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The Month of April is devoted to God the Holy Spirit

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Sunday 3 April 2022 Psalter Week 1

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. John Phelan Snr

11.15 a.m. Special Intention

Monday St Isidore, bishop

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) St Vincent Ferrer, priest

10.00 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday *Lenten Feria*

10.00 a.m. Arthur Willcock

Thursday St John Baptist de la Salle

No Mass

Friday St Julie Billiart

10.00 a.m. Danny Grant

2.00 pm & 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday *Lenten Feria*

Next week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 pm. Mary Gerrard

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Danny Grant

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Robert Batley, Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes, and David Gage.

Responsorial Psalm: 125

R. What marvels the Lord has worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish rooms 8-9pm (Alternate weeks)

Tuesday Exploring Faith 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday Rainbows 6.15pm (Parish Rooms)

Brownies 6.15pm (Hall)

Registered Charity No 512021

Offertory Envelopes - New envelopes for the coming year are available at the back of church. They are all named. Please note, that only those who have paid by envelope in the past 12 months have been given one. If you are outside the 12 months and would like to re-start using your envelopes, or if you are interested in paying by envelope please let me know as soon as possible. Further envelopes can be issued.

There will be a retiring collection next Sunday (Palm Sunday) for Christians in Palestine.

Music for the Triduum and Easter

The liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are a celebration of our redemption for the whole parish. If you would like to help with the music to lead the parish in worship come and take part. There will be music/choir practices on 6 and 13 April at 7.30 pm (6.30 pm on 13 April) at Meadowhead.



April Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 5 April. All welcome.

Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Lenten Offertory Collections: Thank you for your contributions today for the Give to Live and St Wilfrid's Centre.

Next week: **men's new small/medium underwear** – pants, vests, T-shirts, socks and size 7-10 shoes for Ben's Centre working with vulnerable people on the streets here in Sheffield.



CARITAS COUNSELLING SERVICE -

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join this excellent team of counsellors working across schools and parishes within the Hallam Diocese. We would particularly welcome applications from Counsellors who would be willing to work in the Chesterfield area.

If you are a qualified counsellor and are interested in finding out more, please contact Bernie Ware: email: bware@hallam-diocese.com

The new rota for ministers has been emailed. Please note this rota includes Holy Week and Easter. Please ensure you are able to fulfil your allocated ministry or organise a substitute. Hard copies are available at the back of both churches.

World Youth Day, 31st July-7th August 2023 Are you age 15-30 next year? Come and join us in Lisbon, Portugal. Register your interest now with your chaplain or email: smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

It is hoped that we can start the Lunch Club again on April 22nd. To be able to do this, we need several things. **Firstly**, we need several cake makers, soup makers and helpers. This would involve working on a four week rota, either providing cake/soup or serving/washing up at the Lunch Club itself.

Secondly, after many years, our treasurer wishes to retire so we need someone else to take up this extremely important position.

Thirdly, we need new attendees! Our numbers were dropping before the pandemic and we would love to see more people coming along for soup, cake and a cuppa!

If you feel that you could help out please contact Pam Walsh (pammy.walsh@sky.com or 01142368753), or if you would like to come along please contact Kath Young (01142375102).



Times of Mass and Services for Holy Week, The Triduum and Easter

Palm Sunday 5.00pm Totley; 9.15 & 11.15am Meadowhead.

Tuesday 10.00am Mass, Totley

Spy Wednesday 11.00am Chrism Mass at St Marie's Cathedral

7.30pm Penitential Service followed by Confessions - Meadowhead

Maundy Thursday 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass (followed by a celebration)

Easter Sunday 9.00am Totley; 9.15 & 11.15am Meadowhead.

You are invited to 3 Livestreamed Lenten Talks at St Marie's Cathedral - Monday to Wednesday evenings, 7pm: St Marie's Cathedral warmly invites you to enjoy their 3 Lenten Talks, hosted in the Cathedral and live-streamed via Shalom World Prayer Channel. Liam Riley (from Youth 2000) will speak about God's Forgiveness on Monday 4th April, Deacon Henry Woodhouse will speak about Jesus in the Eucharist on Tuesday 5th April, and Deacon Paul Green will speak about the forgotten value in suffering on Wednesday 6th April. All the talks start at 7pm, finish at 7:30pm, and will be followed by 15 minutes of Adoration. You are welcome to attend in person, or click the Lenten Talks poster on St Marie's homepage for a 'quick link' to Shalom World Prayer Channel. You can find St Marie's homepage here: <https://stmariecathedral.org>



Thank You for Supporting the Synodal Process in the Diocese

Over the last 6 months about 1700 people or about 16% of the Diocese's Mass going population have contributed to the synodal process. This has been facilitated by volunteers in many of our parishes. We would like to thank them and you for your contributions to this process. Bishop Ralph will submit a synthesis of our conversations to the Bishops' Conference and this will be made available in due course. This will then feed into the Synod of Bishops in October 2023.

Many of those who got involved appreciated the synodal way of working, so we plan to arrange some diocesan events to consider how this can be embedded at parish and diocesan levels. One thing people have said is that the diocese needs to develop a Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

PADLEY CHAPEL is to re-open on Easter Sunday until the end of September from 2 to 4p.m.. Visitors are welcome just to sightsee or to pray. If you are interested in helping in the apostolate of Padley, in stewarding or guiding, please ring Father John Metcalfe at Hathersage, telephone 01433 - 650 - 352 if you are interested in participating .



A date for your diary!!
Saturday 21 May 10am – 12noon.
Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings
hopes to be back.



Sitter required - I am looking for a reliable and conscientious individual to look after my 2 sons aged 10 and 7 years on Saturday evenings while I am at work. Please reply if you feel that you can commit to this as I would like someone who can build up a relationship with my children. Please ring Frances on 07740858323.

2nd Saturday Gardeners needed please!
10am Saturday 9 April at OLST. Please help resurrect the gardens for Easter and restore people's hope for new life. Thank you!



Altar Servers - a reminder to sign up on the lists in the sacristy if you want to serve at the Triduum services or Easter Day Masses. There will be practices for the Triduum services. Details in next week's newsletter.



**Lines Written in Early Spring
By William Wordsworth**

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?



A reflection on today's Gospel

Jesus came to complete the Law of Moses, not to abolish it. In this Sunday's Gospel, he doesn't condone the behaviour of the woman caught in adultery, but neither does he condemn her. He tells her to sin no more. That message of repentance, mercy and abstaining from sin is for us too. There's also a warning against the sin of self-righteousness on the part of the supposedly devout and virtuous.

This coming Thursday and Friday we remember two French founders of religious orders, whose legacies to education and care are in evidence here in Sheffield and around the world.

Born into a wealthy family in 1651 and ordained at the age of 27, **John Baptist de la Salle** gave away his fortune, and reduced himself to the level of the poor to whom he devoted his life. He founded the Brothers of the Christian School (Christian Brothers, or De La Salle Brothers). They were successful in educating boys of poor families and young delinquents of wealthy families, using methods designed by John. Plagued by ill health in his later years, he died aged 68 and was canonised in 1900. In 2021 the International Lasallian Mission website stated that the Lasallian order consists of about 3,000 Brothers in over 1,100 education centres in 80 countries with more than a million students, together with 90,000 teachers and lay associates.

Julie Billiart was born in 1751 and showed an early interest in religion and in helping the sick and poor. A mysterious illness overtook her when she was about 30. She was paralyzed and even lost the power of speech for a time, but continued to teach catechism lessons from her bed. She had a vision in which she saw Calvary surrounded by women in religious habits and heard a voice saying, "Behold these spiritual daughters whom I give you in an institute marked by the cross." Together with Françoise Blin de Bourdon, who shared her interest in teaching the faith, Julie began the Institute of Notre Dame, dedicated to the education of the poor and of young Christian girls, and the training of catechists. The following year, Julie recovered from the illness, and was able to walk for the first time in 22 years. Julie and Françoise moved the motherhouse to Namur, Belgium, where Julie died in 1816. She was canonised in 1969. Recognised as outstanding educators, thousands of Sisters of Notre Dame have taught children and on five continents. Other Sisters have chosen to work with the homeless, AIDS patients, the elderly poor — and countless others in need of help. All these ministries have one aim: to proclaim in our time, as St. Julie did in hers, that God is good!

A Prayer for the start of Passiontide

Lord our God,
your Son so loved the world
that he gave himself up to death for our sake.
Strengthen us by your grace, and give us a
heart willing to live by that same love.
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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: *Isaiah 43:16-27*

Responsorial Psalm: 125

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:8-14*

Gospel: *John 8:1-11*

Next Week's Readings PALM SUNDAY

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7*

Responsorial Psalm: 21

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11*

Gospel: *Luke 22:14-23:56*

This week's ministries:

Readers:

5.00pm: A Southeran, E Watson

9.15am: R Portaluri, A Peacey

11.15am: D Lewis, M Pybus

Communion:

9.15am: R Gasser

11.15am: K O'Brien

Next week's ministries for PALM SUNDAY

Readers 5.00 p.m. G Higgins, V Coomer, H Simmerson (N), D Fletcher (C)

9.15 a.m. S Corker, K Corker, C Perryman, (N), C Farragher (C)

11.15 p.m. J McNally, D Lewis, A Willcock (N), F Glaze (C)

Communion 9.15 a.m. P Ashby

11.15 a.m. J Tucker

Welcomers 9.15 a.m. S Jones

11.15 a.m. S Campos, H Stones