

Our Lady of Beauchief & Saint Thomas of Canterbury

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The Month of February is devoted to the Holy Family

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday, 1st February 2026 Psalter Week 4

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Chris and Robert Meldrum

11.15 a.m. William Maltby

Monday

THE PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD (CANDLEMASS)

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley)

St Blaise, bishop, martyr

St Ansgar, bishop

Kathleen Connolly

Wednesday

St Gilbert of Sempringham

10.00 a.m.

D B Santos

Thursday

St Agatha, virgin, martyr

No Mass

Friday

Ss Paul Miki & Companions,
martyrs

12.00 p.m.

Requiem for Sheila Hurst

Saturday

Feria

10.45 a.m.

Harvey Willgoose

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. Pat Udall

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. William Maltby

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: Tony Willcock, Anne McPhee, Elizabeth Watson, Paul Smith, Philomena McNally, Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley, Molly Upton, and Sue Jarman.

Lately dead: Anne-Marie Fletcher, Oliver Wragg, Stavros Souflas and Paul Harding RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 146

R: Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 18th & 25th January 2026 was £599.62 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!

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.



The Presentation of the Lord - Forty days after celebrating the birth of Jesus, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Monday 2 February, Until 1969, the feast was known in the West as the feast of the Purification of Our Lady and also as Candlemas.

On giving birth to a son, a Jewish woman would be in semi-seclusion for 40 days, after which, in the case of a first-born son, the mother would present him to the Lord in acknowledgement of his being source of all life. (First-born animals were also presented and sacrificed to God.)

Mary and Joseph submit to the Law of Moses in bringing their Son to be offered, as the first-born, to God in the temple at Jerusalem and for the purification of the mother after giving birth, even though we believe that Mary did not need such purification. In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday is being marked this weekend in England and Wales. Racial Justice Sunday is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is: "Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1John 4:21): Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes."

In an increasingly tense climate, it is imperative that we listen to, and learn from, the experiences, challenges and opportunities encountered in the mission of promoting racial justice in Catholic parishes today. Our parishes should be places where we can all truly grow in ever-deeper knowledge and love of each other, ourselves and God.

Safeguarding - There will be a drop-in session from 9am on Friday 27th February in the Parish rooms, with Angela and Claire the current Parish safeguarding representatives. If you have any safeguarding concerns, would like information or would just like to meet us, please come along.

Funeral Arrangements for Oliver Wragg RIP
There will be a requiem Mass at St Joseph's Handsworth, Friday, 20th February, 2026 at 11.30am.

World Day of Prayer Annual Service on 6 March which this year has been prepared by women of Nigeria, with the theme of "I will give you rest, come". World Day of Prayer - a women led, global, ecumenical movement <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 9th February. All welcome to help with plans for Lent and looking to the future. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Baptism Preparation - 7.30pm this coming

Thursday, 29th January, being the last Thursday of the month, there will be a baptism preparation session in church for those wishing to have their baby baptised in December. NOTE: it is important that Fr Clement is already aware of your intentions and that you have already met with him.

Sick and Retired Clergy - Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the clergy of the diocese who have served us well over the years and are now in need of support. Please give generously.

RCIA - Journey In Faith Programme - 2025-2026 Thursdays at 6.00pm

Our parish Journey in Faith programme is a weekly course for all who wish to become a Catholic, for adult Catholics yet to receive their First Holy Communion or for Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith. Please come along.



Newsletter - We are hoping to gradually stop printing hard copies of the newsletter. Most people now have access to phones, computers and emails addresses. This means you can access the newsletter online. This will not only save on the cost of printing but will also help save a tree!

However, we know not everyone has access with phones or computers so there will be hard copies. Meantime, please let me know if you would like your newsletter by email, and ensure we have an up-to-date email address.

Advantages? You receive it on Friday; you see it in colour; it goes straight to your inbox; no bits of paper in your bag; saving trees.

Parish Bank Details (for making payments to the parish)

Account Name: Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish

Account Number: 01095153 Sort Code: 40-41-07

If you wish to write a cheque, it should be made payable to: *Woodseats RC Parish Account*. Thank you.

Marriage Preparation residential weekend course, 13 - 15 March 2026

The CHC's weekend marriage prep course is intended for couples who wish to engage more deeply with the Catholic vision for marriage. Structured around the elements of the marriage rite, couples will reflect deeply on foundational Scriptural texts to gain a deeper understanding of both the natural and Sacramental aspects of Matrimony. The weekend is framed by prayer, time for reflection personally and as a couple, group discussion and a social. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>

Love & Beauty in St John's Spiritual Canticle, 20 - 22 February

2026. 2026 marks the centenary of the declaration of St John of the Cross as a Doctor of the Church. In honour of this anniversary, Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend reflecting on the themes of love and beauty in the most celebrated poetry of the great Spanish mystic.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/love-beauty-in-st-johns-spiritual-canticle/>

1st Sunday collections:

Thank you for your

support today

for Give to

Live and St Wilfrid's.



