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The Month of November is devoted to the Holy Souls

All Saints Day (Transferred)
Sunday, 2nd November 2025

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Molly Dempsey RIP

11.15 a.m. Catherine Mary Tetzlaff

Monday All Souls Day (Transferred)

10.00 a.m. (Totley) People of the Parish

9.30 a.m. (M/Head) Richard Whalley
(With school)

7.00 p.m. (M/Head) All deceased members and
relatives of the parish

Tuesday (Totley) St Charles Borromeo

10.00 a.m. Elizabeth Dowds

Wednesday *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Christina Hunt

Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday *Feria*

12.00 p.m. Pat Rodley

Saturday St Willibrord, bishop, and
missionary

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. Douglas Hilliard

11.15 a.m. Leonardo De Paola

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: Nuala Jones,
Philomena McNally, Anne McPhee,
Anne-Marie Fletcher, Paul Smith,
Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Stephen
Bingley, Molly Upton, Oliver Wragg,
Sheila Hurst, and Sue Jarman.

Lately dead: Luke Souflas (son of
Pauline), Mahmoud Al-azki (husband of
Maria and father of Nadine),
Molly Dempsey (sister of Jean Fojut)
and Christopher Meldrum (brother of
Kath Corker) **RIP**

Responsorial Psalm: 24

R: Such are the people who seek your
face, O Lord.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for
26th October 2025: £303.68. 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!

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 10th November 6.45pm SVP Meeting
via Zoom

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Club follows Mass

All Saints' and All Souls' Days; This year in England and Wales, All Saints' Day is transferred from the 1st to 2nd November. All Souls' Day is transferred to Monday 3rd November.

Remembrance Mass on 3rd November: On All Souls Day there will be a Mass, with school in the morning and an evening Mass at 7.00pm. The evening Mass will be a **Family Memorial Mass** when we remember, give thanks, and pray for family and friends who have died (not just the dead from our own parish). Please come along. This service is for everyone - and please invite people you know as well, especially those bereaved in the past two years. The SVP will be providing tea and coffee in the parish rooms afterwards.

About All Souls Day - The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church. (This year, with All Saints Day, transferred from Saturday to Sunday, we commemorate All Souls Day on 3 November) The feast acknowledges human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. What this process of purification is like, it is perhaps not helpful for us to speculate. Prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death. Naturally, we will remember especially family members and good friends, but we should also think of those who may not have anyone to remember them.

All Saints Open Morning. All Saints Catholic High will be holding a Sixth form Open Morning on Saturday, 8th November from 10.00am – 12.00pm. Please see the poster at the back of church for further information.

Jubilee Mass for Volunteers - Let me serve you, a Jubilee for volunteers. Bishop Ralph will celebrate our final Jubilee Mass this holy year for those who serve others across the diocese. All are invited to gather at Immaculate Conception Church, Rotherham, S65 3BA on Saturday 15th November at 11am. This is an invitation to everyone who volunteers their time in service to others, be it cleaning; taking communion to the housebound; flower arranging; running groups/events for the youth and elderly; work for our charities and lay organisations; or just popping in to help a neighbour, to name but a few. The liturgy is a chance to bless and give thanks for their work, as signs of hope in our world today. Cake will be served afterwards, and there is a chance to view the national Jubilee Icon, that is visiting our diocese at this time. For catering purposes. Please let us know how many people are coming from your community – email apowell@cafod.org.uk For further information please see the poster at the back of church.

The SVP will be holding a senior parishioners' Christmas party on Saturday 29th November in the parish hall. The party will start at 2 pm. We will be issuing invitations but, to make sure that we don't miss anyone, if you would like to attend or you know of anyone who would like to to be there please let Ralph (07913979217) or Frances (07850048271) know. Transport to and from the event will be provided.

We would be very grateful for offers of baking to support the event. We would like party food including mince pies, cakes, sandwiches, cakes, sausage rolls, nibbles etc. There is a list at the back of both churches where you can put what you intend bringing. Thank you very much for your support.

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Refreshments after Sunday 9.15 Mass- more volunteers are needed to join the rota. Please contact Liz in the office. Thank you.

NOVEMBER is the month when we pray for the dead. Our faith in the resurrection encourages us to pray in hope for the forgiveness of their sins and the gift of eternal life. Each parish community brings this prayer together for all its relatives, friends and benefactors in Masses (*the Dead List*) offered throughout the year. If you would like your family and relatives to be included there are forms in church for the November Dead List. Please take one and fill it in with the SURNAME(S) of the family(ies) you would like remembered. *(Please note, these people will be remembered collectively in Masses that are for the dead list. They will NOT be said individually.)* When you have completed your form please return it with your offering to church. Many thanks.

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, tel. 07808283807 know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.

Parish Outreach Raffle Update - Thanks to all who took tickets for the parish raffle. Can we encourage you to return tickets - preferably sold (but also any unsold tickets)? Just a reminder that all the money raised goes directly to our Outreach partners abroad and in Sheffield. Projects we support abroad include: Mind the Gap - Africa – who care for orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe, by establishing and running small family homes, and employing local people to provide them with loving care, with particular attention to medical, nutritional, educational and developmental needs. In Sheffield your money supports projects such as Ben's Centre, a day centre for the homeless; ASSIST, an organisation which helps asylum seekers; and organisations such as Samaritans and the Grace Foodbank which help people struggling in our own area of S8. Thank you again for any support you can give in cash, in kind, and in prayers.



The Hallam Bridge – The Monthly Diocesan Newsletter - Did you know that nearly three years ago the Hallam Bridge was launched? A copy is emailed to every parish in the diocese each month. Why don't you subscribe to receive it directly into your inbox and share it with your family and friends? Do so using this link or QR code <https://hallam-diocese.com/bridge/> Would you be willing to keep us up to date with what's going on in your parish by emailing articles to communications@hallam-diocese.com



Bethlehem Ball - Raffle Tickets - Thank you to everyone who has returned their tickets so far. Just a reminder to return those you still have as soon as possible but not later than 10th November. There is still time to take and sell some if you can. They are available at the back of church.

There are also still places at the dinner if you would like to come. Please contact Liz Mason 07971463720; Cathal Farragher on 07432512739 or Joe McNally on 07891072858. Thank you.



1st Sunday collections: Thank you for your support today for Give to Live and St Wilfrid's.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary requires a permanent Finance Administration Assistant – Further details and a job description are available at the back of church.

COP30 Climate Talks in Belem, Brazil 10-21 Nov. Before this event, please can you sign an email to the UK Energy Secretary Ed Miliband encouraging him to give a strong lead for Climate Justice and address the vicious spiral of debt engulfing countries hardest hit by extremes of climate – those who have done least to cause it? Find out more at www.cafod.org.uk and Take action for COP30. Thank you



Advent Afternoon of Recollection Join Bishop Ralph for an Afternoon of Recollection on the eve of Advent, 29 November 2:30-5:30 pm at the Hallam Pastoral Centre. Book on the Formation & Mission Eventbrite Page using this link or QR code <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433> Further details from the Formation and Mission team 0114 256 6410.



The Bethlehem Ball 15th November - IT'S NOT TOO LATE

There are still some places available. Why not book a table and bring family and friends? **Last year's ball was a huge success and a very enjoyable evening.** This year it will be held at the Royal Victoria in Sheffield on Saturday, 15th November. It is a Dinner and Dance in a lovely venue and the tickets at £45 each. (This is the first increase in over 10 years and is due to the cost of the venue) Again, we will be dancing to the **Grand Plan** - who were terrific last year.

If you would like to celebrate with us and help make this another great evening please contact **Liz Mason**, 07971463720; **Cathal Farragher**, 07432512739; or **Joe McNally** 07891072858.

Raffle Tickets - are available to buy or sell for the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust.

A first prize of £500 can be won. Please buy or sell as many tickets as possible to help with the success of the evening. They can be found in envelopes at the back of church. Tickets are £1 each, £5 for a book. Your support is very much appreciated.



Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.
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**Christ the Saviour, Gloria 1013, Holy Holy 1014,
Memorial acclamation 1016-1017, Amen 1018, Lamb of God 1019.**



About All Saints Day

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honour of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity.

In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonisation occurred in 993.

The lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity has developed over the last 500 years. Today's feast honours the obscure as well as the famous - the saints each of us have known.

Prayer for All Saints Day

Almighty ever-living God,
we are celebrating with joy
the triumph of your grace in all the saints.
With so vast a multitude praying for us,
may we receive from you
the fullness of mercy we have always desired.
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
ALL SAINTS (C)**

First Reading: *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14*

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Second Reading: *1 John 3: 1-3*

Gospel: *Matthew 5: 1-12a*

This Tuesday, 4 November, is the feast day of St Charles Borromeo. A saint of the Catholic Counter-Reformation in the second half of the 16th century. Born in 1538, after obtaining a doctorate in civil and canon law, he was appointed a cardinal and bishop of Milan where the religious and moral life was in urgent need of renewal. If the people were to be converted to a better life, Borromeo had to be the first to give a good example. He sacrificed wealth, high honours, esteem, and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576, Borromeo tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. To do this he borrowed large sums of money that required years to repay. Whilst the civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city, where he ministered to the sick and the dying, helping those in want. Work and the heavy burdens of his office affected his health, leading to his death at the age of 46.

**Next Week's Readings
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

First Reading: *Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12*

Responsorial Psalm: 46

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17*

Gospel: *John 2:13-22*

**All Saints' Day
by Gabrielle de Coignard (c.1550-1586),
translated by Margaret Coats**

O Saints, you have your heritage in hand
Because you battled Satan's sanctimony!
Though burned or tortured, you gave testimony;
A thousand torments tore your valiant band.
Arrived in port, you see the whirlwinds fanned
Around our boat embarked through chasms stony.
Assist it soon! Employ your patrimony
To row us as we steer toward promised land.
Be each the patron of the realm you love,
Wherein you spread the Gospel from above.
Swing forth your censer's balmy swirl of prayers;
Invoke our Lord that we make proselytes
And celebrate His customary rites,
While braving dreadful tempests as your heirs.

This Week's Ministries 1/2 November 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, D Fletcher
	9.15 a.m.	J Bourne, J Fojut
	11.15 a.m.	I Paterson, M Paterson
Communion	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	A Tucker, A Tucker, M Mahon
	11.15 a.m.	P Corkell, M Harrison, H Stones

Next Week's Ministries 8/9 November 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, D Fletcher
	9.15 a.m.	B Ayanleke, S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, I Paterson
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	R Gasser, D Winter, J Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	K O'Brien, S Campos, J McNally
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	
	11.15 a.m.	S Reynolds

If you don't like the road
you're walking, start
paving another one.