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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (A)

Sunday, 4th January 2026

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m.

People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m.

Nuala Jones

11.15 a.m.

Richard and Hilda Kemp

Monday

Christmastide Feria

No Mass

Tuesday



**THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**



9.30 a.m. (M/Head)

10.00 a.m. (Totley)

People of the Parish

Wednesday

St Raymond of Penyafort,
priest

10.00 a.m.

November Dead List

Thursday

Christmastide Feria

No Mass

Friday

Christmastide Feria

12.00 p.m.

November Dead List

Saturday

Christmastide Feria

NO MASS

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Sheila Hurst RIP

11.15 a.m. Anne-Marie Byrne &
Family

**NO Exposition, Rosary
and Confessions**

Pray for our sick: Anne McPhee,
Elizabeth Watson, Paul Smith,
Philomena McNally, Brenda
Charles, Anne-Marie Fletcher,
Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley,
Molly Upton, Oliver Wragg, and
Sue Jarman.

Lately dead: Nuala Jones (*mother of
Simon*), Sheila Hurst (*mother of
Catherine and Andrew*) RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 147
**R: The Word became flesh and
dwelt among us.**

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 5 January 6.45pm SVP Meeting on Zoom

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Club follows Mass

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 21st
December 2025 and 28th December 2025 was £316.87 and
£223.97 respectively Thank you.





HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The Epiphany of the Lord this Tuesday- Holy Day of Obligation: A reminder that the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Tuesday 6th January) is a Holy Day of Obligation in England and Wales. Please make every effort to attend Mass. There will be **Mass at 9.30am at Meadowhead**, which the schoolchildren will be attending, and at **10.00am at Totley**.



Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts, help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark world.
Fix our eyes and hearts on your light, that we might be bearers of that light to all those who walk in the dark. *Amen.*

Friday Lunch Club

Please note that the Friday Lunch Club will reopen this week - Friday 9th January 2026. Don't forget that all are welcome! Thank you for your support.



RCIA - Journey In Faith Programme 2025-2026 - Resumes this week Thursday 8th January 2026 at 6.00pm

Our parish Journey in Faith programme is a weekly course for all who wish to become a Catholic, for adult Catholics yet to receive their First Holy Communion or for Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith. Please come along.

Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm

Monday 12th January. All welcome to join in planning for the year ahead and making decisions about the disbursement of funds raised by CCC and the Raffle. The needs are great so please pray for wise, effective and just decisions. Thank you. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link if you can join us online.

Restored Lives is an 8-week programme to help people recover from relationship breakdown due to separation or divorce. There is no time limit for when that happened.

St Vincent's Church, Crookes is offering this face-to-face programme starting Monday evening 19 January.

Dates are: 19/26 January, 2/23 February 2026, 2/9/16/23 March. **Timings:** 7pm-8.45pm.

Please see <https://www.restoredlives.org/> for more information. **Total cost** of 8-week programme to cover materials and refreshments: **£15**. If £15 is an issue for you, please let us know in your email, as we want to offer the course to anyone who wants to attend, and funding may be available. Please email restored.lives.sheffield@gmail.com to book your place.



1st Sunday collections:

Thank you for your support today for Give to Live and St Wilfrid's.



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

Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace"

"Peace be with you all. Towards an unarmed and disarming peace" is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of Peace which was marked on January 1, 2026. The Holy Father invites everyone to welcome peace and become witnesses to it. Peace is a gift that must be safeguarded. The Holy Father recalls that St. Augustine recommends "not to burn bridges or persist in reproach, but to prefer listening and, where possible, engaging in discussions with others"

In order to achieve disarming peace, we must embody meekness because "goodness is disarming. Perhaps this is why God became a child". A child, in all its fragility, could change hearts, question our choices, and lay down our weapons.

Pope Leo reminds us that peace is possible, it is not a utopia, and that ecumenical and interreligious dialogue can help to achieve it. Nor must we forget to embark on "the disarming path of diplomacy, mediation, and international law," which requires mutual trust, loyalty, and responsibility in the commitments we make.

"This is the peace of the risen Christ – a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally "

To read the Pope's message in full, visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/pl/messages/peace/documents/20251208-messaggio-pace.html>

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100 NOVEMBER 2025 DRAW

1st PRIZE MR & MRS O'BRIEN

2nd PRIZE DI LEWIS

3rd PRIZE ELIZABETH WATSON

100 CLUB DECEMBER 2025 DRAW

1st PRIZE KRYSIA LAMB

2nd PRIZE CHARLES PERRYMAN

3rd PRIZE RITA STUART

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The latest edition of the diocesan monthly newsletter, The Bridge, is now available to read at this link. <https://hallam-diocese.com/hallam-bridge-december-2025-034/> There are a few hard copies in the porch if you don't have access to the web. **If you do have access,** why not subscribe to receive it directly into your inbox and share it with your family and friends by 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



Entering the New Year

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love. May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made.

May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now, and in the days ahead.

- Vinita Hampton Wright

Lost Property left in church - there are a number of items in the lost property box in the far corner of the porch, including woolly hats, scarves, umbrellas and a pair of spectacles.

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.
Email address: safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com



**New Celtic Mass: Gospel Acclamation 68: Holy Holy 553:
Memorial acclamation 554: Amen 555: Lamb of God 591.**



The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. The visit of the Magi occurs before the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. It is only recorded in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following a unique astrological sign. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. We assume that there were three, based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Magi represent the Gentiles’ search for a saviour. Because they represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

Their gifts foreshadow of Jesus’ role in salvation. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship.

Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child (Matthew 2:11). They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us; to adore Him with a complete surrender of our lives.

Prayer for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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

Second Sunday after the Nativity (A)

First Reading: *Sirach 24: 1-2, 8-12*

Responsorial Psalm: 147

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18*

Gospel: *John 1: 1-18*

Next Week’s Readings

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD A)

First Reading: *Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7*

Responsorial Psalm: 29

Second Reading: *Acts 1-34-38*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

Thought for the Week

The Holy Name of Jesus (devotion for January)

Nothing so curbs the onset of anger,
so allays the upsurge of pride.

It cures the wound of envy, controls
unbridled extravagance, and quenches the
flame of lust; it cools the thirst of
covetousness and banishes the itch of
unclean desire.

For when I name Jesus, I set before me a
man who is meek and humble of heart, kind,
prudent, chaste, merciful, flawlessly upright
and holy in the eyes of all; and this same
man is the all-powerful God whose way of
life heals me, whose support is my strength.”

St Bernard of Clairvaux

This Week’s Ministries 3/4 January 2026

Readers	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, D Fletcher
	9.15 a.m.	C Perryman, D Winter
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, B Jones
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri, A Tucker, A Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	H Stones, P Corkell, S Campos

Next Week’s Ministries 10/11 January 2026

Readers	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	S Jones, F Green
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, M Pybus
Communion	5.00 p.m.	C Udall, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	H Grady, P Ashby, D Winter
	11.15 a.m.	K O’Brien, P Orkamfat, E Williamson
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	S Reynolds