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The Month of September is devoted to The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

6 September 2020 Psalter Week 3

Saturday

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Gaetana Messina

11.15 p.m. Rae Goodlad

Monday

Feria

10.00 a.m. Rae Goodlad

Tuesday

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10.00 a.m. Mary Divilly

Wednesday

St Peter Claver, priest

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Thursday

Feria

10.00 a.m. William Dorrell

Friday

Feria

10.00 a.m. Rae Goodlad

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. John Frain

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Margaret Stancer

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Rae Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Michael Goodfellow, Sr Emma Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin, Peter Baines, Breda Pakenham, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Linda Costello, Catherine Mary Tetzlaff, Pauline Collins and Edward Keefe.

Lately dead: Mary Langan, **RIP**

And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

Sort Code: 40-41-07 Account Number: 01095153

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to

'Woodseats R C Parish Account'. The bank will not accept any variation.

Isle of Innisfree by W B Yeats

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,

And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

With these words from W B Yeats Fr. Gus would like to formally announce his retirement from Pastoral Ministry. On the first Tuesday of September 1967 he began his formal Vocational training by entering the Seminary of St. John the Evangelist in Waterford and was ordained on the 3rd June 1973. He arrived at Leeds Bradford Airport with two suitcases, one containing the Family Chalice and his vestments.

For the next 47 years he ministered in and around South Yorks serving 7 parishes. His ability to continue to serve has now been hindered by the prevailing and unpredictable behaviour of Covid- 19, underlying health issues and 75+. All of this places him in a vulnerable category and prevents him from engaging fully with the community and the school. Like countless other people his plans have been altered in a way he is powerless to prevent.

With the support and encouragement of the Diocesan Trustees Fr. Gus will be leaving the Parish and Sheffield very soon. He is most grateful for the hospitality, support and generosity received in the Parish and all the personal acts of kindness shown to him by many.

The new Parish Priest will be Father Stephen from the cathedral.

Novena to St Francis - For a world under threat

The Season of Creation starts this week, 1st September, with the theme '*Jubilee for the Earth*'. Can you remember all we did last year at this time? What changes we have seen! You can find out more at www.seasonofcreation.org and join in the Novena to St Francis below.

Fifth prayer: Fire

**“We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night.
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.”** (*St Francis of Assisi*)

“The gift we have received is a fire,
a burning love for God
and for our brothers and sisters.” (*Pope Francis, homily, 6 October 2019*)

Creator God,
your flames blaze yet leave us whole.
But our fires destroy at reckless speed;
great forests fall beneath our feet.
Forgive us for our part in this.

St Francis, you loved wild places,
the trees and all their birds within.
May we protect each blade of grass,
be mindful of each breath of air.

St Francis, pray for us.

23rd Sunday 2020

Today's Gospel deals with fraternal correction among Christians: what should be the attitude of the community towards a brother who does wrong and so harms the Church. At the time, because they were still a minority in society, Christians were particularly careful about their reputation. 'See how they love one another', was what people used to say about them – but much more important to themselves was the requirement of unity and 'togetherness', within the Church. Because the Church was born of Divine love, it had to be a fellowship of love where each one is responsible for the faith and holiness of the brothers and sisters. This explains the procedure used to eradicate all evil and misunderstanding among Christians. A whole graduated process was adopted. Prudence along with patience, and care to allow scope for listening and dialogue, so that each one might receive every opportunity of remaining in fellowship with the others. In fact, the community is not to behave like an ordinary tribunal; the tribunal punishes the one who admits guilt and condemns him; the Christian community looks beyond justice to mercy, in order to absolve and reconcile. Even when the sinner persisted in his error, the Church would keep the person in her prayers. In safeguarding brotherly fellowship, it is in the final analysis this prayer of the Church which must be preserved, since the effectiveness of prayer depends upon harmony within the community, upon the presence of Emmanuel, who intercedes for it and makes his own its prayer. This is what explains the Church's reluctance to pronounce anathema or summary excommunication, and her sense of responsibility towards others, which overcomes any feelings of resentment.

We welcome back Fr Metcalfe who has finished his 5-year secondment in Rome. We congratulate him on his appointment as Rector of Hathersage and Parish Priest at Bamford which he will take-up in October. We wish him well.

Off to University? Then this will be perfect for you!!

Table-Top freezer *free* to a good home. If you *need* a small table top freezer, in excellent condition and in full working order please contact Alan Southeran on 07941 464908. The dimensions are 17"x18"x20".

Readers - If you are a reader and are attending Mass would you either please indicate you are willing to read when booking, or let one of the stewards know when you arrive? This will save having to go around finding someone just before Mass and reduce unnecessary contact.

Newsletter - If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please let me know by emailing the parish, and you will be added to the list.

Attending Mass - If you wish to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday please ring. We need your name, contact details and the number attending. There are plenty of places available and all the guidelines re distancing and cleaning are being met. Please remember, masks **MUST** be worn.

