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

**Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)
28th January 2024 Psalter Week 4**

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Bridie and Martin Ryan

11.15 a.m. Harry & Minnie Richardson

Monday

Feria

11.00 a.m. Requiem for Patrick Morrison

Tuesday (Totley)

Feria

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday

St John Bosco, priest

10.00 a.m.

Thursday

Feria

No Mass

Friday

THE PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD, (CANDLEMAS)

12.00 p.m.

Saturday

St Blaise, bishop, martyr
St Ansgar, bishop

10.00 a.m.

Next week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass for Watson,
Hastings and Palmer Families

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Kath Jarman

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

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, Fred Sherwood, and Fr Michael
O'Connor.

Lately dead: Louise Lawson, Baby
Leonardo Sousa and Patrick Morrison. **RIP**

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish Rooms 10.00am
5th February

Friday Lunch Club follows Mass at noon

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.

Offertory: Due to illness there was no count again this week. Totals will be published next week.

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.

Responsorial Psalm: 94

**R: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**





Lepra Appeal - Today there will be a talk and appeal for Lepra.

For 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease.



With your help we can find, diagnose and treat more people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future, full of hope.

Volunteer Chaplains Needed

South Yorkshire Chaplaincy & Listening Service (SYCLS): Join us in our mission to support & serve communities across South Yorkshire. Are you able to volunteer on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis? We're recruiting:

- South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Chaplains
- School Staff Chaplains
- Hospice Chaplains (positions limited)

Full training is given - ordination is not necessary. Please contact roxy@sycls.co.uk or call **07903 899751** for a Volunteer Application Form. www.sycls.co.uk

Will you join the next 40 Days for Life - campaign n Sheffield? During the 40 Days for Life, we unite in prayer, fasting and public witness for life. We pray to change hearts and minds, and want pregnant women in difficult circumstances to know there are other options available and that we want to help. If you are able to join us, contact Rachel on 07368297872 or 40dforlsheffield@gmail.com

All Saints Catholic High School have the following vacancies

Subject Leader for Social Sciences MPR / UPR plus TLR2b (£5,352)
Curriculum Leader for Business and Economics MPR / UPR plus TLR2a (£3,214)
Subject Leader for MFL MPR/UPR and TLR 2b (£5,352)
Teachers required for 1st September 2024.
Examinations Invigilator Grade 3 SCP 6 : £12.38 per hour Please visit the school website for more information and job applications.
www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies

Lent lunches? If you would like to host or help with a simple lunch of soup, bread, cheese and fruit on any of the Sundays in Lent for a charity of your choice, please contact Angela Wood at david.angela.wood@gmail.com or 07947 731 262. Thank you.



The Universe Catholic Newspaper - If you would like a copy of the Universe on a weekly basis, £2.50 a copy, please let Liz Mason know as soon as possible so a order can be placed.



Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

Angela Holman Email address: safeguarding1olst@hallam-diocese.com
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The Story of the Presentation of the Lord

Forty days after celebrating the birth of Jesus, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord **this Friday** brings the Christmas season to a close, Until 1969, the feast was known in the West as the feast of the Purification of Our Lady and also as Candlemas.

On giving birth to a son, a Jewish woman would be in semi-seclusion for 40 days, after which, in the case of a first-born son, the mother would present him to the Lord in acknowledgement of his being source of all life. (First-born animals were also presented and sacrificed to God.)

So we see Mary and Joseph – 40 days after the birth of Jesus – submitting to the Law of Moses in bringing their Son to be offered, as the first-born, to God and for the purification of the mother after giving birth, even though we believe that Mary did not need such purification. For the ceremony, they have come up from Nazareth to the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. It has long been a day for processions as we remember the Lord's entry into the Temple, the house of his Father, for the first time. These processions originally replaced pagan celebrations. Later, it was identified with the blessing of candles carried in procession in honour of Christ, "the light to enlighten the Gentiles".

If you are coming to Mass on Friday, you are encouraged to bring a candle from home for the blessing.





1st Sunday collections: Tinned tuna and meat, particularly ham, for St Wilfrid's Centre and 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, 4th Feb, 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 an amazing and very welcome £303.00!



This, added to the money from Coffee, Cakes & Crafts and the Raffle, meant that we were able to share out £3,000 at the last Outreach Meeting to Parish Partners in the UK and abroad: £500 each to Assist, Hallam Caritas and SVP Furniture Store and £750 each to Bethlehem Trust and Mind the Gap Africa. Many thanks and blessings for your continuing generosity which makes this possible.

Wellbeing for Men A free six-week online course for a happier and more relaxed you.

Starting for six weekly sessions on Zoom on Wednesday Mornings with Dave Wilkes

Join us to explore;

- Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.
- Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience.
- Being more assertive and setting boundaries – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.
- Stress and relaxation techniques
- learning new skills for a more relaxed you.
- Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in your life.

