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The Month of February is devoted to The Holy Trinity

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
25th February 2024 Psalter Week 2

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Mass & Anne Moisey
 Children's Liturgy

11.15 a.m. Moira DeVilly & family

Monday *Lenten Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Lenten Feria*

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. All Souls

Thursday *Lenten Feria*

No Mass

Friday ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON
 SAINT OF WALES

12.00 p.m. Mary Forde RIP

Saturday *Lenten Feria*

10.00 a.m.

Next week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. Pat Stoch

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. William Maltby

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.30am - 11.15am

**Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Benediction

Saturday 11.30am

Please Pray for: Our sick:

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

Lately dead: Fred Sherwood RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 115

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord
 in the land of the living.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for the
 11th and 18th February will be included with next
 week's figures.

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 5th March

Friday Lunch Club follows Mass at noon

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.



Happy 50th Birthday, Outreach!

This year marks fifty years since the founding of our Parish Outreach group. We work with partners both at home and overseas, raising funds for projects with which members of the parish have some personal connection. Locally we support the work of ASCEND, a local employment programme for young adults; ASSIST which provides relief for asylum seekers; Ben's Centre; the Grace Food Bank; the Hallam Caring Service; Sheffield Samaritans; the SVP furniture store; St Wilfrid's; The Besom project; and Transport 17. Abroad we currently support partners in projects in Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Southern India, and the Bethlehem Carer and Hospice Trust.

Our three main fund-raising events each year are 'Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings' in the spring; 'Coffee, Cakes and Crafts' in November and the parish raffle. We also ask people to give their loose change every month via the Give to Live scheme, or Join the 100 Club- where you can both give, and have a chance of receiving, with monthly cash prizes!

We meet once a month on either a Monday or Tuesday evening, and any member of the parish is welcome to attend. Post pandemic, most of our meetings are via Zoom. Look out for details in the newsletter. We would love to welcome new friends and hear your ideas for the group- there is no age limit, and no need to attend every meeting or get involved in every activity.

Mini Vinnies - Thanks so much to all those who turned up to the first meeting, if you couldn't make it but are still interested in joining us or finding out more about it you will be very welcome at our next meeting. The next meeting will be **TODAY**, February 25 between 9.15 and 11.15 Mass. We will be learning a bit more about the SVP society and talking about two upcoming activities for our group to take part in.

Lent Lunch: Outreach thank you for your support last week which raised £102 for our parish partners locally and around the world – as well as being a lovely social event. NO lunch today. The next Lent Lunch will be Sunday 5th March . . . unless anyone else would like to organise a lunch for a charity of their choice. If so, please contact Angela Wood at david.angela.wood@gmail.com or 07947 731 262. Thank you.



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.

Holiday Leave: I will be away for just under three weeks in search of the Northern Lights!!! Whilst I am away Tony will be covering for me in the office on the day-to-day tasks, responding to emails and producing the newsletter. If there is anything you specifically need to speak to me about before my return from holiday, please contact me in the first half of this week. I'll be back on 20th March and I'd like to say thank you to Tony for stepping in! Thanks. Liz

Celebrate 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark (see Lent insert)

3. Say it with flowers: We all love to give and receive flowers to celebrate a special occasion. To mark 30 years of our Mark, you could send a friend a special thank you and, at the same time, introduce them to the benefits of Fairtrade flowers. They deliver a fairer deal for thousands of farm workers in East Africa and Central America.



Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

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Claire Parsons

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This week, in conjunction with the Outreach Lenten offertory appeals, there will be a talk from Kevin McCready on behalf of the SVP.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: 23rd February. Thank you for your efforts on Friday. You can donate using the envelope in church or online at cafod.org.uk or via the QR code and please join us in praying that, around the world, people have what they need to feed their families.



All Saints Catholic High School have the following vacancies.

Catering Assistant (two posts)

Post 1

20 hours per week (over 5 days per week) for 38 weeks per year. Grade 1 Scale Point 2 £22366

Pro Rata

Actual Salary £10132.74 with no previous service

Post 2

37 hours per week (over 5 days per week) for 38 weeks per year. Grade 1 Scale Point 2 £22366

Pro Rata

Actual Salary £18745.57 with no previous service

Please visit the school website for more info and an application

pack. www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies/





Could I choose more Ethical Banking? - the Lent Calendar asks this Tuesday. Do we have any responsibility to inform ourselves more on the issue (as individuals, as a parish/diocese) and consider our potential influence – on financial institutions and on our world? It may seem daunting, but starting the process led to our Diocese divesting from Shell & BP who promote extraction and use of fossil fuels. Are we unwittingly a thread in the culture of death Pope Francis warns us against?

