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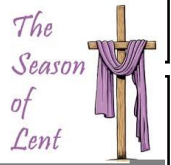
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The Month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Sunday, 23rd March 2025

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Eileen and Matt Henderson

11.15 a.m. Paddy McGloin

Monday

Lenten Feria

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10.00 a.m.

10.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday

Lenten Feria

9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00 a.m.

Thursday

Lenten Feria

No Mass

Friday

Lenten Feria

12.00 p.m. Mary Willcock

Saturday

Lenten Feria

10.45 a.m.

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. Shelagh Bloy

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Harry and Minnie Richardson

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: Oliver Wragg, Pauline Souflas, Pat Durkin, Philomena McNally, Sue Jarman, Stephen Bingley, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Molly Upton, Patricia McGuone, Helen Aulton, Sheila Hurst, Teddy Howes, Brenda Charles, and Paul Smith.

Responsorial Psalm: 103

R: *The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 16th March 2025 is £341.68. 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!

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 31st March 6.45pm SVP Meeting

Friday 12.30 Lunch Club follows Mass

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, tel 07808283807 know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.



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.



Lent Lunch TODAY 23rd March
12.15 -1.30 in the Parish Rooms, Mini Vinnies invite you to a simple baked potato lunch. Come and join them!



Extraordinary Ministers, Readers and Welcomers.

To those who have subscribed to the Rota Unavailability Dates Email Process (to allow you to specify those masses you cannot attend) you will have received the email for the next period covering Easter; please respond as quickly as possible.

For those who have not subscribed, please note that it is assumed you are Available to minister at ALL Triduum Masses - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – and thus you may be rostered to minister at a Mass you will not be attending and for which you will need to seek a substitute.

ALL Ministers are considered even if you only worship at English Martyrs. If you do not wish to be considered then please either:

a) Send an email to: olstsheffield.rota@btinternet.com with the subject SUBSCRIBE to allow you to specify your Unavailability Dates for the current and future Rotas; OR

b) Send an email to the same email address stating your Rota Name, Minister Role(s) and the Special Masses (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday) you WILL be attending or tell the same to Liz Mason in the Parish Office.

Restoring the OLST Gardens

Any contributions to help revitalise the gardens can be left on the patio – any small shrubs, non-invasive plants, bulbs, instant colour etc.



Many thanks to those who have already donated plants.

A Holy Hour For Life (Adoration): Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road, S7 1DX. Last Saturday of the month after the 10am Mass.

Free to good home! 2 walkers, (walking aids - not crimps!!) both in excellent condition. Free and can be delivered if needs be. Please contact 07425763149.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

We are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish this year. We will begin a series of preparation sessions starting shortly for any young people who would like to be Confirmed.

Candidates will be provided with resources but it will be expected that parents will be actively involved in working through the resources with their child. The materials will help you with a simple exploration and sharing of faith together. If you would like to be Confirmed or would simply like to find out more then please email Fr Clement and a letter will be sent to you with further details.



Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

Lenten Offertory Collections: Thank you for taking time today to consider ‘What can I do to help my Parish and the wider community?’ and committing to give of your time and skills.
 Next week will be a collection of money for LIFE - a pregnancy support charity: here to support anyone in the UK facing an unplanned pregnancy or unexpected pregnancy journey. Today’s world makes it incredibly difficult to have a child, whether that is due to finances, relationships, career interruptions or other concerns; Life exists to support women and families to explore these issues and overcome their barriers should they want to. Find out more at www.lifecharity.org.uk



Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings is likely to be on Saturday 17th May, **but only if** the Outreach group can be sure of a bit more help. Even if you can’t/don’t want to commit to being a regular part of Outreach, could you help for 1 morning please? If so, please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com Thank you.



Gardening - the idea of ‘Jubilee’ years is found in the Bible as a special time to re-establish right relationships with God, with one another, and with all creation. Care for Creation has many wide reaching aspects but one simple, local opportunity is giving a little time to help with the Parish Gardens. We can easily sub-divide them into about 10 plots – plus keeping the paths and patio weed free. Now that the heavy clearing has been done, could you/your group adopt 1 (or more!) plot? You might like to grow some herbs, fruit or veg or create a bee friendly area or just a pop of colour to lift people as they pass by. You may be surprised how much difference it can make. - The gardeners always get positive comments from people walking past.

