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The Month of November is devoted to The Holy Souls

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)
Sunday, 28 November 2021 Psalter Week 1**

Saturday

5.00 p.m. (Totley) Kath Jarman

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Steve Coyne

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday *Advent Feria*

Tuesday (Totley) ST ANDREW, APOSTLE,
PATRON OF SCOTLAND

10.00 a.m. *Advent Feria*

Wednesday *Dead List*

10.00a.m Philip Robinson

Thursday *Advent Feria*

No Mass

Friday St John Damascene, priest

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Saturday *Feria*

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Kath Jarman

11.15 a.m. Angela McKinney

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Tom Bennett, Neville
Garrett, Fr Michael O'Connor, Danny
Grant, Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes,
Katie Glackin, David Gage, & Edward
Keefe.

Responsorial Psalm: 24

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish rooms 8-9pm (Alternate weeks from 20th September)

Tuesday Exploring Faith 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday Rainbows 6.15pm

Parish Prayer Group (in church) 7.45pm

Please let me know when your group re-starts. Thank you.

Registered Charity No 512021

Attention all Ministers (Communion, Readers and Welcomers)

To those who have subscribed to the Rota Unavailability Dates Email Process (to allow you to specify those masses you cannot attend) you will have received the email for the next period covering Christmas; please respond as quickly as possible.

For those who have not subscribed, it is always assumed you are available to attend ALL masses and thus you may be rostered to minister at a mass you will not be attending and for which you will need to seek a substitute. For the Christmas Masses at OLST, all Ministers are considered even if you only worship at English Martyrs.

If you do not wish to be considered then please either: send an email to 'olstsheffield.rota@btinternet.com' with the subject 'SUBSCRIBE' to allow you to specify your Unavailability Dates for the current and future Rotas; OR send an email to the same email address stating your Name, Minister Role(s) and the Christmas Masses (3pm Christmas Eve Nativity, 5pm Christmas Eve Nativity, 10.00pm Christmas Eve Night, Christmas Day, Boxing Day {a Sunday}) you will be attending. [Many thanks, Rota Programmer.]

Mass Intentions - If you require a Mass to be said for an occasion or for a particular person or need please send you request with the details for whom the Mass is intended, and specific date or Mass, (if required) time and with your donation to the parish office. Please note Christmas time can be busy for requests so if you want a certain Mass please put you request in asap - first come first served. Many thanks.

Christmas Nativity Masses - There will be a maximum of 200 at each of the 2 Masses. Seats will not be allocated but you must book a place. **Please ring the office** between 11.00am - 2.00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or email the parish. Your name and number of seats required will be necessary. **The children** are invited to come dressed as shepherds, kings, sheep etc. **Masks are still STRONGLY recommended.**



CAFOD - Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy." Thank you for your support which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of our work can be found in our World Gift catalogues or website worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

Children's Liturgy - All being well we will be having Children's Liturgy at the 9.15 Mass on the following dates...

21st November, 19th December and we will be starting again on 16th January after the Christmas Break. Please note that there will be NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON 5TH DECEMBER due to unavailability of leaders. We usually aim to have Children's liturgy on the first and third Sunday's of each month, but it is dependent on the availability of leaders. If you would like to join our team of leaders please speak to Angela Holman. (Please note a DBS and Diocesan safeguarding check is needed).

Play and Chat in the Cobnar Road Park will take place on the 5th December as usual. All are welcome to gather with us for a breath of fresh air after the 9.15 Mass.



Masses for Christmas



Christmas Eve: 3.00pm Mass with Children's Nativity (Places to be booked in advance)

5.00pm Mass with Children's Nativity (Places to be booked in advance)

10.00pm Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day: 9.00am Totley

10.00am Meadowhead

The Holy Family: 9.00am Totley

(Sunday) 9.15am Meadowhead

11.15am Meadowhead



OUTREACH NEWS

On behalf of our parish Outreach partners, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the recent fund-raising appeal, which has raised £880. With the start of Advent, our main focus turns to your gifts in kind (largely) for our local Outreach partners. The details of these collections are in the newsletter each week.

You can still donate to the appeal via the methods described in the newsletter in recent weeks and on the Outreach page of the parish website <http://olstsheffield.org.uk/outreach.html> where you can also find information about the 100 Club and the Give to Live loose change collection (next collection next weekend). Thank you.

CAFOD's online Advent calendar 2021 of daily prayer and reflection offers an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Join us as we journey through the season of Advent with our global family. Sign up for daily Advent calendar reflections straight to your inbox <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar>.

Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm
Monday 6th December. All welcome to join in the discussions. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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 a brilliant £195.



Setting up your own business or tired of working from home?

The Diocese has an office available for rent at a very competitive rate in Dykes Hall Road Sheffield. Situated within Carmel Care it would be an ideal base for a small medical practice from Chiropractic to Reiki. It would also suit a small business such as an accountant looking for a covid secure private office. For more info contact: jyewdall@hallam-diocese.com

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 this weekend:



1st Sunday (28th): FESTIVE FOOD for GRACE FOODBANK eg Bottles of fizzy grape juice or similar (no alcohol), Tinned salmon & ham, Small and medium boxes of Christmas biscuits, Boxes/bags of chocolates, Mince pies Christmas cakes (fruit or chocolate logs/mini-rolls), Selection boxes, "Pringles" style crisps in a tube, Selection boxes, Children's Christmas chocolates (all with Best before dates after 25.12.21)



2nd Sunday (5th) BISCUITS & CHOCOLATES for SVP to distribute locally and **GIVE TO LIVE Collection** for distribution to our Outreach Partners in Sheffield and overseas.



3rd Sunday (12th) 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.
Collection for Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.



4th Sunday (19th) 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.

Thought for the Week - The Gospel of Luke

The season of Advent marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel - Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years.

With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle C of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Luke. He was a Greek doctor who converted to Christianity. He was a companion of Saint Paul, and wrote his Gospel in accordance with Paul's teaching. As a Greek, he takes care to explain to Gentile readers Jewish customs and the meaning of Hebrew words. His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

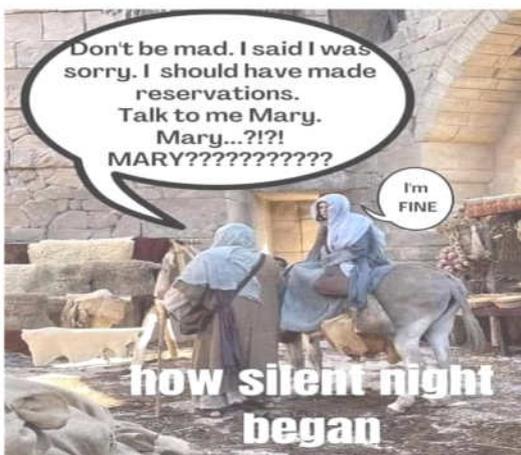
Luke's Gospel is very warm and human, concentrating on Jesus' mercy and forgiveness, his call especially to the poor and underprivileged, inviting both Jews and Gentiles to salvation.

Saint Andrew

This Tuesday, 30th 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 the Evangelist 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. Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras, 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.

Saint Francis Xavier

This Friday, 3rd December, is the feast of St Francis Xavier. Born in Spain in 1506 he became a teacher of philosophy in Paris. Under the influence of his friend and mentor Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, he studied for the priesthood, being ordained in 1537. In 1541 he went to the East where for ten years he preached the Gospel in India and Japan. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but before reaching the mainland, he died on the island of Shanghwan in December 1552. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa.



Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent Come Lord, come again

Come Lord, your wounded world is yearning for you to come again.
Come Lord, your weary world is crying out for you to lift us up
out of our despair, our hunger,
our thirst for something better,
our need for the food that will last.
Come Lord, come again,
we need to begin again.

Sue Allerton/CAFOD

This 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*

Next Week's Readings

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: *Baruch 5:1-9*

Responsorial Psalm: 125

Second Reading: *Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11*

Gospel: *Luke 3:1-6*

This week's ministries:

Communion:

9.15am: M Mahon

11.15am: J McNally

Readers:

6.30pm: G Wilkinson, D Fletcher

9.15am: A Peacey, C Perryman

11.15am: A Willcock, D Lewis

Next week's ministries for 4/5 December

Communion 9.15 a.m. P Ashby

11.15 a.m. P Corkell

Readers 5.00 p.m. A Southeran, E Watson

9.15 a.m. S Jones, C Farragher

11.15 a.m. M Richardson, F Glaze

Welcomers 9.15 a.m. A Wray

11.15 a.m. E Williamson

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