

# Our Lady of Beauchief & Saint Thomas of Canterbury

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## The Month of January is devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday, 25th January 2026 Psalter Week 3

#### Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Philip Finnegan

#### Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Kathleen Noone

Monday Ss Timothy & Titus, bishops

No Mass

#### Tuesday (Totley)

10.00 a.m. St Angela Merici, virgin

Dead List

Wednesday St Thomas Aquinas

10.00 a.m.

Thursday Feria

No Mass

Friday Feria

12.00 p.m. Oliver Wragg

Saturday St John Bosco, priest

10.45 a.m. Dead List

#### Next Week's Masses

#### Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

#### Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Chris and Robert Meldrum

11.15 a.m. William Maltby

#### 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:** Anne McPhee, Elizabeth Watson, Paul Smith, Philomena McNally, Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley, Molly Upton, and Sue Jarman.

**Lately dead:** Anne-Marie Fletcher, Oliver Wragg, Stavros Souflas and Paul Harding RIP

#### Responsorial Psalm: 40

R: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

#### Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Meeting

Wednesday 6.15pm Rainbows and Brownies

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Club follows Mass

Registered Charity No 512021

**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total for 11th January 2026 was 247.03 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!

**Parish Youth Club – Friday 30th January, 6–8pm** We're excited to launch our new Parish Youth Club for young people in secondary school (Year 7 and above). It's a space to come together to pray, play, and spend time with Scripture in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Our first session will take place in the parish rooms on **Friday 30th January from 6–8pm**. Parents/Guardians must complete the consent form before their child can attend by scanning the QR code. The youth group will be supervised by parishioners who hold an up-to-date DBS check.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your support, please contact Josh Neal via Liz Mason.

**Parish WhatsApp Community** We will be launching our new Parish WhatsApp Community after the weekend Masses THIS week. This will be an announcements-only group for sharing parish news and updates, so members will not be able to post messages.

To join, you must be over 18 and agree to the group guidelines, which you will be asked to read before signing up.

We are also looking for someone to help with sign-ups after the 11:15am Mass. If you are able to support with this, please contact Liz Mason.

**Newsletter** - We are hoping to gradually stop printing hard copies of the newsletter. Most people now have access to phones, computers and emails addresses. This means you can access the newsletter online. This will not only save on the cost of printing but will also help save a tree!

However, we know not everyone has access with phones or computers so there will be hard copies. Meantime, please let me know if you would like your newsletter by email, and ensure we have an up-to-date email address.

**Advantages?** You receive it on Friday; you see it in colour; it goes straight to your inbox; no bits of paper in your bag; saving trees.

### **RCIA - Journey In Faith Programme - 2025-2026 Thursdays at 6.00pm**



Our parish Journey in Faith programme is a weekly course for all who wish to become a Catholic, for adult Catholics yet to receive their First Holy Communion or for Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith. Please come along.



**1st Sunday collections:** ... Give to Live, the monthly emptying of jars and bottles of our small change into the basket on the Offertory Table, will be next Sunday, the first in the month – small change makes a BIG DIFFERENCE to our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity last month which raised £154 in the collection plus £118 (+ £82.60 donated prize money) from Give to Live 100 Club profits.



... and tinned tuna and meat, particularly ham, for St Wilfrid's Centre. Thank you.

**World Day of Prayer Annual Service** on 6 March which this year has been prepared by women of Nigeria, with the theme of "I will give you rest, come". World Day of Prayer - a women led, global, ecumenical movement <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

### **Parish Bank Details (for making payments to the parish)**

Account Name: Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish

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

**If you wish to write a cheque**, it should be made payable to: *Woodseats RC Parish Account*. Thank you.

**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.**

## Marriage Preparation residential weekend course, 13 - 15 March 2026

The CHC's weekend marriage prep course is intended for couples who wish to engage more deeply with the Catholic vision for marriage. Structured around the elements of the marriage rite, couples will reflect deeply on foundational Scriptural texts to gain a deeper understanding of both the natural and Sacramental aspects of Matrimony. The weekend is framed by prayer, time for reflection personally and as a couple, group discussion and a social. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>

