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The Month of April is dedicated to God the Holy Spirit



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Sunday, 6th April 2025

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Myanmar Earthquake Victims

11.15 a.m. Arthur Willcock

Monday St John Baptist de la Salle

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Lenten Feria*

10.00 a.m.

10.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday *Lenten Feria*

No Mass

Friday **St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr**

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. John Phelan Snr

11.15 a.m. Rodolfo Santos

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: 126

R: *What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad.*

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 30th March 2025 is £478.93. 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

Last week's retiring collection for LIFE raised £337.31. many thanks.

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

Church Cleaning at Meadowhead

There will be cleaning on Monday of Holy Week, 14th April, at 10.30am. **PLEASE, PLEASE** give an hour or whatever you can and come and help. Many hands make light work!



Still time to stop assisted suicide becoming law
 Legislation is passing through parliament seeking to legalise assisted suicide. The Bill Third Reading and vote is likely to take place at the end of April or start of May. It is vitally important you contact your MP to oppose it. There is still time. See the Bishops' Conference (cbcew) website for more information. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Offertory Envelopes: New envelopes for the coming Financial Year are available at the back of church. Please note that anyone with a number over 25 has had to be given a new number.

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.



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.

Passiontide

Formerly known as Passion Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent begins the two weeks of Passiontide, when we reflect on the passion of Our Lord, following him in his suffering and watching as his death unfolds. All the crosses are veiled in purple. So too are the statues and pictures, so as not to distract us from the central passion of Jesus. Votive candles are not available during this time. If we are trying to concentrate on the sufferings of Our Lord, it would be a contradiction to light candles to Our Lady and the Saints.

English Martyrs - Cleaning Church cleaning in preparation for Easter will take place on Tuesday 15th April from 11.00 (following Mass & Stations). All volunteers welcome, many hands make light work, thank you.



Cath Postlethwaite - her funeral is on Tuesday 22 April at Mother of God at 1.30 pm and then to the crematorium at Hutcliffe Wood at 2.45 pm and then back to Mother of God Parish Hall.

Lunch Club - Lunch Club has now finished until after Easter and will recommence on 25th April.

GIVE TO LIVE GIVE TO LIVE

100 Club MARCH 2025 draw

1st prize CHARLES PERRYMAN
 2nd prize RAYMOND KINSELLA
 3rd prize FR. STEPHEN

If you're not in it, you can't win it!
 Contact Barbara:- b_rich54@hotmail.com or in person.

GIVE TO LIVE GIVE TO LIVE

Lenten Offertory Collections: Thank you for your gifts today for Give to Live and St Wilfrid's. Next week we will be supporting Ben's Centre that provides a safe space and an open hand to those who suffer through substance misuse and its associated barriers in Sheffield. www.benscentre.org They need small & medium men's underwear – pants, vests & T-shirts, socks and size 7-10 shoes. Thank you.

2025 Jubilee Year Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - There are places still available on the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Ralph and accompanied by diocesan Clergy, from 27th June - 3rd July 2025 but if you wish to travel, please apply before Easter so that the organisers can make the arrangements for the charter aircraft. Fare £899. Full Board. Direct flight from Leeds Bradford Airport. Please email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com if you intend to travel. Booking Forms can be downloaded from www.hallam-lourdes.com

Today there will be a retiring collection for the earthquake disaster in Myanmar. CAFOD envelopes are also available at the back of church. All monies collected will be sent to DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) specifically for Myanmar. Please see the message below from the Cardinal Archbishop Charles Maung Bo. *"We are deeply touched by the promise of support by the Catholic Church everywhere. The people need food, shelter, medicine, and all life-saving materials... I have appealed to all concerned for urgent humanitarian support and unimpeded access to the affected people."*
Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, Archbishop of Yangon and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference Myanmar, to Vatican News on 28 March You can help via www.cafod.org.uk Thank you.

Extra Confessions at St Marie's Cathedral:
During the 5th Week of Lent and Holy Week, there will be extended Confessions at St Marie's Cathedral: Confessions will be heard by two priests on the usual days (Monday to Saturday) and times (11.30am-12.15pm) from Monday 7th April to Tuesday 15th April.
◆ On Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th April, Confessions will also be heard after the 5.30pm Mass.
◆ On Wednesday 16th April, Confessions will be heard from 4.30-5.15pm.
◆ On Maundy Thursday (17th April), Confessions will be heard from 11.00am-1.30pm.
◆ On Good Friday (18th April), Confessions will be heard from 11.00am-12.00pm.
You are warmly encouraged to come to Confession before Easter and receive the Lord's mercy and forgiveness—especially if you have been away from the Sacrament for a while!



The Poet's Calendar
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
April
I open wide the portals of the Spring
To welcome the procession of the flowers,
With their gay banners, and the birds that sing
Their song of songs from their aerial towers.
I soften with my sunshine and my showers
The heart of earth; with thoughts of love I glide
Into the hearts of men; and with the Hours
Upon the Bull with wreathed horns I ride.

Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 14th April. All welcome. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the zoom link.

Rotas - The new rota for ministers has been emailed. This includes Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Please check to make sure you have not been allocated a ministry you can't fulfil. If that is the case make sure **you find a replacement**. If you are unable to find anyone please let me know as soon as possible.
Hard copies are available at the back of church.

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.)

 **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



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



A reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters a woman caught in adultery, whom the scribes and Pharisees wish to condemn. Instead of passing judgment, He challenges those without sin to cast the first stone. His response reveals both His justice and His mercy. He does not condone sin, but He offers redemption and a new beginning. Are we willing to receive God's mercy as freely as He offers it? Do we extend that mercy to others? Isaiah speaks of the Lord doing something new: He makes a path in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. As we approach Holy Week, we are reminded that God's transformative love makes all things new. What areas of our lives do we need to surrender so that we may receive His renewal?

Prayer for the people of Myanmar

Please join us in praying for the people of Myanmar and other affected areas.
 God of mercy, we pray for all people affected by the earthquake in Myanmar.
 Enfold them in your love and console them in their grief as they mourn the death of loved ones and the destruction of their homes.
 Strengthen and guide all those responding to this disaster as they seek to bring comfort and relief in this time of sorrow and pain.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord, whose love endures forever. Amen.

This 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*

A Prayer for the start of Passiontide

Merciful Lord, you offer us mercy, not condemnation, and invite us into a new beginning. Help us to receive Your forgiveness with open hearts and to extend that mercy to others. As we approach Holy Week, transform our lives with Your love. Create paths in our wilderness and rivers in our deserts, that we may be renewed in You. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Next Week's Readings
PALM SUNDAY

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7*
Responsorial Psalm: 22
Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11*
Gospel: *Luke 22:14-23:56*

This 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, P Harrison
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

Next Week's Ministries Palm Sunday (C)

Readers	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer (1), D Fletcher (2), H Simmerson (N), A Southeran (C)
	9.15 a.m.	C Perryman (1), J Bourne (2), J Carter (N), D Winter (C)
	11.15 a.m.	M Pybus (1) J McNally (2), I Paterson (N), A Willcock (C)
Communion	5.00 p.m.	K Durkin, J Brook
	9.15 a.m.	A Tucker, A Tucker, S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	P Orkamfat, E Williamson, H Stones
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	Volunteer required
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock

