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The Month of November is devoted to The Holy Souls



CHRIST THE KING (B)

Sunday 24th November 2024 Psalter Week 2



Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Alan Nixon

11.15 a.m. D'ed members of the Sivinski Family

Monday St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Wednesday *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Danny Grant

Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday *Feria*

12.00 p.m. Dead List

Saturday ST ANDREW, APOSTLE

10.45 a.m. Kath Jarman

Next week's Masses

Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Parents and deceased members of the Gasser Family

11.15 a.m. Anne Moisey

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

Responsorial Psalm: 92

R: *The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.*

Events for the Coming Week

Friday SVP Parish Rooms 29th November at 11.00am in the hall.

Friday Lunch Club after Midday Mass

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 17th November 2024 is £288.38 Thank you.

Come to Mass with no cash? You can make donations by card on the machines in the porch or at the side door table. You can gift-aid too!

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

URGENT: SEND YOUR POSTCARD RIGHT AWAY– a reminder that the second reading in Parliament of the Assisted Suicide Bill is this coming Friday 29 November. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales strongly urge us all to contact our MP's before that date, asking them to oppose the bill. Using the "Assist us to live, not to die." postcard on behalf of *Not Dead Yet UK* (copies in the porch), is a good way of contacting your MP on this issue.

Sick and Retired Clergy Fund -Thank you for your generous offerings last weekend, which totalled £374.78

Retiring Collection - Caritas Hallam. Caritas provides a loving service to those within our communities, for instance 10,000 hours of counselling was delivered last year which included supporting children and their families in 24 of our schools, 100 referrals for domestic abuse, 15 wellbeing courses, relationship counselling and family therapy across the whole of the Diocese. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses on 22nd December. You can also donate by using the card machine or the QR code on the poster at the back of church.

St Wilfrid's Centre's Reverse Advent Calendar 2024
Today marks the launch of our 2024 Reverse Advent Calendar. Copies can be downloaded from our website or hard copies are available from the centre. We've had lots of people asking when they can have a copy, so we hope you like this year's design. We are, as always, very grateful to everyone who donates towards our Advent Calendar. Throughout December, please add each item to a box or bag. Once completed, please drop off your collection (after January 2nd) at St Wilfrid's Centre.

Mass for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing A "signed" Mass has been arranged by Caritas at St Marie's Cathedral Sheffield for Sunday December 15th at 3pm. This will be fully signed by Jennifer Harris (BSL interpreter) along with one of the priests of the parish. Prior to Covid, there was a well attended Mass for this group of people and we are hoping to schedule a number of such Masses throughout the Diocese.

ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

First Holy Communion

If your child is in Y3 or above and is ready to make their First Holy Communion in 2025, please scan the QR code below or follow the link and complete the form. The catechists will then be in touch to provide details of and dates for the First Holy Communion programme. **Please complete the form by 24th November 2024** <https://forms.gle/xP9rnnffDayBYbXt8>



Local traditional Sheffield

Carols 7.30 – 9pm at the Abbey Hotel, Monday 2nd, Wednesday 11th, Mondays 16th & 23rd, and Boxing Day 4.30-6pm. Come and share the joy of the



Church Decorating and Cleaning at Meadowhead.

will take place at 10,00am on **Monday, 23rd December**. If you can spare half an-hour or so to help with the preparations it would be much appreciated. The more the merrier and the quicker it all gets done!



Times of Christmas Masses



Christmas Eve - 5pm with Nativity - Meadowhead
Christmas Eve - 10pm - 'Midnight' Mass - Meadowhead
Christmas Day - 8.30am Totley
Christmas Day - 10.00am Meadowhead



Parish Raffle - come along to the draw TODAY at



Coffee, Cakes & Crafts TODAY Sunday 24th November 10am -1pm in the Parish Hall, Meadowhead, with Gifts, Crafts, Books, Cakes, Games, Gaelic Coffees, Bacon Butties.... Concluding with our Grand Parish Outreach Raffle. Come and join us to meet friends and celebrate our Covenant with the Poor as we support our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad.

Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets. and donated prizes and produce. There's a last chance to return and buy tickets right up to up to half an hour before the raffle draw which will take place at around 12.30pm at the end of our CCC event. Good luck to you all in the raffle. We'll let you know next week who the prize winners were and the total amount that you have helped to raise for our Outreach partners in Sheffield and overseas.