From 5th March, Sheffield's 40 Days for Life campaign invites you to join other Christians in praying and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. Come and join us to peacefully witness for the sanctity of human life. If you'd like to join, please sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/en/broomhall or call Rachel 07368297872 or Andrew 07943893945.

Mid-Lent, by Christina Rossetti

Is any grieved or tired? Yea, by God’s Will:
 Surely God’s Will alone is good and best:
 O weary man, in weariness take rest,
 O hungry man, by hunger feast thy fill.
 Discern thy good beneath a mask of ill,
 Or build of loneliness thy secret nest:
 At noon take heart, being mindful of the west,
 At night wake hope, for dawn advances still.
 At night wake hope. Poor soul, in such sore need
 Of wakening and of girding up anew,
 Hast thou that hope which fainting doth pursue?
 No saint but hath pursued and hath been faint;
 Bid love wake hope, for both thy steps shall speed,
 Still faint yet still pursuing, O thou saint.

Thought for the Week

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There are very special people in our lives that will NEVER leave us. . . Even when they are gone.

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

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.)

✠✠✠ **3rd Sunday of Lent:** Commitment to give your time and skills.

✠✠✠✠ **4th Sunday of Lent:** Money collection for LIFE

✠✠✠✠✠ **5th Sunday of Lent:** Regular 1st Sunday Give to Live collection and tinned meat and vegetable casseroles, cleaning materials for St Wilfrid’s Centre.

✠✠✠✠✠✠ **6th Sunday of Lent:** Small /medium underwear pants, vests and T Shirts, socks and size 7-10 shoes for Ben's Centre.



Mass Setting - New Celtic Liturgy
Gloria 1013 Holy Holy 553 Memorial Acclamation 554
Amen 555 Lamb of God 591



The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
 Hail Mary, full of grace.....
 Behold the Handmaid of the Lord:
 be it done unto me according to thy word.
 Hail Mary, full of grace.....
 The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
 Hail Mary, full of grace.....
 Pour fourth we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Week

Merciful God, you call us to repentance, not in fear, but in love. Like the barren fig tree, we are given time to grow—help us to use this season well. Show us the areas of our lives that need transformation and give us the grace to bear good fruits filled with love. Just as You heard the cries of Your people, hear us now as we seek freedom from sin. Open our hearts to Your call and lead us to new life in You. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

From the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/third-sunday-of-lent/>

A reflection on the Annunciation of the Lord:

God has become one of us. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love.
 Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become.

**This Week’s Readings
 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

First Reading: *Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15*

Responsorial Psalm: *103*

Second Reading: *Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*

Gospel: *Luke 13:1-9*

**Next Week’s Readings
 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (C)**

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9a, 10-12*

Responsorial Psalm: *34*

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

Gospel: *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

A Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus calls us to repentance, emphasising that tragedies are not punishments but reminders of our need for conversion. The parable of the barren fig tree illustrates God’s patience and mercy, offering us time to bear fruit. Are we taking this opportunity to grow spiritually? What areas of our lives need transformation?
 Moses’ encounter with God in the burning bush reveals a God who hears the cries of His people and desires their freedom. Similarly, God seeks to liberate us from sin and lead us to new life. This Lent, let us respond to His call with open hearts. Identify a habit or behaviour that distances you from God and make a conscious effort to change it, seeking His assistance through prayer.

This Week’s Ministries 22/23 March 2025 (C)

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran + 1 other
	9.15 a.m.	J Carter, C Perryman
	11.15 a.m.	M Richardson, I Paterson
Communion	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	A Tucker, A Tucker, P Ashby
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, M Harrison, J McNally

Next Week’s Ministries 29/30 March 2025 (C)

Readers	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher + 1 other
	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri, S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, A Willcock
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	M Ayanleke, C Farragher, M Mahon
	11.15 a.m.	P Corkell, M Richardson, S Campos
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	Volunteers needed
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson