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The Month of March is devoted to St Joseph

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, 1 March 2020 Psalter Week 1

Saturday

5.00 p.m. (Totley) Patrick McKeown

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Katie Glackin

Monday

Lenten Feria

10.00 a.m. Margaret Gallagher

Tuesday (Totley)

Lenten Feria

10.00 a.m. Mabel Leach

7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday

St Casimir

11.00 a.m. Requiem for Malcolm McDonald

Thursday

Lenten Feria

10.00 a.m. *Stations of the Cross*

No Mass

Friday

Lenten Feria

12.00 p.m. Malcolm McDonald

Saturday

Ss Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

10.00 a.m. John Frain

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Danny McCarthy

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Malcolm McDonald

Saturday, 7 March 2020

Penitential Service - 10.00am

Followed by Mass

Please pray for:

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

Lately dead: 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 Lunch Club following midday Mass

Youth Pub - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Funerals: The requiem Mass for **Malcom McDonald** will be on Wednesday, 4th March at 11.00am. Followed by committal at the crematorium.

Marie Howells will be received into church on Sunday, 8th March at 5.00pm. The requiem Mass will take place on Monday, 9th March at 2.00pm followed by committal at the crematorium.

Please note: There will be **no Mass** at 10.00am on either of these days.

Special Ministers, Readers and Welcomers - The next Rota will be produced shortly. If you wish your Unavailability Dates to be incorporated into the Rota please respond to the Rota Unavailability Dates Email. If you do not currently receive the Unavailability Dates email and want to receive it please let Liz Mason know your current email address so that you can subscribe to the process. (Subscription required under GDPR.)

Please note that ALL those on the Rota, irrespective of which Mass Community they usually minister with, will be considered for the Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – Masses at OLST unless they include them in their Unavailability Dates. Non-Subscribers can tell Liz Mason or email olstsheffield.rota@btinternet.com their unavailability/availability.

Penitential Services in Lent - Meadowhead

Saturday 7 March at 10.00 am and **Wednesday 11 March** at 7.30 pm.

The penitential services will consist of a welcome and opening prayer followed by a collective examination of conscience. People will then come forward to confess one sin to one of the priests on either side of the sanctuary and receive absolution. There will then be a closing prayer. The service will last no more than an hour.

The Saturday service has been added so that families and those who are unable to get to church in the evening will have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mass on this day will follow the service.



Lent Lunches - On 5 Sundays in Lent, (excluding Mothering Sunday when there will be Cake and Crafts available) you are invited to share a simple lunch of soup, bread, cheese & fruit and make your donations to provide for others in need.

Do join us, 12 – 1pm ish in the Parish Rooms.

Today: The Friends of the School welcome you and your donations in aid of our parish primary school. Next week: Anne Peacey & friends invite you to mark Homelessness Sunday with donations in aid of Church Action on Poverty.



Fairtrade Fortnight 24 February - 8 March 2020. Look for the logo when you are out shopping and make positive choices when you can. If you can't see the logo, ask your shop to consider stocking the items you need. Use your consumer power – it makes a difference to so many people if they can be

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

Stations of the Cross - There will be Stations on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and Thursdays at 10.00am throughout Lent at M/Head. There will also be Stations led by the Totley Cell on Tuesdays at Totley following Mass.

Outreach invite you to come and meet a speaker from ASSIST Sheffield which helps destitute asylum seekers by providing accommodation, advice and other support to those in most need or distress. This charity is totally reliant on volunteers, grants and the generosity of the people of Sheffield and is one that our Give to Live money helps support so do come to hear how your money is used and learn more at www.assistsheffield.org.uk Monday, 9th March, 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

St Wilfrid's Centre's Sleep Out 2020 at SUFC, Bramall Lane -

St Wilfrid's are very excited to announce that their next **Sleep Out** is being held on Friday 13th March at Bramall Lane. This is a great opportunity for any "Blades" out there to spend the night in John Street Stand. We still have room for more participants. Please visit <https://www.stwilfridscentre.org/events> for more information or email tracey@stwilfridscentre.org If you do not want to take part but would like to sponsor one of our clients who will be taking part, please contact the Centre on 0114 2555720 option 2. Thank you for all of your support.

St Vincent's Mission Hub Café - An opportunity exists for a sole trader / small business to establish a cafe in the new diocesan young adult hub in Sheffield. A fixed term licence may be granted to an applicant who has a passion for serving great tasting coffee and who shares in our vision of creating a mission to serve and evangelise young adults living in the diocese of Hallam. For further information or to apply please contact Fr Lee Marshall, frlee@hotmail.co.uk. Interest must be registered by 31 March 2020.

