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*The
Season
of
Lent*



The Month of March is devoted to St Joseph

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
Sunday, 1st March 2026 Psalter Week 2**

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Matthew and Keolebogile
Henderson

11.15 a.m. Tony Willcock

Monday

Lenten Feria

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Lenten Feria*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

10.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday

St Casimir

9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00 a.m. Oliver Wragg

Thursday

Lenten Feria

No Mass

Friday

Lenten Feria

12.00 p.m. Dead List

Saturday

Ss Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

10.45 a.m. Kath Jarman

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. Anne-Marie Fletcher

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Oliver Wragg

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

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: Joe Parkin,
Anne Grayson, John Grayson,
Anne McPhee, Elizabeth Watson,
Paul Smith, Philomena McNally,
Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Stephen
Bingley, Molly Upton, and
Sue Jarman.

Lately dead: Fr Joseph Narikuzhi RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 33

R: May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 6.45pm SVP Meeting 2nd March

Wednesday 6.15pm Rainbows and Brownies

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Club follows Mass

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total
for 22nd February 2026 was £587.75 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!

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr Joseph Narikuzhi RIP - Please remember Father Joseph, in your prayers. Fr Joseph was here as a priest for a year after Fr Metcalfe left and before Fr Gus came.

Last Sunday, Thomas Glossop's name was added to the Book of the Elect St Marie's Cathedral. This marked the beginning of a period of more intense preparation for him as he prepares to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. At the same ceremony, Ursula Langenfeld and Karen Thompson were called to Continuing Conversion as they prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church. This is a reminder to all of us that on each day of Lent we are called to conversion. Let us pray for them as they respond to God's call in their lives and ask that their witness may encourage others to respond to the invitation of Christ in their lives.

SVP - If you would like to organise a collection of large furniture - or offer your time and skills - then please call 0114 270 3990 or email infosheffield@svp.org.uk See more at <https://svp.org.uk/sheffield-furniture-store> Thank you.

Ministries - The availability dates for the rota was sent out over a week ago. If you have not yet replied please do so as soon as possible. The next rota includes the Triduum and Easter, so it is especially important you let me know if you are available. Several extra readers and Ministers of Communion are needed to cover Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. **PLEASE** ensure your replies are in **17th March**. **If you do not reply it will be assumed you are available for all dates throughout the period of the rota.**

Lunch Club - Don't forget that Lunch Club meets every Friday during term time for home-made soup and cakes. Interested in coming? Not got any transport? No problem! **New members always welcome!!** We can arrange for Transport 17 minibus to collect you. To find out more ring Penny Ashby on 0114 2366606.

World Day of Prayer 2026 - Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them for the World Day of Prayer on Friday 6 March. The service they have prepared reflects on the theme, *I Will Give You Rest*. The World Day of Prayer is an international, women-led, ecumenical movement that shares the hopes, concerns, and prayers of women from around the globe. Each year, women from a different country craft a service, sharing their unique spiritual journey and culture. The women of Nigeria have created a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties. Visit <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/> for information and resource material.



Annual Bethlehem Ball
A date for your diaries. The Ball will take place on **Saturday, 14th November** at the **Crown Plaza Victoria Hotel**. More details to follow - watch **this space . . .**



Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 - Bookings are now being taken for the Hallam Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 26th June to 2nd July. The cost is £1010, to include flights from Leeds Bradford to Lourdes, 6 nights accommodation, full board and insurance. There will be a full religious programme led by Bishop Ralph. The theme this year is 'Hail, full of grace'. For bookings see www.tangney-tours.com/hallam, or call 01732 886666. Paper booking forms will be available in parishes within the next two weeks. For further information call 01302 247910 or 07724 650066 or email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com.

Stations of the Cross During Lent There will be Stations of the Cross after Mass on Tuesdays at Totley and before Mass on Wednesdays, at 9.30 at Meadowhead.

Encounter School of Ministry Sheffield - Launching September 2026, a dynamic two-year training journey rooted in long-term discipleship, designed to teach, equip, and activate believers to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through teaching, small groups, worship, and activations, you will learn to step out in faith, grow in the gifts of healing and prophecy, and make the supernatural life of the Spirit a natural part of everyday life. Join a community pursuing transformation, breakthrough, and the call to do the "greater works" Jesus promised. For more information and enrolment: encounterschool.org/sheffield

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.
Email address: safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com

Tea and coffee - We need more volunteers to prepare and serve the tea and coffee after 9.15 Mass. We do not have a rota currently, and it is falling to the same one or two groups who are doing it every week. Please offer to help and do on a rota if you can. We would hate to lose this valuable social activity.



Last week's Newsletter had several appeals to help our community eg by helping the premises committee, the coffee rota and the cleaning team. New ministers of the Eucharist, readers, catechists & flower arrangers are always welcome as are gardeners, office helpers etc; and both SVP and Outreach would love the involvement of more people! And then there are all the organisations with which we are partnered – see the Lent insert or the purple Outreach leaflet in the porch for more ideas to find your fit.

