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The Month of September is devoted to The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

27 September 2020 Psalter Week 2

Saturday

5.00 p.m. Father Martin Griffin

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 p.m. John Frain

Monday

St Wenceslaus, martyr
Ss Laurence & Companions, martyrs

10.00 a.m. John Moynihan

Tuesday

SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL and
RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Wednesday

St Jerome, priest

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Thursday

St Teresa of the Child Jesus, virgin

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Friday

The Holy Guardian

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. Dead List

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Tony Grant

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Rae Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Michael Goodfellow, Sr Emma Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin, Peter Baines, Breda Pakenham, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Linda Costello, Catherine Mary Tetzlaff, Pauline Collins and Edward Keefe.

Lately dead: Mary Langan, RIP

And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

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

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques MUST be made payable to

'Woodseats R C Parish Account'. The bank will not accept any variation.



WE NEED YOUR BLOOD

DoubleTree by Hilton Sheffield Park Hotel - S8 8BW
Tuesday 20th October 2020
12.30pm to 3pm and 4.15pm to 6.45pm



We are working with the rest of the NHS to keep supplying lifesaving blood to hospitals during the coronavirus pandemic.

We need people to keep donating as normal. We have extra safety measures in place and travel to donate blood is essential for the NHS.

This year St Wilfrid's Centre Bishop's Walk is taking place on Monday October 12th. Due to Covid restrictions, Bishop Ralph will be joined by only 5 other walkers as they walk from Dronfield to the Cathedral passing through various parishes along the way. Please support vulnerable and socially isolated people by sponsoring Bishop Ralph and the other walkers. You can donate online <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BishopsWalk2020> or by visiting <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/StWilfridsCentre/BishopsWalk2020.html>. You can also pay over the phone by credit or debit card 0114 2555720 option 2. Thank you so much for your continued support.

First Holy Communion 2020/21

Invitations have been sent to Y3 children through school inviting them to take part in next year's First holy Communion preparations. If you do not attend St Thomas school please collect an invitation from church.

Baptism Certificates - If you require proof of baptism for entry into either primary or secondary school, please email church for with your child's name, date of birth and roughly when baptised, marked for the attention of Liz Mason. Please include an address for sending. Thank you.



'I'm not going to be caught out again by lockdown. I'm moving in with my hairdresser'

WEARING MASKS - ARE YOU WEARING YOUR MASK CORRECTLY?

If your mouth and nose are NOT covered then you are not wearing your mask correctly. Wearing a mask in church is a legal requirement - unless you have a medical exemption (in which case you will have proof).

If you do not wear a mask properly you are putting yourself and OTHERS at risk. Please do your social duty and cover your mouth and nose whilst in church. *If you do not do this you will be asked to leave.*****

26th Sunday 2020

There is more trouble down at the farm today! Last Sunday it was grumbling and complaining over wages in the vineyard. This week it is a confrontation with the son who said he would do the job but didn't. Conversely, the son who had stamped out in blunt refusal at first, later did the job.

If you are asked by God to go and work down on his farm, you must be willing to let your hands get dirty. What upset the Pharisee was this fear of dirt or contamination. Their names mean the Separated Ones, for they made a religion out of not being contaminated by the wrong-doing of others. Self-preservation became their ideal. They held out no hope to the sinner. And that angered Jesus.

The harvest on God's farm was ripe for picking. The mission of John the Baptist shows that there were many sinners who were ready to respond to anybody who would give them a second chance in life. John offered them water, washing, renewal, a clean sheet and a fresh page of life.

As John said he would, Jesus came with the Holy Spirit and fire. He reached out to the sick and the sinner, the downgraded and depressed, the outcasts. He brought healing and uplifting, an end and a beginning, tears of relief and meals of celebration.

The self-preserving Pharisees could not accept it, for you cannot put new wine into old wineskins. Jesus was a scandal in their eyes. To be a follower of Jesus Christ one is called to be a missionary and apostolic: to work in his fields. He has no time for that privatised spirituality of mind your own business. Don't get your hands dirty, don't let your schedule be upset.

The Christian mission can be described with simplicity: the best way to be a friend of Jesus is to bring a friend to Jesus. On God's farm today the harvest is huge. Vast numbers of lives which have not been touched by the news of Jesus Christ are wandering down aimless roads of no meaning: they are bored, angry and aggressive they are jaded and sick from sensuality. They are living without hope. They are spiritually anorexic. Their souls are starving for nourishment.

It is not as if people today have never heard of Jesus. What happens to many is that, the little experience of religion they received was so negative that it merely immunised them from the real thing. The power of the Holy Spirit has not reached them. They are left without hope and self-belief.

And who can bring them hope? Pray to the Father to send labourers into the harvest. And don't just pray for others to be moved. Don't be afraid to get your own hands dirty. To bring a friend to God you cannot do it at a distance. You too are asked by God to be a living and effective witness to God's love.

