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The Month of September is devoted to The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

20 September 2020 Psalter Week 1

Saturday

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Arthur Beever

11.15 p.m. Eugene Rafferty

Monday **ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE**

10.00 a.m. Harry Grayson

Tuesday *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Wednesday **St Pius Pietrelcina**

10.00 a.m. Carmel Sweeney

Thursday **Our Lady of Walsingham**

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Friday *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. Father Martin Griffin

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. John Frain

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Rae Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Michael Goodfellow, Sr Emma Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin, Peter Baines, Breda Pakenham, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Linda Costello, Catherine Mary Tetzlaff, Pauline Collins and Edward Keefe.

Lately dead: Mary Langan, **RIP**

And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

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

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below. If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to

'Woodseats R C Parish Account'. The bank will not accept any variation.

RECTORS

A rector is a cleric who is in charge of an institution or a church which is not a parish church. So, the head of a seminary or a catholic university is styled 'rector'; as is the priest in charge of a shrine like Walsingham (since it is not a parish church).

Prior to 1908 England was formally mission territory, as the diocesan and parochial system had been effectively suppressed at the Reformation; it came under the Congregation for the Propaganda of the Faith, not the Congregation of Bishops. Priests in charge of parishes were not formally 'parish priests' as technically there were no parishes, so they were correctly styled 'missioners' and were in charge of 'missions'. In an attempt to provide stability to a system (which effectively was a parish system) the priests in charge of some of the older and more important 'parishes' had been styled 'missionary rectors'. Locally St Marie's and Hathersage had missionary rectors in charge. (The presbytery is usually called 'the rectory'.) In 1908 the decree *Sapienti Consilio* placed England and Wales under the Sacred Consistorial Congregation (now the Congregation of Bishops) and the 'missions' became canonical 'parishes'. The church in these lands had 'grown up' and could stand on its own feet: it was no longer mission territory.

The title was always something of a legal fiction but has perdured to this day. It is a little bit of history, a bit of that rather glorious history of the post-reformation catholic church in this land as it struggled to re-establish itself.

This year St Wilfrid's Centre Bishop's Walk is taking place on Monday October 12th. Due to Covid restrictions, Bishop Ralph will be joined by only 5 other walkers as they walk from Dronfield to the Cathedral passing through various parishes along the way. Please support vulnerable and socially isolated people by sponsoring Bishop Ralph and the other walkers. You can donate online <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BishopsWalk2020> or by visiting <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/StWilfridsCentre/BishopsWalk2020.html>. You can also pay over the phone by credit or debit card 0114 2555720 option 2. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Novena to St Francis - For a world under threat

The Season of Creation 1st Sep - 4th Oct has the theme 'Jubilee for the Earth'.

You can find out more at www.seasonofcreation.org

A practical step to caring for our planet is to move away from using fossil fuels and investing in them. This week, in CAFOD's online talk **[Catholic Investment for an Integral Ecology \(part 1\)](#) Tuesday 22 September, 4pm-5.30pm**, Fr Augusto Zampini Co-Secretary, Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development will give an overview of how we can divest from the fossil fuel industry and support a just recovery from Covid-19. [Register](#) to join in.

Please join in praying the Novena to St Francis below:

Seventh prayer: Those who suffer

"We praise you, Lord, for those who pardon for love of you,

who bear sickness and trial." (*St Francis of Assisi*)

"I speak for my brothers and sisters who are threatened, assassinated, who do not hold the rights to their land...

How long must we wait for a reply?" (*Rosildo da Silva, Jaminawa Arará people, Brazil*)

Creator God, open our hearts
to the sufferings of the landless poor
who endure violence and threat.
Forgive us for the sin of indifference.

St Francis,
you were jailed and beaten,
brother to the outcast.
May your compassion be our guide.

St Francis, pray for us.

WEARING MASKS - ARE YOU WEARING YOUR MASK CORRECTLY?

If your mouth and nose are **NOT** covered then you are not wearing your mask correctly. Wearing a mask in church is a legal requirement - unless you have a medical exemption (in which case you will have proof).

If you do not wear a mask properly you are putting yourself and **OTHERS** at risk. Please do your social duty and cover your mouth and nose whilst in church. *If you do not do this you will be asked to leave.*

All Saints Catholic High School will be hosting a virtual open morning for all Y6s on Saturday 26th September from 10.00am. Please visit www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk from 10.00am and meet staff and students who will guide you around the school.

Attending Mass? - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Sunday morning Masses are nearing capacity, in fact 9.15 was at its maximum last week. Please ensure you ring to book your place as it may be that you will not be allowed in if you just turn-up.

Please remember, **masks MUST be worn.**

First Holy Communion 2020/21

Invitations have been sent to Y3 children through school inviting them to take part in next year's First Holy Communion preparations. If you do not attend St Thomas school please collect an invitation from church.

Baptism Certificates - If you require proof of baptism for entry into either primary or secondary school, please email church for with your child's name, date of birth and roughly when baptised, marked for the attention of Liz Mason. Please include an address for sending. Thank you.

OUTREACH: Appeal for Donations

The Parish Outreach Group has continued to support our local and overseas partners – many of whom are experiencing particular difficulty due to the COVID 19 pandemic. In recent months we have sent donations to Sheffield Samaritans, the Grace Foodbank, Ben's Centre, St Wilfrid's Centre, St Vincent's Furniture Store, ASSIST (Support for Asylum Seekers), Reaching the Unreached (India) and the Kwakakulu Community Project in rural Kenya.