Street & School Pastors AGM and Celebration Evening, and to share a little about the work taking place across Sheffield.

The evening will be a relaxed **Pie and Pea Supper** and an opportunity to hear more about the Street and School Pastors projects, the impact they are having in our city, and how individuals and churches can connect with this work. It may be of particular interest to **youth workers, those involved in pastoral care, or anyone with a heart for inner-city ministry**, though everyone is very welcome.

Event details: Date: Saturday 28 February 2026

Time: 6.00pm **Venue:** The Rock Christian Centre, 177 Spital Hill, Burngreave Road, Sheffield, S4 7LF

Please book your free place by emailing:

sheffield@streetpastors.org.uk

St Vincent's Spring and Bloom Banquet

The Spring & Bloom Banquet is a warm, community-led fundraising evening hosted by St Vincent's Furniture Project. Enjoy great food, music and company while helping us support over 3,000 people each year with essential furniture and household items.

Sat 18 Apr 2026 6:30 PM - 11:30 PM
The Steamworks, S2 4SJ

Afternoon on February By Henry Wordsworth Longfellow

The day is ending,
The night is descending;
The marsh is frozen,
The river dead.

Through clouds like ashes
The red sun flashes
On village windows
That glimmer red.

The snow recommences;
The buried fences
Mark no longer
The road o'er the plain;

While through the meadows,
Like fearful shadows,
Slowly passes
A funeral train.

The bell is pealing,
And every feeling
Within me responds
To the dismal knell;
Shadows are trailing,
My heart is bewailing
And tolling within
Like a funeral bell.

We pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our diocese and for new vocations to this ministry. If you are a baptised and confirmed man, between 30 and 55 years, prayerful, and with the desire to serve God's people, and you are visible and involved within your parish and community, you might be being called to be a Permanent Deacon? Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and if you require more information about the Permanent Diaconate, speak to your Parish Priest, or the Parish Deacon, if there is one, and then contact the Diaconate Formation Director, Deacon Tony via e-mail: astrike@hallam-diocese.com

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Everything is connected – how do we care for our common home? At St Vincent's Church, 40 Pickmere Road, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1GY

Saturday 21 March, 11:00am-3:00pm. Tea/ coffee from 10:30am

Speakers: Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, spokesperson for the Bishops Conference on the Environment, and President of Pax Christi. Dr. Maria Exall, Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University.

The event is free. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Please book your place:

> <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.

Email address: safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com



**Mass of Christ the Saviour - Gloria 1013; Holy Holy 1014;
Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017; Amen 1018; Lamb of God 1019**



Prayer for Racial Justice Sunday

God of justice, in your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception.

Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty and worth of every human being.

Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family.

Open our eyes to repent of racist attitudes, behaviours and speech which demean others.

Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change.

Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history.

And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**Prayer for the Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

Lord our God,
make us love you above all things,
and all our fellow-men and women
with a love that is worthy of you.
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 Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm: 146

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

This Tuesday is the feast day of St Blaise. He is believed to have been a physician and a bishop in Armenia in the Roman Empire. During a period of persecution of Christians, according to legend, Blaise took refuge in a cave in the hills, where he restored to health a boy who was near death from a fishbone stuck in his throat. In 316 Blaise was captured, and, the tradition holds, martyred by being beaten, attacked with iron carding combs and finally beheaded.

Next Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading: Isaiah 58:6-10

Responsorial Psalm: 112

Second Reading: Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

**Prayer for the Feast of the
Presentation of the Lord**

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your majesty
that, just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the
Temple in the substance of our flesh,
so, by your grace, we may be presented
to you with minds made pure.

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.

This Week's Ministries 31 January/1 February 2026

Readers 5.00 p.m. V Coomer, H Simmerson

9.15 a.m. B Ayanleke, J Fojut

11.15 a.m. M Pybus, I Paterson

Communion 5.00 p.m. S Davey, C Udall

9.15 a.m. A Tucker, A Tucker, S Jones

11.15 a.m. J McNally, E Williamson, M Harrison

Next Week's Ministries 7/8 February 2026

Readers 5.00 p.m. D Hilliard, D Fletcher

9.15 a.m. K Corker, S Corker

11.15 a.m. A Willcock, B Jones

Communion 5.00 p.m. J Brook, K Durkin

9.15 a.m. P Ashby, R Portaluri, H Grady

11.15 a.m. P Corkell, P Orkamfat, S Campos

Welcomers 9.15 a.m.

11.15 a.m. A Willcock

Thought For the Week

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Yesterday is like a cancelled cheque.

Tomorrow is a promissory note.

Today is like ready cash.

*Use it wisely,
for today is the most
precious procession
you can have.*

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