Come and join Dave for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

For more information contact Janet Kent on 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Sung Vigil Mass at St Marie's Cathedral: On Saturday 3rd February, Sheffield Chamber Choir will be singing a special Choral Mass at 5.30pm. The music for the Mass will be the glorious setting for Four Voices by the English Renaissance composer William Byrd and the service will feature settings of the *Ave Maria* by Bruckner and Rachmaninov. All are most welcome.



“Becoming Synodal.” *The Diocese is inviting every parish to a “retreat at home” on becoming synodal. This retreat is designed to introduce the practice of synodality, and uses the Diocesan syntheses report as a basis for prayerful reflection.*

A taster session at the Pastoral Centre will be held for those who are interested in running the retreat in their parish community.



Date and time: Saturday 3 February 2024 10:00-12:00 AM at the Hallam Pastoral Centre.

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7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request.

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Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday is being marked this weekend in England and Wales. Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, writes;

“The theme of Racial Justice Sunday in England and Wales in 2024 is ‘Seeing one another in the life of the Church’. One key focus is for us to look at our ‘saints of colour’, men and women who made their life’s work to oppose racism and to promote equality and justice. (Find out more about some of these men and women at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/saints-of-colour/>)

Alert and sensitive as they were to the commandments of Christ, when they saw justice being denied to someone because of their racial origin or colour, they were prompted to act. Their actions of opposing racism, promoting equality and justice, became their life’s work. Following this path, sometimes they encountered hostility, rejection, and attempts to overturn what they were doing. However, they persevered and became instruments of change, agents of progress, and some are acknowledged as saints of the Church.

For Racial Justice Sunday this year, can I suggest that you explore the lives of those great men and women – those who devoted their lives to the pursuit of racial justice, those who emulated God’s passion for justice, which we read about in the scriptures.

They will inspire us, teach us, and make us sensitive to the importance of racial justice and why we work for it. May we too, like them, see one another in the life of the Church.”





HYMNBOOK NUMBERS

Mass setting Ordinary Time Pershore Mass

Gloria 524; Holy Holy 579; Memorial Acclamation 580; Lamb of God 589



This Saturday is the feast day of **St Blaise**. He is believed to have been a physician and a bishop in Armenia in the Roman Empire. During a period of persecution of Christians, according to legend, Blaise took refuge in a cave the hills, where he restored to health a boy who was near death from a fishbone stuck in his throat. In 316 Blaise was captured, and, the tradition holds, martyred by being beaten, attacked with iron carding combs and finally beheaded. Now, at the annual blessing of throats on his feast day, two candles tied together in the shape of a 'V' are used in the ritual.

On Wednesday 31 January we celebrate the feast of **St John Bosco**. Born of a peasant family in Piedmont in 1815, he became a priest in Turin. The industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who came to work in the city. John Bosco devoted himself to their care, first by means of evening classes, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices and workshops for their training and education. Despite resistance from the civil authorities and even some opposition within the Church, his enterprise grew. By 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales. John Bosco died in 1888, and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

January **By Hilaire Belloc**

It freezes- all across a soundless sky
The birds go home. The governing dark's begun:
The steadfast dark that waits not for a sun;
The ultimate dark wherein the race shall die.
Death, with his evil finger to his lip,
Leers in at human windows, turning spy
To learn the country where his rule shall lie
When he assumes perpetual generalship.
The undefeated enemy, the chill
That shall benumb the voiceful earth at last,
Is master of our moment, and has bound
The viewless wind it-self. There is no sound.
It freezes. Every friendly stream is fast.
It freezes; and the graven twigs are still.

Prayer for Racial Justice Sunday

God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice.
Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our brothers and sisters; so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all.
We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

This Week's Readings **Fourth Sunday of the Year**

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*
Responsorial Psalm: 94
Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*
Gospel: *Mark 1:21-28*

Next Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)

First Reading: *Job 7:1-4, 6-7*
Responsorial Psalm: 146
Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*
Gospel: *Mark 1:29-39*

This week's ministries:

Communion

5.00pm: V Coomer, K Durkin

9.15am: N Parsons, C Parsons, M Ayanleke

11.15am: K O'Brien, H Stones, S Campos

Readers:

5.00pm: E Watson, A Southeran

9.15am: K Corker, S Corker

11.15am: J-J Carter, M Pybus

Next Week's Ministries 3/4 February 2024

Communion 5.00 p.m. S Davey, C Udall

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

11.15 a.m. M Richardson, P Orkamfat,
M Harrison

Readers 5.00 p.m. H Simmerson, G Higgins

9.15 a.m. B Ayanleke, S Farragher

11.15 a.m. J McNally, A Willcock

Welcomers 9.15 a.m. N Parsons

11.15 a.m. A Willcock