OUTREACH: Appeal for Donations

The Parish Outreach Group has continued to support our local and overseas partners – many of whom are experiencing particular difficulty due to the COVID 19 pandemic. In recent months we have sent donations to Sheffield Samaritans, the Grace Foodbank, Ben's Centre, St Wilfrid's Centre, St Vincent's Furniture Store, ASSIST (Support for Asylum Seekers), Reaching the Unreached (India) and the Kwakakulu Community Project in rural Kenya.

Unfortunately due to COVID 19 we are unable to use our usual methods of fundraising including the monthly Give to Live collection, the Parish Raffle and events such as Coffee, Cakes and Crackers. We are therefore asking if parishioners who normally generously donate to Outreach in such ways would consider making a direct donation to Outreach so that we can continue to support our partners on your behalf.

The easiest way to donate is via bank transfer. The information you will need is **REFERENCE NAME:** "Outreach OLST Diocese of Hallam" **SORT CODE:** 54-41-47 **ACCOUNT NO:** 24273988 . Alternatively cash donations or cheques can be dropped off at the presbytery in an envelope marked '**FAO Liz Mason for Outreach**' or sent to Paul Embley (Outreach Treasurer) c/o 29 Chantrey Road, Sheffield, S8 8QU. Please make cheques payable to "**Outreach OLST Diocese of Hallam**".

We are remaining in regular contact with our partners and will do our best to keep you informed about how they are managing during these exceptionally difficult times.

Today's Mass - Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24

R. Remember your mercy, Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways,
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
For you are God my saviour. **(R)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R)**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus

Gospel Acclamation: 534

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Begin with the Faucet by Christine Swanberg

On days when you think there is nothing
to be thankful for,
begin with the faucet you tweak
to the perfect temperature,
the shower cascading,
massaging your neck and spine.
Consider the soft water you rely on
that allows lather to rise on your head,
or the stout hands of the invisible dishwasher
that scrubbed your pots while you slept.
Notice curtains that frame the window
to whatever day will be discovered,
aroma of good coffee brewing
in the timed coffee maker,
about to rev up your engine,
dollop of cream
from Oreos munching grass,
the toaster, the toast,
and marmalade,
grain, crunch, and fruit.
Reach for bifocals on the end table.
Pet the dog or cat who says good morning
with its nose or tail or nudge.
If there is someone to kiss,
know you are blessed.
Open the front door as you do each day
for the paper delivered by the paper boy
on his pre-dawn rounds.
Listen to a sparrow,
then the radio humming and talking,
song or voice that buoys you
in just the first hour of this day.

Prayer for the Week

God our Father,
When Jesus, your Son, was raised up on the cross,
it was your will that Mary, his mother, should
stand there
and suffer with him in her heart.
Grant that, in union with her,
The Church may share in the passion of Christ,
And so be brought to the glory of his resurrection.
We make our prayer through our Lord
Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Responsorial Psalm: 24

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:1-11*

Gospel: *Matthew 21:28-32*

Next Week's Readings Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A)

First Reading: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Responsorial Psalm: 79

Second Reading: *Philippians 4:6-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 21:33-43*

Readers - If you are a reader and are attending Mass would you either please indicate you are willing to read when booking, or let one of the stewards know when you arrive? This will save having to go around finding someone just before Mass thus reducing unnecessary contact.

Prayer for the Feast of the Guardian Angels

O God, who in your unfathomable providence are pleased to send your holy Angels to guard us, hear our supplication as we cry to you, that we may always be defended by their protection and rejoice eternally in their company.

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

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I'm making Christmas plans. Are we not coming to you, or are you not coming to us?

CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day is aptly entitled a 'Harvest Like No Other' as many families face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. With your support, we can help people all over the world rebuild their lives. Click here to [Donate now](#)

- ◆ [Join our online](#) events -there's something for everyone. Join us with your school, parish, friends and family. As well as the events below, we will also be holding a live Mass on 9 October.
- ◆ [Harvest assembly](#) for schools Thursday 8 October, 9.30am We'll explore how God's power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for.
- ◆ [Fast Day live talk](#) Friday 9 October, 11am
- ◆ Listen to our live talk about the latest on our coronavirus response.
- ◆ [Join the Global Family Food](#) event Saturday 10 October, 12pm Have fun, eat some delicious food and raise funds to transform the lives of people in poverty.
- ◆ ['Harvest Like No Other' quiz](#) Saturday 10 October, 7pm Have fun, get competitive and raise funds to transform the lives of people in poverty.
- ◆ [Children's liturgy](#) Sunday 11 October, 10am Join us with your children to celebrate Harvest Family Fast Day.
- ◆ [Novena to St Francis](#) - For a world under threat The Season of Creation 1st Sep - 4th Oct has the theme 'Jubilee for the Earth'. You can find out more at www.seasonofcreation.org. Please join in praying the Novena to St Francis below:8th



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Eighth prayer: Peace

**“Blessed are those who endure in peace,
by you Most High, they will be crowned.”**

(St Francis of Assisi)

“We want to support a culture of peace and respect – not violence and violation.” *(Final document, Amazon Synod, 2019)*

Creator God, we give you thanks
for those who work for peace
and dignity for all your children.

Brother Francis,
you came to heal, not harm the world.
You showed us how to live as one.

St Francis, pray for us.