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The Month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph

The
Season
of
Lent



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
Laetare Sunday
Sunday, 30th March 2025

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Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Shelagh Bloy

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Harry and Minnie Richardson

Monday *Lenten Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Lenten Feria*

10.00 a.m.

10.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday *St Francis of Paola, hermit*

9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00 a.m.

Thursday *Lenten Feria*

No Mass

Friday St Isidore, bishop, doctor

12.00 p.m.

Saturday *Lenten Feria*

10.45 a.m.

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m.

11.15 a.m. Arthur Willcock

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: Oliver Wragg, Pauline Souflas, Pat Durkin, Philomena McNally, Sue Jarman, Stephen Bingley, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Molly Upton, Patricia McGuone, Helen Aulton, Sheila Hurst, Teddy Howes, Brenda Charles, and Paul Smith.

Responsorial Psalm: 34

R: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 23rd March 2025 is £345.09. 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 14th April 6.45pm SVP Meeting

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.



Services for Holy Week and Easter

15th April, Holy Tuesday, 7.30pm - Penitential Service
 16th April, Spy Wednesday 11.00am - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
 17th April, Maundy Thursday 8.00pm Mass of the Last Supper
 18th April, Good Friday - 10.00am Stations of the Cross
 Good Friday - 3.00pm Liturgy of The Lord's Passion
 Good Friday - 7pm-8pm Quiet time around the Cross
 19th April, Holy Saturday - 8.30pm Easter Vigil
 20th April, Easter Sunday - 9.00am Mass at Totley; 10.30am Mass at Meadowhead

This week there is a retiring collection for LIFE.

PLEASE NOTE - There is only ONE Mass at Meadowhead Easter Sunday which is at 10.30am.

From 5th March, Sheffield's 40 Days for Life campaign invites you to join other Christians in praying and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. Come and join us to peacefully witness for the sanctity of human life. If you'd like to join, please sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/en/broomhall or call Rachel 07368297872 or Andrew 07943893945.

Mass Intentions - There are only a couple of outstanding Mass intentions. If you'd like a Mass said for anyone - now is the time!
 Envelopes are available at the back of church.

Restoring the OLST Gardens Any contributions to help revitalise the gardens can be left on the patio – any small shrubs, non-invasive plants, bulbs, instant colour etc.



Many thanks to those who have already donated plants.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross after Mass on Tuesdays at Totley and before Mass on Wednesdays, at 9.30 at Meadowhead.



Lunch Club - Lunch Club has now finished until after Easter.

Free to good home! 2 walkers, (walking aids - not crimps!!) both in excellent condition. Free and can be delivered if needs be. Please contact 07425763149.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation



We are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish this year. We will begin a series of preparation sessions starting shortly for any young people who would like to be Confirmed.

Candidates will be provided with resources but it will be expected that parents will be actively involved in working through the resources with their child. The materials will help you with a simple exploration and sharing of faith together. If you would like to be Confirmed or would simply like to find out more then please email Fr Clement and a letter will be sent to you with further details.

Thought for the Week

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*Before you speak, let your words pass three gates:
 At the first gate, ask yourself,
 "is it true?"*

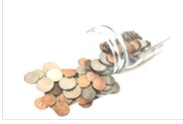
*At the second gate ask,
 "Is it necessary"?*

*At the third gate ask,
 "Is it kind"?*

Rumi

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Lenten Offertory Collections: Lenten Offertory Collections: Many thanks to those who made commitments last week to give of their time and skills – it's never too late! And thanks for your contributions on this Mothering Sunday for LIFE. Next week will be the usual 1st Sunday collections: ...Give to Live, the monthly emptying of jars and bottles of our small change into the basket on the Offertory Table, – small change makes a BIG DIFFERENCE to our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad.



Thank you for your generosity last month which raised £160.81.and for St Wilfrid's Centre, a wider Lenten needs list: Laundry pods or tablets, Dishwasher tablets, black bin bags, cotton dishcloths, tinned vegetables (not tomatoes or baked beans thanks) and tins of meat casseroles. Thank you.

Gardening - the idea of 'Jubilee' years is found in the Bible as a special time to re-establish right relationships with God, with one another, and with all creation. Care for Creation has many wide reaching aspects but one simple, local opportunity is giving a little time to help with the Parish Gardens. We can easily sub-divide them into about 10 plots – plus keeping the paths and patio weed free. Now that the heavy clearing has been done, could you/your group adopt 1 (or more!) plot? You might like to grow some herbs, fruit or veg or create a bee friendly area or just a pop of colour to lift people as they pass by. You may be surprised how much difference it can make. - The gardeners always get positive comments from people walking past.



Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings is likely to be on Saturday 17th May, **but only if** the Outreach group can be sure of a bit more help. Even if you can't/don't want to commit to being a regular part of Outreach, could you help for 1 morning please? If so, please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com Thank you.



All Saints Catholic High School have the following vacancies.

Teacher for BTEC Health and Social Care - Hours 0.6fte Contract Permanent Salary MPR / UPR. Start Date Required from 1 September 2025

Teacher of Business and Economics

Hours 0.6 fte Contract Permanent

Salary MPR / UPR Start Date Required from 1 September 2025

Please visit school website for more details and a application pack.

<https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies/>



MISSION DIRECTOR FOR ST VINCENT'S MISSION HUB, SHEFFIELD

Are you a committed Catholic and a gifted innovative leader with a real love for and ability to work with university students and young adults (age 18-35)? If so, you could be the next Mission Director for St Vincent's Mission Hub, Sheffield offering day-to-day leadership for our mission. The contract is for 3 days per week.

For further information please contact Jessica Moylan - jmoylan@hallam-diocese.com

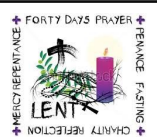
Closing date for applications – 27th April 2025.

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

Angela Holman and Claire Parsons Email address: safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com



Lenten Offertory Collections: Throughout Lent as we make greater efforts at self denial for the health of our own body & soul, we can also benefit our neighbours' bodies and souls by channelling any money saved thereby to meet their needs through continuing support of CAFOD's work and by joining in the Practical Offertories. (see the plan in the Lent insert.)



4th Sunday of Lent: Money collection for LIFE

5th Sunday of Lent: Regular 1st Sunday Give to Live collection and tinned meat and vegetable casseroles, cleaning materials for St Wilfrid's Centre.

6th Sunday of Lent: Small /medium underwear pants, vests and T Shirts, socks and size 7-10 shoes for Ben's Centre.



Mass Setting - New Celtic Liturgy
Gloria 1013 Holy Holy 553 Memorial Acclamation 554
Amen 555 Lamb of God 591



A Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

The parable of the Prodigal Son illustrates the infinite mercy of God. The father's unconditional love for his wayward son reflects the Lord's own love for us, no matter how far we may have strayed. The elder son, meanwhile, struggles to accept this mercy, much like we sometimes do when we compare ourselves to others. Do we truly believe in God's forgiveness? Are we willing to extend the same mercy to others?

St Paul reminds us that we are called to be ambassadors of Christ, sharing the message of reconciliation with the world. This Lent, we are invited to embrace the healing power of God's mercy and to extend that mercy to those around us.

Action Step: Take a moment to reflect on relationships in your life that need healing. Make an effort to reach out in forgiveness or seek reconciliation where needed.

Prayer

Merciful Father, in Your great love, You welcome us back no matter how far we have strayed. Help us to trust in Your forgiveness and embrace the healing power of Your mercy. Teach us Lord to extend that same mercy to others, becoming ambassadors of Your love. May this Lenten season transform our hearts and draw us closer to You. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

From <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/fourth-sunday-of-lent/>

A prayer for Mothering Sunday

We give thanks for God's care for each of us as his sons and daughters. On Mothering Sunday, we also celebrate the love we have received from our mothers, and from all those who have cared for us, through our lives.

Loving God, we give you thanks for your nurturing love and for all who care for us, who have encouraged us and helped us to grow.

We pray today for all mothers, especially those who struggle due to poverty and injustice. Amen.

CAFOD

Laetare Sunday

It is part of human nature that we cannot go on being penitent for a long time, or we sink into a settled and insincere gloom rather than working at the definite and active spiritual exercise called penance. The Church knows human nature, and both in Advent and Lent there is a moment where the atmosphere of penance and preparation is brightened by a shaft of light from the glorious season we are preparing ourselves for.

The third Sunday of Advent tells us 'Gaudete, rejoice!' because the Lord is near and the fourth Sunday of Lent says 'Lætáre, Ierúsalem, be joyful, Jerusalem, and all who love her!' because she herself is loved by the Lord.

Universalis

**This Week's Readings
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (C)**

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9a, 10-12*

Responsorial Psalm: 34

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

Gospel: *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

**Next Week's Readings
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

First Reading: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

Responsorial Psalm: 126

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:8-14*

Gospel: *John 8:1-11*

This Week's Ministries 29/30 March 2025 (C)

Readers	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher + 1 other
	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri, S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, A Willcock
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	M Ayanleke, C Farragher, M Mahon
	11.15 a.m.	P Corkell, M Richardson, S Campos

Next Week's Ministries 5/6 April 2025 (C)

Readers	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	J Bourne + 1 other
	11.15 a.m.	I Paterson +1 other
Communion	5.00 p.m.	S Davey, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	R Gasser, R Portaluri, J Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, M Harrison, K O'Brien
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	H Stones, S Campos