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**The Month of January is devoted to The Holy Name of Jesus**

**Third Sunday of the Year (B)  
21st January 2024 Psalter Week 3**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. Michael & Linda Hudson

11.15 a.m. Mary & Laurence Gamble & baby

**Monday**

**St Vincent, deacon, martyr**

No Mass

**Tuesday (Totley)**

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10.00 a.m. Paddy and Marie Groves

**Wednesday**

St Francis de Sales, bishop

10.00 a.m. Dead List

**Thursday**

**THE CONVERSION OF  
ST PAUL, APOSTLE**

No Mass

**Friday**

Ss Timothy & Titus, bishops

12.00 p.m. Andrew Richardson

**Saturday**

St Angela Merici, virgin

No Mass

**Next week's Masses**

**Saturday - Totley**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday - Meadowhead**

9.15 a.m. Bridie and Martin Ryan

11.15 a.m. Harry & Minnie Richardson

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

***Please Pray for: Our sick:***

David Gage, Helen Aulton, Anne Grayson, Stephen Bingley, Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes, Fred Sherwood, and Fr Michael O'Connor.

**Lately dead:** Baby Leonardo Sousa and Patrick Morrison. **RIP**

**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total.

**NB** There was no count for the weekend of 14th January. The amount will be published with next week's figures. Thank you.

**Come to Mass with no cash?** You can make weekly donations by card on the machines in the porch or at the side door table. You can gift-aid too! Please make use of this service if you can.

**Events for the Coming Week**

**Monday** SVP Parish Rooms 10.00am  
22nd January

**Friday** Lunch Club follows Mass at noon

**Responsorial Psalm: 24**

**R:** *Lord, make me know your ways.*

*Registered Charity No 512021*

**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 Stephen or Simon Jones know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.**





*We warmly welcome the priests who will be celebrating Masses for us over this weekend.*

**Christian Unity Week:** Standing United with the Christians of the Holy Land  
*St Williams Catholic Church Ecclesall Road 7.30 - 8.30pm, Friday 19th January*  
Come and hear the Christmas message of Munther Isaac, Minister of the Lutheran Church in Bethlehem as he shares with us the pain and suffering of the Palestinian people at this time. His recorded sermon will be followed by a time of silent prayer in which we can pray for an end to the violence and for justice and peace for all in the Holy Land.  
During this year's Christian Aid Week, people are encouraged to participate in **“The Big Pea Challenge”** and host a pea-themed fundraiser. It's an amazing opportunity for budding gardeners and creative cooks alike to host competitions and community lunches. No green thumb? No problem!



**The Universe Catholic Newspaper** - If you would like a copy of the Universe on a weekly basis, £2.50 a copy, please let Liz Mason know as soon as possible so a order can be placed.



**Lent lunches?** If you would like to host or help with a simple lunch of soup, bread, cheese and fruit on any of the Sundays in Lent for a charity of your choice, please contact Angela Wood at [david.angela.wood@gmail.com](mailto:david.angela.wood@gmail.com) or 07947 731 262. Thank you.



**Volunteer Chaplains Needed**  
*South Yorkshire Chaplaincy & Listening Service (SYCLS): Join us in our mission to support & serve communities across South Yorkshire. Are you able to volunteer on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis? We're recruiting:*

- South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Chaplains
- School Staff Chaplains
- Hospice Chaplains (positions limited)

Full training is given - ordination is not necessary. Please contact [roxy@sycls.co.uk](mailto:roxy@sycls.co.uk) or call **07903 899751** for a Volunteer Application Form. [www.sycls.co.uk](http://www.sycls.co.uk)

**Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust**—The Crib and Stars donations amounted to £189.16. Grateful thanks to all how supported. This money is earmarked for medicine in Bethlehem. Friday's Mass was offered for those named on the Christmas Tree Stars.



**Next Week** there will be a talk and second collection for Lepira.

**Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:**  
**Angela Holman** Email address: [safeguarding1olst@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:safeguarding1olst@hallam-diocese.com)  
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**Grace Foodbank** - many thanks for your ongoing support, both in church today and in store.

**This Thursday, 25 January**, we celebrate the Feast of the *Conversion of the St Paul*. Described in Acts of the Apostles (9:1-22 and 22:3-16), the tentmaker from Tarsus's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus changed Saul, the zealous persecutor of Christians, into St Paul, the great founding Christian missionary theologian.  
One sentence determined Paul's theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was identified with the group of people whom he, as the zealot Saul, had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he now saw, was the mysterious fulfilment of all he had been blindly pursuing. Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ, the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new. Two of St Paul's early converts were Timothy and Titus, whose feast is the following day, Friday 26 January. They became Paul's companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of Christian in Ephesus and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. Timothy and Titus were the recipients of Paul's so-called "pastoral epistles", giving advice for pastors and laypeople alike.





**“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few” Matthew 9:37**

**ALPHA @ S17**



Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. No matter your background or beliefs, everyone’s invited.



As part of a city-wide programme, the S17 churches are hosting Alpha – more details and how to book can be accessed via [tryalphasheffield.org.uk](http://tryalphasheffield.org.uk) or scan the QR code.

A launch party is planned at 7pm on Wednesday 24 January at The Dore Bar & Grill, with the Alpha course starting the week after on 31 January at the Christ Church Dore Community Centre.

If you know someone who may be curious about exploring their faith, or even rediscovering their faith, please let them know about this forthcoming opportunity.

Promotional flyers are also available.

**Would anybody** like to join the tea and coffee rota for the 9.15 Mass? If anyone would like to, please let Angela Holman know.



**Mini Vinnies** - Thank you to all those who expressed an interest in joining our new Mini Vinnies group. We would like to have a first meeting on Sunday 21st January in the parish rooms after 9.15 Mass for all children and parents who would like to be involved. If you can't attend on that day but would like to be involved please get in touch with Molly Baxter via the parish office.



**“Becoming Synodal.”** *The Diocese is inviting every parish to a “retreat at home” on becoming synodal. This retreat is designed to introduce the practice of synodality, and uses the Diocesan syntheses report as a basis for prayerful reflection.*

*A taster session at the Pastoral Centre will be held for those who are interested in running the retreat in their parish community.*



**Date and time:** Saturday 3 February 2024 10:00-12:00 AM at the Hallam Pastoral Centre.

**This week,** we focus on thanking the Parish Outreach group for their wonderful work within the parish and wider community. This is a ministry which works with charities to help raise funds for the vulnerable. They organise various events to help with this. Notably, these include the 100 Club, second offertory collections as well as the Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings/Crafts events. They meet regularly and welcome new members. They are currently beginning preparations for Lent activities and welcome any help with these. If anyone is interested, please contact them on [david.angela.wood@gmail.com](mailto:david.angela.wood@gmail.com)

**Thought for the Week**



*If you were on trial,  
accused of being  
a Christian,  
Would there be  
enough evidence to  
convict you?*



**'Twas the Month After Christmas  
by Author Unknown**

'Twas the month after Christmas,  
and all through the house  
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.  
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste  
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.  
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber),  
I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared:  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,  
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said, "No, thank you, please."  
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt  
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt -  
I said to myself, as I only can,  
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"  
So—away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.  
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished  
'Til all the additional ounces have vanished.  
I won't have a cookie—not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.  
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie;  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.  
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore -  
But isn't that what January is for?  
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot,  
Happy New Year to all, and to all a good diet!





## HYMNBOOK NUMBERS

### Mass setting Ordinary Time Pershore Mass

Gloria 524; Holy Holy 579; Memorial Acclamation 580; Lamb of God 589



#### A scriptural reflection for Sunday of the Word of God

Today, as the Roman Catholic Church celebrates this 'Sunday of the Word of God', Pope Francis reminds us: *Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our mind and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.*

In the First Reading, Jonah takes the word of God to the people in Nineveh. They hear it, are inspired to change their evil ways, and God shows them his mercy.

God's love and forgiveness are at the heart of the Psalm, as we pray for better understanding of the ways in which the Lord invites us to live our lives. St Paul issues a challenge to the Christian community in Corinth in this week's Second Reading. At the centre of this, though, is an encouragement to us to free our minds and hearts from reliance on the things of this world, and to place our hope in the reign of God.

The Gospel speaks of the opening of the hearts and minds of the first apostles as they leave behind everything they know in order to follow Jesus. This week, perhaps I can give myself the gift of a little extra time with scripture. I pray that the Lord will open my mind and heart, so I can see more clearly where my path with him lies.

#### Prayer for Christian Unity

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who makes us more open to each other, resolves conflict, and strengthens our bonds of communion. May we grow in mutual affection and in the desire to announce the Gospel message more faithfully, that the world may come together in unity and welcome the Prince of Peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### This Week's Readings

##### Third Sunday of the Year (B)

**First Reading:** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 24

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

**Gospel:** *Mark 1:14-20*

#### Next Week's Readings

##### Fourth Sunday of the Year

**First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 94

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*

**Gospel:** *Mark 1:21-28*

#### Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of January is for the **Gift of Diversity in the Church.**

"There is no need to fear the diversity of charisms in the Church. Rather, living this diversity should make us rejoice.

To move forward on the journey of faith, we also need ecumenical dialogue with our brothers and sisters of other confessions and Christian communities.

This is not something confusing or disturbing but is a gift God gives to the Christian community so it might grow as one body, the body of Christ.

If we are guided by the Holy Spirit, abundance, variety, diversity, never cause conflict. The Holy Spirit reminds us first and foremost that we are children loved by God - everyone equal in God's love, and everyone different."

Pope Francis concludes with a prayer:

"Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church."

#### This week's ministries:

##### Communion

**5.00pm:** C Udall, J Brook

**9.15am:** J Tucker, S Jones, R Gasser

**11.15am:** E Williamson, P Corkell, J McNally

##### Readers:

**5.00pm:** G Higgins, V Coomer

**9.15am:** C Farragher, R Portaluri

**11.15am:** P Moon, A Willcock

#### Next Week's Ministries 27/28 January 2024

<b>Communion</b>	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons, C Parsons, M Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	K O'Brien, H Stones, S Campos
<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	E Watson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	K Corker, S Corker
	11.15 a.m.	J-J Carter, M Pybus
<b>Welcomers</b>	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson