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

HOST UK - Our Easter Appeal 2020

We are somewhat late in suggesting a Lenten offering, urging you not to give something *up* but to *do something positive*. Will you consider inviting an international student to your home, for one day (daytime only) or for a weekend? Share a meal, conversation and exchange cultural traditions and views of the world. It is so very rewarding for both host and student guest. Please consider becoming one of our volunteer hosts. We would very much welcome you to join us. Information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org Or email us on: info@hostuk.org Or telephone us on: **020 7739 6292** *If you are unable to host but would like to support this cause please send your donation to the Big Give <https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/donate/a051r00001ObYZLAA3>

or by cheque to: **HOST UK, Sylvia Adams House, 24 The Common, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 0NB**

CAFOD Fast Day - Friday, 6 March is CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day, when you are asked to fast and place the money you have saved in the Fast Day Envelope. The money is then used to support local experts in their care for the needs of the world's poorest families. Please multiply your money by filling in the GIFT AID slip if possible. *Thank you!*

Friends of St Thomas are raising money for the school by serving tea, coffee, bacon and sausage sandwiches (vegetarian option available) along with hot dogs after both Sunday morning masses. Please come along to say hello and support our school.

 **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.)

Starting **TODAY**

 **1st Sunday of Lent:** Thank you for your gifts today for St Wilfrid's Centre and Give to Live.

 **2nd Sunday of Lent:** The fruits of our **Lent Fast Day** will be collected for CAFOD's work. **Household items** eg cutlery, crockery, pans, bedding, towels, tools etc for **SVP Furniture Store**. Financial contributions to the £125 'New Start' packs which include a portable electric cooker and bed are also welcome. For collection of large items throughout the year please ring 270 3990

 **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.

First Sunday Lent (A)

Jesus, the New Adam, spent forty days fasting in the desert during which time his body and soul gained in freedom and his awareness became more acute. In solidarity with all who suffer hunger and oppression, Jesus, the new Moses, re-enacted the forty years of Israel's struggle in the desert as described in Exodus. The vivid account of Jesus' temptation is a suggestion by Matthew that he, true God and true man, was tempted by Satan during his earthly life.

Much later, Jesus told his followers about the adversary's attempt to disturb his awareness of his mission. Would he accept being poor, being ignored, being weak? Did he not know how to draw from the reality of his Incarnation spectacular miracles, the use of authority and enticement? Would he be the Son and Servant according to God's plan?

Whenever Jesus felt temptations in his human heart towards temporal kingship, he repulsed them and relied on God's Word alone. He fled from the crowds who only clamoured for miracles and who would have proclaimed him king. He even banished Peter for a time when he looked like becoming an obstacle on the road to Calvary. He would drink the bitter cup of his death to the dregs, nor would he save himself when he had been nailed to the cross.

In all of this we have a striking catalogue of choices we should make in the face of consumerism, greed and the unbridled ambition which too often are the real motivating forces of our society. How else can we draw up a scale of values to measure our desires, but by reflecting –here and now as Lent begins- on Jesus reaching out to the source from which his actions spring: the Word of God?

Responsorial Psalm:

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Communion Antiphon:

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. OR

The Lord will overshadow you, and you will find refuge under his wings,

Prayer for the Week

Have mercy upon our efforts, that we
Before thee, in love and in faith,
Righteousness and humility,
May follow thee, with self-denial,
steadfastness and courage,
And meet thee in the silence.
Give us a pure heart that we may see thee,
A humble heart that we may hear thee,
A heart of love that we may serve thee,
heart of faith that we may love thee.

*Dag Hammarskjold 1905-61)
Director General of the United Nations*

Next Weekend's Readings Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Responsorial Psalm: 32

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 17:1-9*

This week's ministries:

Communion

5.00pm: P Durkin, S Davey

9.15am: M Mahon, M Marron, R Portaluri,
H Grady, E Grant

11.15am: J McNally, P McNally, J Tucker,
H Stones, S Campos

Readers:

5.00pm: C Nicholson, G Wilkinson

9.15am: S Davies, C Perryman

11.15am: P Moon, G Smith

Ministries for 7/8 March 2020

Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher, S Portaluri, R Gasser, T Henderson, J Henderson
	11.15 a.m.	A Tucker, A Tucker, M Chisholm, P Corkell, P Moon
Readers	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, G Higgins
	9.15 a.m.	K Corker, S Corker
	11.15 a.m.	M Richardson, A Willcock
Welcomers	5.00 p.m.	Bluff Family
	9.15 a.m.	N Johnson
	11.15 a.m.	D Lewis