CANCEL THE DEBT **Coronavirus is causing devastation** right across the world. Many of the world's poorest nations are not only dealing with this health emergency but are also facing unimaginable financial hardship as a result of the global economic slowdown. The quickest way to deal with this worrying financial outlook is to keep money in developing countries by cancelling debt payments now. The coronavirus petition will end on Friday 11 September. Thanks to all who have signed it already over the summer, but if not, you'll find a link at www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Time-to-cancel-the-debt You can also find there another way to add your voice by taking a photo of yourself creatively displaying the words "Cancel The Debt" to help get the message across to World Leaders before the World Bank and IMF meetings in October.



CAFOD's Online talks and presentations. Listen to inspiring talks online about the great work you support, all from your own living room!

The greatest challenge to achieving sustainable development Tuesday 8 September, 7pm-8pm

Join us to hear from a panel of CAFOD international staff whose areas of expertise are Yemen, South Sudan and Lebanon and who will be sharing how CAFOD is responding to the multiple crises impacting these particular countries.

[Register](#) to join us.

Past online talks

[Browse all past online talks](#) including [Previewing Harvest Fast Day: CAFOD's response to the coronavirus](#) Hear the latest on CAFOD's response to coronavirus around the world from Matthew Carter, Head of Emergency Response and get a preview of Harvest Fast Day from Jo Kitterick, Head of Fundraising and Participation.

Today's Mass - Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 94

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come ring out your joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.” **(R)**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the answer to every one of his commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

Thought for the week

I implore you, by God's mercy to offer your very selves to him; a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for his acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart. Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed. Then you will be able to discern the will of God, and to know what is good, acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12: 1-2

Prayer for the Week

We turn to Mary

In this month dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, we turn to her as we grapple with all the issues we face, with all the accompanying fear and uncertainty.

‘The Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world... Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation... She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.’

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 241)

Mary, Queen of Sorrows and Queen of Compassion, pray for us.

This Week's Readings Twenty-Third Sunday (A)

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

Responsorial Psalm: 94

Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20*

Next Week's Readings Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A)

First Reading: *Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7*

Responsorial Psalm: 102

Second Reading: *Romans 14:7-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Prayers – You are asked to keep the NHS and all front-line workers; all those who are suffering, whether from illness or in bereavement in your prayers at this time.

RETURNING TO CHURCH AND ATTENDING MASS (Updated)

Firstly, how wonderful it is to be able at last to attend Mass, albeit in a restricted manner.

In keeping with Government and Diocesan guidelines, the numbers able to attend each Mass are very restricted and MUST be adhered to. Social distancing must be observed. The expected number is 45 but this will be confirmed.

Please remember that Sunday obligation is still suspended so attending Mass any day of the week will count. If you are able to attend Mass during the week please do so and leave Saturday and Sunday to those who are working.

If you wish to attend **SUNDAY** Mass a telephone booking system will be in place (**see below**).

Coming to Mass

1. You will be asked to come through one door and leave through another.
2. You will be directed to a seat – please do not change as they will have been allocated on the numbers attending in any one group.
3. You are asked to wear a mask as this will allow a greater number of parishioners to attend.
4. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.
5. Do not congregate before or after Mass.
6. When receiving Holy Communion nothing will be said.
7. There will be no singing; no offertory procession; no sign of Peace; no Chalice.
8. At the weekend, there will be a few copies of the newsletter. You are welcome to take one but please DO NOT leave it behind or put it back. Take it home with you.
9. Extra directions may be given at Mass.
10. On fine days weekday Masses will be outside.
11. Please note - **masks MUST be worn in church**. This has been mandated by the Government.

Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

During this period there is no requirement for Special Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass. However, so long as strict guidelines are kept, it may be possible to take Holy Communion to the housebound/ shielding etc. This would need to be discussed with Father Gus and the recipient.

Readers

For the time being there will be ONE reader at all Masses. Weekdays, will remain the same – someone will be asked to read on an ad hoc basis. If any reader is booked to attend a Sunday Mass, they are asked to identify themselves so they can be called upon if necessary.

Unfortunately, the rule for over-70s still applies. When reading, you are asked to sanitise your hands both before and after reading.

Please leave the sanctuary after the Alleluia.

No Bidding Prayers

Booking a place at Mass

Masses will be at 10.00am each weekday. On Saturday, Mass will be at 5.00pm *at Meadowhead*. On Sundays it will be at 9.15am and 11.15am at Meadowhead. (Please note that English Martyrs will not be open for the time being.)

If you would like to attend Mass at the weekend you will need to ring up and book a place.

This will not be necessary if you are attending **a weekday** Mass.

When to Ring

To attend Mass at:

5.00pm Saturday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Wednesday (**included**) of that week.

9.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Thursday (**included**) of that week.

11.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Friday (**included**) of that week.

If it is not possible to take your call, please leave a message giving your name, telephone number, **and how many of you** will be attending. If you do not receive a return phone call you may assume your booking has been confirmed.