Opportunities for Spiritual Development - The Formation and Mission Team is planning a number of events to help people to develop their spirituality. These will begin with an online week of Guided Prayer from 1-7 December led by the Jesuit Institute. If you would like to find out more contact the Formation & Mission Team. formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com

This Saturday, 30 November, is the **feast of St Andrew the Apostle**. Matthew's Gospel refers to Andrew being called - together with his brother Simon Peter - directly by Jesus as they were fishing on the Sea of Galilee, John presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras {in Western Greece), where his remains were preserved. Many of his relics were not long afterwards transferred to Constantinople, from where, it is commonly believed, some of them were brought to Scotland.

Friends of the Holy Land office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk - As the devastating fighting in the Holy Land continues Friends of the Holy Land are appealing for funds to help ease the suffering so many are going through. If you'd like to donate please go to their website.

Advent Offertory Collections.



As usual we are invited to make additional practical offerings as part of our preparations for Christmas for those in need in our area at this time – starting next weekend:



1st Sunday (1st): TOILETRIES, CLOTHING, FOOD for ST WILFRID'S CENTRE eg Men's shower gel, roll on deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, lip salve, combs/hairbrushes, packs of tissues. Men's gloves, hats, underpants/boxers (sm-med size). Boxes/bars/sharing tubs of chocolate, biscuits, sweets, pot noodles, tinned ham, corned beef, tuna, casseroles, stews, fruit, custard, rice pudding. See also their Reverse Advent Calendar at www.stwilfridscentre.org ...and GIVE TO LIVE Collection for distribution to our Outreach Partners in Sheffield & overseas.



2nd Sunday (8th) BISCUITS & CHOCOLATES for SVP to distribute locally.



3rd Sunday (15th) MEN'S CLOTHING eg new sm/med pants, vests, socks, footwear, warm hats, gloves, (no scarves) for BEN'S CENTRE for people on the streets in Sheffield



4th Sunday (22nd) Collection of MONEY for Caritas Hallam.

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

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Mass Setting - Mass of Christ the Saviour

Gloria 1013; Holy, Holy 1014; Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017; Lamb of God 1019



Today is World Youth Sunday, a day for the world to celebrate young people in our local communities, through school, at home, and in church.

This year's theme is, '**Let Your Kingdom Come**'. Pope Francis has asked us, as part of our preparation for the Holy Year in 2025, to make this year a time for refreshing our prayer, and especially our appreciation of the *Our Father*." Hence the theme – we are encouraged to focus on each line of the *Our Father*, discerning how we build the Kingdom together.

The theme 'Let Your Kingdom Come' resonates deeply with the mission of young people in the Catholic Church today. It is a call to action, inviting them to be active participants in building God's Kingdom here on earth. It challenges them to reflect on how they can embody Christ's love, justice, and peace in their daily lives, and how they can be instruments of God's will in a world that is in dire need of hope and renewal.

For more information and resources visit <https://wys.cymfed.org.uk/>

Prayer for World Youth Sunday

Turn your loving gaze, O God, upon young people. They carry in their hearts a great hope: make them strong and pure, so that they can build their tomorrow with confidence. Let them receive freely the gift of the faith, accept it with gratitude, and develop it with generosity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen**

This Week's Ministries 23/24 November 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	D Winter, S Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	M Pybus, J McNally
Communion	5.00 p.m.	K Durkin, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	J Tucker, R Portaluri, R Gasser
	11.15 a.m.	P Orkamfat, E Williamson, M Harrison

Next Week's Ministries 30 November/1 December 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher + 1
	9.15 a.m.	K Corker, S Corker
	11.15 a.m.	I Paterson, A Willcock
Communion	5.00 p.m.	S Brook, J Davey
	9.15 a.m.	C Parsons, N Parsons, B Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	K O'Brien, J McNally, M Richardson
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	S Reynolds

The Feast of Christ the King

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, on the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea at which the doctrine of the consubstantiality of Christ with the Father was defined. The Pope asserted that the most effective defence against the destructive forces of the age is the recognition of the kingship of Christ.

Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation,
set free from slavery, may render your majesty
service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 CHRIST THE KING

First Reading: *Daniel 7:13-14*

Responsorial Psalm: 92

Second Reading: *Apocalypse 1:5-8*

Gospel: *John 18:33-37*

Next Week's Readings

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

First Reading: *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

Gospel: *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

This Monday we celebrate the **Feast of St Catherine of Alexandria**, a martyr of the pre-Christian Roman empire. According to the *Legend of St. Catherine*, she converted to Christianity following a vision. At 18 she debated 50 pagan philosophers, and they became Christians - as did 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All were martyred. Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine is said to have touched the wheel and it shattered. She was then beheaded.