Cleaners - We are in desperate need of cleaners at Meadowhead. At the moment there are no teams available to clean the church for the next 4 months. It'll look a bit messy by then!!

Please, if you can spare a couple of hours for two weeks in a month it would be very much appreciated. Your turn would only come around at most twice a year, but if we have enough volunteers it would be only one a year. Please contact Liz Mason if you can help.



Prayer and Pizza Night - Friday 6th March 6pm.

OLST Youth Group are holding a prayer and pizza night in the Parish Rooms at 6pm on Friday 6th March. It is a time to come together in prayer, play some games and eat some pizza! It is a free event and open to anyone in secondary schools aged 11-18. To reserve your space please sign up using this QR code. If you have any questions please speak to Josh Neal.



Ampleforth Retreat 16th-18th April 2027

I have booked a retreat at Ampleforth for the weekend of 16th April NEXT year. At the moment the cost is £190 - this may go up slightly.

All rooms are en suite. If you would like to go please contact me as soon as possible. A £50 deposit is required on booking and this will secure your place. It will be on a first come first served basis. We had more people than places wanting to go last year so to be certain of a place please book quickly.



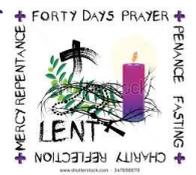
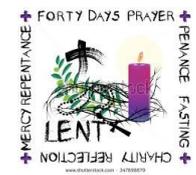
St Vincent's Spring and Bloom Banquet

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

Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 9th March. All welcome (see above!) Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Thank you.

Lenten Offertory Collections: 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 and 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.)



Thank you for your support today for Give to Live, St Wilfrid's Centre & cafod.org.uk/envelope



8th March - Commitment to give of your time and skills - see separate item in the newsletter.



15th March - Money collection for LIFE.



22nd March - Groceries for Grace Food Bank



29th March - Small /medium underwear pants, vests & T- Shirts, socks and size 7-10 shoes - Ben's Centre.



**Mass - New Celtic Liturgy: Holy Holy 553;
Memorial Acclamation 554; Amen 555; Lamb of God 591**



A Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent

The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain, described in our Gospel reading today, took place shortly after Jesus announced his forthcoming passion to his disciples. The transfiguration would confirm the faith of the three apostles who would witness Jesus's agony of fear in the Garden of Gethsemane, and his betrayal, torture and death by giving them a glimpse of what he will be in the future. His face is seen transformed in the great light of Easter. Moses and Elijah, the two great witnesses of the old covenant, testify by their presence to the inauguration of "the last days" and to the arrival of the great prophet so long awaited. God the Father is also present, and his voice reveals the secret of Jesus of Nazareth: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him."

Soon it is time to come down from the mountain and continue in the footsteps of the Servant. Soon the darkness of Golgotha will obscure the brightness of the transfigured face. But that brightness was no fantasy; its vision was no dream. The dawn of Easter will reveal that life itself can rise from the dead. Like the apostles, we are called to follow our transfigured Lord in faith, putting our trust in him and bearing hardships for the sake of the good news he has brought us.

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Lent

God our Father,
you bid us listen to your Son, the well-beloved.
Nourish our hearts on your word,
purify the eyes of our mind,
and fill us with joy at the vision of your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen

**This Week's Readings
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

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

Responsorial Psalm: 33

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

Gospel: *Matthew 17:1-9*

**Next Week's Readings
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

First Reading: *Exodus 17:3-7*

Responsorial Psalm: 95

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

Gospel: *John 4:5-42*

Saturday 7 March is the feast day of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, who were martyred for their faith, together with three other Christians in the Coliseum in Carthage, North Africa, in the year AD203. Their story is told in "the Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity" which, believed to have been written by a Saint Perpetua (and completed by a friend) and to preserve the actual words of the martyrs and their friends. Saint Perpetua's account is apparently historical and is the earliest surviving text written by a Christian woman.

This Week's Ministries 28 February/1 March 2026

Readers	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, D Hilliard
	9.15 a.m.	D Winter, A Peacey
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, B Jones
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	A Tucker, A Tucker, M Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	K O'Brien, H Stones, S Campos

The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has issued his message for Lent 2026 on the theme: "Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion" It is available to read on the Catholic Bishops website (CBCEW) at this link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leo-xiv-lent-as-a-time-of-conversion/>

Next Week's Ministries 7/8 March 2026

Readers	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	J Bourne, B Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	I Paterson, M Paterson
Communion	5.00 p.m.	S Davey, C Udall
	9.15 a.m.	S Jones, R Portaluri, P Ashby
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson, J McNally, M Harrison
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson

Thought For the Week



*People are like stained glass windows;
they sparkle and they shine
when the sun is out,
but when the darkness sets in
their true beauty is revealed
only if there is light within.*



Quote for the Week

"Without forgiveness there is no future"

Archbishop Desmond Tutu