### Ignatian Spiritual Exercises:

#### Mens' Retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

**Download - Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Mens' retreat**

### Love & Beauty in St John's Spiritual Canticle,

#### 20 - 22 February 2026

2026 marks the centenary of the declaration of St John of the Cross as a Doctor of the Church. In honour of this anniversary, Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend reflecting on the themes of love and beauty in the most celebrated poetry of the great Spanish mystic.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/love-beauty-in-st-johns-spiritual-canticle/>

### The Darkling Thrush

Thomas Hardy

I leant upon a coppice gate,  
When Frost was spectre-gray,  
And Winter's dregs made desolate  
The weakening eye of day.  
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky  
Like strings of broken lyres,  
And all mankind that haunted nigh  
Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to me  
The Century's corpse outleaned,  
Its crypt the cloudy canopy,  
The wind its death-lament.  
The ancient pulse of germ and birth  
Was shrunken hard and dry,  
And every spirit upon earth  
Seemed fervourless as I.

At once a voice arose among  
The bleak twigs overhead,  
In a full-hearted evensong  
Of joy illimitable.

An aged thrush, frail, gaunt and small,  
With blast-beruffled plume,  
Had chosen thus to fling his soul  
Upon the growing gloom.

So little cause for carolings  
Of such ecstatic sound  
Was written on terrestrial things  
Afar or nigh around,  
That I could think there trembled through  
His happy good-night air  
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew,  
And I was unaware.

## Street & School Pastors AGM and Celebration Evening, and to share a little about the work taking place across Sheffield.

The evening will be a relaxed **Pie and Pea Supper** and an opportunity to hear more about the Street and School Pastors projects, the impact they are having in our city, and how individuals and churches can connect with this work. It may be of particular interest to **youth workers, those involved in pastoral care, or anyone with a heart for inner-city ministry**, though everyone is very welcome.

### Event details:

**Date:** Saturday 28 February 2026

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Venue:** The Rock Christian Centre,

**Safeguarding - If you are concerned** about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese; (Hallam Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator- 0114 2566454 / 07909 117964).

**Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.**

**Email address:** [safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com)



**Mass of Christ the Saviour - Gloria 1013; Holy Holy 1014;  
Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017; Amen 1018; Lamb of God 1019**



**Thought For the Week**

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*On my bad days,  
I seek you.  
On my good days,  
I thank you.  
On my great days,  
I praise you.  
But everyday,  
I need you.  
Thank you, God,  
For always being here for me.*

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**O Lord, grant** that we may not be conformed to the world, but may love it and serve it. Grant that we may never shrink from being instruments of your peace because of the judgment of the world. Grant that we may love you without fear of the world, grant that we may never believe that the inexpressible majesty of yourself may be found in any power of this earth. May we firstly love you and our neighbours as ourselves. May we remember the poor and the prisoner, and the sick and the lonely, and the young searchers, and the tramps and vaga-bonds, and the lost and lonely, as we remember Christ, who is in them all.

*Alan Paton*

*(South African writer and politician, 1903-1988)*

**Pied Beauty**  
**Gerard Manley Hopkins**

Glory be to God for dappled things —  
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
Landscape plotted and pieced — fold, fallow, and plough;  
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)  
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise him.

**This Week's Readings**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 9:1b-4*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 27

**Second Reading:** *Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 4:12-23*

**Next Week's Readings**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**First Reading:** *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 146

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 5:1-12a*

**This Week's Ministries 24/25 January 2026**

**Readers** 5.00 p.m. A Southeran, H Simmerson

9.15 a.m. A Peacey, J Bourne

11.15 a.m. B Jones, A Willcock

**Communion** 5.00 p.m. V Coomer, J Brook

9.15 a.m. M Ayanleke, C Parsons, N Parsons

11.15 a.m. S Campos, H Stones, K O'Brien

**Next Week's Ministries 31 January / 1 February 2026**

**Readers** 5.00 p.m. V Coomer, H Simmerson

9.15 a.m. B Ayanleke, J Fojut

11.15 a.m. M Pybus, I Paterson

**Communion** 5.00 p.m. S Davey, C Udall

9.15 a.m. A Tucker, A Tucker, S Jones

11.15 a.m. J McNally, E Williamson, M Harrison

**Welcomers** 9.15 a.m. N Parsons

11.15 a.m. S Reynolds



*Would you like some sparkling  
water? I'm doing dry January'*