Useful websites: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/banking/ethical-banking/>
justmoney.org.uk/money-makes-change-hub/banking/

www.ethicalconsumer.org/money-finance/banks-weapons ; www.indcatholicnews.com/news/48616 ; ceobs.org

Gardeners needed please! 10am Friday 1st March at OLST -to clear up from winter and show off the signs of Spring ready for Easter. Please help - Thank you! (Lunch Club follows at 12.30 after Mass if you'd like some warming soup and cake - just £2.50.)



Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 4th March. All welcome to begin preparations for Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings which will be on 18th May. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link

SVP Quarterly Bulletin (3 months ending 31 December 2023)

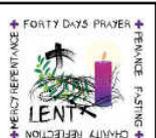
During this period, members carried out over 400 visits to the elderly, the housebound, and residents of care homes. As well as visiting, we provided transport and support for medical appointments and shopping. We hosted a small party for the elderly and housebound and are planning a larger party in the early summer for senior parishioners.

Over the same period, we received £600 in donations. We also applied for and received £1,000 from the SVP's hardship fund, all of which was distributed in the form of food vouchers to local families in need. If any parishioners know of anyone who would benefit from the services of the SVP or would like themselves to be involved with the SVP, please contact Ralph Dickins (President) on 07913979217 or Frances Green (Secretary) on 07850048271.

Free, child's first bike, used but still usable!
 Pink and grey, 14" wheels, suit 2/3/4 year old.
 Contact Marie 07515 697354.



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.



2nd Sunday of Lent: 2nd Sunday: Thank you for your gifts today of Household Goods for SVP Furniture store and for your Fast Day Donations to CAFOD.

3rd Sunday of Lent: 3rd March Regular 1st Sunday Give to Live collection and tinned ham/tuna, washing up liquid, dishwasher tablets, black bin liners & money for cheese and potatoes for St Wilfrid's Centre.

4th Sunday of Lent: Money collection for LIFE;

5th Sunday of Lent: Groceries for Grace Food Bank

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





HYMNBOOK NUMBERS

Mass setting Ordinary The Celtic Mass

Gloria 553; Holy Holy 554; Memorial Acclamation 580; 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 and explained their part in it. The transfiguration would confirm the faith of the 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, already threatened by death's shadow, 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. In today's first reading, Abraham is put to the ultimate test, and puts his faith in God. In the second reading, in his Letter to the Romans, St Paul writes, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Like Jesus, like the apostles, like Abraham, like St Paul, let us put our faith in God and put that faith into action in our lives.

This Friday, 1 March, is the Feast day of St David, the patron saint of Wales.

We have very little reliable information about him. He was a priest, and later bishop, engaged in missionary work in the mid 500's. He founded many monasteries practising austere lifestyles, including one at Mynyw, now called St David's. As he lay dying in old age in the year 589, his last words to his monks and flock are recorded as: "Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."

Pause for Thought

Through Him hearts are raised up,
the weak are led by the hand,
and those who are making progress
are perfected.

Saint Basil the Great 329 – 379

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

We make our prayer
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 (B)

First Reading: *Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18*

Responsorial Psalm: *115*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:31-34*

Gospel: *Mark 9:2-10*

Next Week's Readings

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

First Reading: *Exodus 20:1-17*

Responsorial Psalm: *18*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

Gospel: *John 2:13-25*

This week's ministries:

Communion

5.00pm: V Coomer, J Brook

9.15am: M Ayanleke, R Gasser, S Jones

11.15am: S Campos, H Stones, M Harrison

Readers:

5.00pm: E Watson, A Southeran

9.15am: C Perryman, A Peacey

11.15am: J McNally, M Pybus

Next Week's Ministries 2/3 March 2024

Communion 5.00 p.m. C Udall, K Durkin

9.15 a.m. C Farragher, R Portaluri, H Grady

11.15 a.m. P Corkell, J McNally, K O'Brien

Readers 5.00 p.m. D Fletcher, H Simmerson

9.15 a.m. J Bourne, O Farragher

11.15 a.m. M Richardson, P Moon

Welcomers 9.15 a.m. Volunteer needed!

11.15 a.m. A Willcock