Unfortunately due to COVID 19 we are unable to use our usual methods of fundraising including the monthly Give to Live collection, the Parish Raffle and events such as Coffee, Cakes and Crackers. We are therefore asking if parishioners who normally generously donate to Outreach in such ways would consider making a direct donation to Outreach so that we can continue to support our partners on your behalf.

The easiest way to donate is via bank transfer. The information you will need is **REFERENCE NAME:** "Outreach OLST Diocese of Hallam" **SORT CODE:** 54-41-47 **ACCOUNT NO:** 24273988 . Alternatively cash donations or cheques can be dropped off at the presbytery in an envelope marked '**FAO Liz Mason for Outreach**' or sent to Paul Embley (Outreach Treasurer) c/o 29 Chantrey Road, Sheffield, S8 8QU. Please make cheques payable to "**Outreach OLST Diocese of Hallam**".

We are remaining in regular contact with our partners and will do our best to keep you informed about how they are managing during these exceptionally difficult times.

MATT



*'Hand over all the bread or
I'll tell a Covid Marshal
you were in a gathering
of more than six people'*

No Officer, this isn't an illegal rave, we've just got a DJ for our fox hunt.



Today's Mass - Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144

R. The Lord is close to all who call him

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

Second Reading: Phillipians 1:20-24, 27

Life to me is Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am gone

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Newsletter - If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please let me know by emailing the parish, and you will be added to the list.

Readers - If you are a reader and are attending Mass would you either please indicate you are willing to read when booking, or let one of the stewards know when you arrive? This will save having to go around finding someone just before Mass thus reducing unnecessary contact.

A Harvest Prayer

Generous God,
Thank you for our food.
May we appreciate what we have
and never take it for granted.
We pray for those around the world,
who do not have enough
to provide for their family.
We pray for a good harvest,
for generosity and love,
as we seek a better, fairer world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Katharine O'Brien,
Youth Leader, Wanstead*

Prayer for the Week

Be with us Lord,

in times of darkness: may you be our light;
In times of isolation, may we support each other,
In times of illness, heal each one.
Be with our nurses, doctors and all medical staffs,
And all who keep life going at this time,
Those who care at home for the elderly
and look after our children,
And those who look out for the poor.
Remember Lord in your kindness, all I remember
this day,
Especially those away from home.
Father God, Brother Jesus, Mother Mary,
Let me not lose hope in your love, now and al-
ways.
Holy Spirit fill us all with serenity and hope.
Amen.

Father Marcin Drabik

This Week's Readings Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: 144

Second Reading: Phillipians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16


Next Week's Readings Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A)

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Second Reading: Phillipians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



As the UK intercepts 12 boats
trying to cross the Channel,
border agents confirm they
were people from Bolton
trying to get to their nearest
test centre in La Rochelle.

RETURNING TO CHURCH AND ATTENDING MASS (Updated)

Firstly, how wonderful it is to be able at last to attend Mass, albeit in a restricted manner.

In keeping with Government and Diocesan guidelines, the numbers able to attend each Mass are very restricted and MUST be adhered to. Social distancing must be observed. The expected number is 60 but this will be confirmed.

Please remember that Sunday obligation is still suspended so attending Mass any day of the week will count. If you are able to attend Mass during the week please do so and leave Saturday and Sunday to those who are working.

If you wish to attend **SUNDAY** Mass a telephone booking system will be in place (**see below**).

Coming to Mass

1. You will be asked to come through one door and leave through another. (A one-way system)
2. You will be directed to a seat – please do not change as they will have been allocated on the numbers attending in any one group.
3. Please note - **masks MUST be worn in church**. This has been mandated by the Government.
4. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.
5. Do not congregate before or after Mass.
6. When receiving Holy Communion nothing will be said.
7. There will be no singing; no offertory procession; no sign of Peace; no Chalice.
8. At the weekend, there will be a few copies of the newsletter. You are welcome to take one but please DO NOT leave it behind or put it back. Take it home with you.
9. Extra directions may be given at Mass.

Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

During this period there is no requirement for Special Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass. However, so long as strict guidelines are kept, it may be possible to take Holy Communion to the housebound/ shielding etc. This would need to be discussed with Father Gus and the recipient.

Readers

For the time being there will be ONE reader at all Masses. Weekdays, will remain the same – someone will be asked to read on an ad hoc basis. If any reader is booked to attend a Sunday Mass, they are asked to identify themselves so they can be called upon if necessary.

Unfortunately, the rule for over-70s still applies. When reading, you are asked to sanitise your hands both before and after reading.

Please leave the sanctuary after the Alleluia.

No Bidding Prayers

Booking a place at Mass

Masses will be at 10.00am each weekday. On Saturday, Mass will be at 5.00pm *at Meadowhead*. On Sundays it will be at 9.15am and 11.15am at Meadowhead. (Please note that English Martyrs will not be open for the time being.)

If you would like to attend Mass at the weekend you will need to ring up and book a place.

This will not be necessary if you are attending a **weekday** Mass.

When to Ring

To attend Mass at:

- 5.00pm Saturday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Wednesday (**included**) of that week.
9.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Thursday (**included**) of that week.
11.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Friday (**included**) of that week.

If it is not possible to take your call, please leave a message giving your name, telephone number, **and how many of you** will be attending. If you do not receive a return phone call you may assume your booking has been confirmed.