In a cardboard tube (more robust for packing). Bottles of fizzy grape juice or similar. Tins of salmon, ham etc. Instant custard or tins/cartons of custard.



SMALL boxes of crackers/biscuits for cheese. Christmas puddings. Boxes of mince pies – All with a Best Before date that's after 25th December and nothing that needs refrigerating, contains alcohol or is fragile.

GIFTS: Unwrapped please! Toiletry gift sets for adults and for older teenagers (male and female). Books - board books for toddlers, picture books for pre-school children and "fun" stories for older children. Toys and games - new or nearly new please. Felt tips/coloured pencils. Colouring books/activity books (particularly chunky crayons suitable for age 1+)

MONEY: to fill any gaps, buy festive items for clients with special dietary needs and buy some fresh produce eg chicken, cheese, bacon, butter, sausages and satsumas. Cheques can be made payable to Grace Food Bank and marked "for Christmas" on the envelope.

World Day of the Poor - THIS SUNDAY

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 17 November 2024 to be the eighth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "The prayer of the poor rises up to God."

The expression that gives the 2024 World Day of the Poor its theme is taken from the Book of Sirach (21:5), which Pope Francis says is not sufficiently known and deserves to be discovered for the richness of its themes. In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father reiterates that; "the poor hold a privileged place in God's heart" and invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust.

In his message Pope Francis criticises policies that promote wars. He writes: "The violence caused by wars clearly shows the arrogance of those who consider themselves to be powerful before men and women, but they are poor in the eyes of God. How many more people are impoverished by misguided policies involving weapons! How many innocent victims! Yet we cannot turn our backs to this reality."

The Holy Father highlighted the example of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who spent her life working for the poor and who described herself as "only a poor sister who prays."

We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, "following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us," the pope said.

Read the full text of Pope Francis's message on the Vatican website at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20240613-messaggio-viii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2024.html>

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Mass Setting - Mass of Christ the Saviour

Gloria 1013; Holy, Holy 1014; Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017; Lamb of God 1019



**Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention for November
For those who have lost a child.**

“What can we say to parents who have lost a child? How can we console them? There are no words,” the Holy Father said in a video released 31 October 2024. He pointed out that “when one spouse loses the other, they are a widower or a widow. A child who loses a parent is an orphan. There’s a word for that. But when a parent loses a child, there’s no word. The pain is so great that there’s no word.

And it’s not natural to outlive your child. The pain caused by this loss is especially intense,” he said. “Words of encouragement are at times banal or sentimental, they’re not helpful. Spoken with the best intention, of course, they can end up aggravating the wound.” The pope explained that in order to comfort parents who have lost a child, “we need to listen to them, to be close to them with love, to care responsibly for the pain they feel, imitating how Jesus Christ consoled those who were afflicted.”

He concluded with a prayer: “Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.”

**Prayer for the Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Lord our God,
give us grace to serve you always with joy,
because our full and lasting happiness
is to make of our lives a constant service to the
Author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

This Friday, 22 November, is the Feast of St Cecilia. Like many early martyrs, little is known about Cecilia. No-one knows why she should have become widely popular in the middle of the sixth century, some 200 years after her death. Her association with music is also a mystery. Devotion to St Cecilia has spread far and wide because of “*The Passion of Saint Cecilia*”, which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ.

This Thursday, 21 November, is the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not to be confused with the major feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas – on 2 February). First celebrated in the sixth century in Jerusalem, it became a feast of the universal Church in the 1500’s.

As with Mary’s birth, we read of Mary’s presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature, in the Protoevangelium of James. Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary’s presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasises that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

**This Week’s Readings
Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time (B)**

First Reading: *Daniel 12:1-3*

Responsorial Psalm: 15

Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:11-14, 18*

Gospel: *Mark 13:24-32*

This Week’s Ministries 16/17 November 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	2 volunteers needed
	9.15 a.m.	B Ayanleke, A Peacey
	11.15 a.m.	I Paterson, + 1 other
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher, M Mahon, M Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	P Corkell, M Richardson, K O’Brien

**Next Week’s Readings
CHRIST THE KING**

First Reading: *Daniel 7:13-14*

Responsorial Psalm: 92

Second Reading: *Apocalypse 1:5-8*

Gospel: *John 18:33-37*

Next Week’s Ministries 23/24 November 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	D Winter, S Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	M Pybus, J McNally
Communion	5.00 p.m.	K Durkin, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	J Tucker, R Portaluri, R Gasser
	11.15 a.m.	P Orkamfat, E Williamson, M Harrison
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	Volunteers needed
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson