

## Our Lady of Beauchief & Saint Thomas of Canterbury

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**The Month of December is devoted to the Immaculate Conception**



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Sunday, 7th December 2025



#### Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

#### Sunday

9.15 a.m. Carole Moynihan

11.15 a.m. Michael Robinson

**Monday**  
THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

No Mass

**Tuesday (Totley)** St John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

10.00 a.m. November Dead List

**Wednesday** Our Lady of Loreto

10.00 a.m. All Souls

**Thursday** St Damasus I, pope

No Mass

**Friday** Our Lady of Guadalupe

12.00 p.m. Kearney Family

**Saturday** **St Lucy, virgin, martyr**

10.45 a.m. Nancy Smith

#### Next Week's Masses

**Saturday - Totley**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday - Meadowhead**

9.15 a.m. Arthur and Mary Willcock

11.15 a.m. Seamus Ryan

#### 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:** Elizabeth Watson, Nuala Jones, Philomena McNally, Anne McPhee, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Paul Smith, Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley, Molly Upton, Oliver Wragg, Sheila Hurst, and Sue Jarman.

**Lately dead:** Kathleen Connelly (wife of Patrick Connelly), Fr. David Bulmer (Leeds Diocese) **RIP**

#### Responsorial Psalm: 72

**R:** In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace forever.

#### Events for the Coming Week

**Monday** 6.45pm SVP Meeting via Zoom

**Wednesday** 6.15pm Rainbows

7.15pm Brownies

**Friday** 12.30pm Lunch Club follows Mass

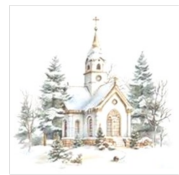
**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total for 30th November 2025 is £321.75. Thank you.

**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!

**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.**

## Times of Christmas Masses

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	~ 5.00pm	<b>Children's Mass with Nativity</b>
	~ 9.30pm	<b>Carol Service</b>
	~ 10.00pm	<b>Night Mass of Christmas</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	~ 9.00am	<b>Totley</b>
	~ 10.00am	<b>Meadowhead</b>
<b>St Stephen's Day</b>	~ 10.00am	<b>Meadowhead</b>



**Funeral Arrangements** - The funeral for **Kathleen Connelly** will be on Thursday, 18th December at 12 noon at OLST, Meadowhead, followed by burial at Abbey Lane.

**The Sisters and Brothers of our Parish SVP Conference** wish to thank all who gave their time and support to help make the 'Senior Parishioners' Christmas Party' a huge success: the entertainers, those who provided buns and cakes and helped serve and with setting up the room before and after the event. It was greatly appreciated.

**The Advent Wreath - Second Sunday of Advent** This weekend we light the **second purple candle which represents faith** – some traditions say it also represents love - and is called the “**Bethlehem Candle**”. Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, also the birthplace of King David.

### 2. Light the Advent candle two

Think of humble shepherds who  
Filled with wonder at the sight  
Of the child on Christmas night.

Refrain

Candle, candle burning bright  
Shining in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**Our much-loved sister in Christ, Anne-Marie Fletcher**, is now receiving end-of-life care. Anne-Marie invites us to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for her. You can find it at this link <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/>



**RCIA - Journey In Faith Programme**  
**2025-2026 Thursdays 6.00pm**  
*(note corrected day)*

Our parish Journey in Faith programme is a 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.

**First Holy Communion 2026** - All application forms should now have been returned. If you have not yet completed a form for your child, we will accept late applications up to the end of this current week. The preparation course will commence in January.

**The new Ministries Rota**, beginning with Christmas and running to 22 March 2026, was emailed out last Tuesday. There are some hard copies in the porch. Thank you to everyone who responded to the availability email. If you are unable to fulfil any of your allocated duties, and particularly at the Christmas liturgies, please arrange for a substitute.

**We have received a big thank you from St. Wilfrid's Centre** - see below - for your wonderful response to the first Advent in-kind collection and your support for the monthly collections all year round.

“Thank you for dropping off the donation earlier. It is greatly appreciated! Donations like this are vital to helping us carry out important work for the vulnerable and socially excluded in our community. All the items you have given will go towards supporting the Centre, and our many clients. Thank you again for your fantastic contribution and your continued support; it is greatly appreciated. It allows us to provide even more life-improving services for our many clients.”

**Church Decorating and Cleaning at Meadowhead**, will take place at 10.00am on **Tuesday, 23rd December**. If you can spare half an-hour or so to help with the preparations it would be much appreciated. The more the merrier and the quicker it all gets done! Details of cleaning at Totley to be announced later.



**St Thomas of Canterbury School Carols this coming Friday**- The children at St Thomas of Canterbury School will be putting on a performance of traditional Christmas carols at Our Lady & St Thomas at 2.15pm on Friday 12th December, and parishioners are warmly invited to join us.

Please come and support our school and our children. Remember, they are the future of our church and faith. We should all encourage them as much as we can! If it's anything like as good as last year, it will be a real treat! We hope to see you there.

**There will be a Christmas Music practice session at Meadowhead on Monday 22nd December at 5.00pm**

All Saints Catholic High School have a vacancy for **PA to the Headteacher & Office Manager** 37 hours per week for 40 weeks per year. Permanent Grade 6 – Scale Points 21 – 26 (£33,143 - £37,280) Actual Salary £29,290- £32,889 with no previous service. To begin 1 January 2026 or ASAP after this date.

Please visit school website for an application form [www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies](http://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies) For further information please contact Rachel Hobkirk, Deputy Headteacher by email at : [r.hobkirk@allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:r.hobkirk@allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk) or by calling the school on 0114 2724851.

#### **Friday Lunch Club**

Please note that the Friday Lunch Club will finish on 12th December 2025. We will reopen on 9th January 2026. Don't forget that all are welcome! Thank you for your support.

**Local Sheffield Carols this year** will be at The Hammer and Pincers pub, Ringinglow Road, Bents Green. Informal singing with organ accompaniment. All abilities welcome. Word sheets and books available. Admission free. 7.30 – 9.00 pm Wednesday 10th, & 17th December. Final sing: Boxing day 4.30-6pm. More info from Tom Wood: [ale.house.carols@gmail.com](mailto:ale.house.carols@gmail.com)

**Praying with Christians in the Holy Land** Please join us, Kairos Sheffield, a local Christian group that gathers together online at 8am - 8.20am each Thursday to pray the prayers written by Palestinian Christians for their Thursday Communion service in Jerusalem. For more information and to register email Richard and Christine Watts at [richardandchristine@gmail.com](mailto:richardandchristine@gmail.com).

**B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor, January and February 2026** Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat centre in the Lake District owned and operated by the Diocese of Lancaster. When the building is empty, they offer B&B stays to individuals, families and small private groups and the money this raises supports their mission with young people. Some B&B dates have opened up this January and February. Specifically, January 5-7th, February 9-11th, and February 16-18th. It's very affordable to book and a nice chance to spend a few days in the Lakes - head to <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>



#### **Advent Offertory Collections.**

As usual we are invited to make additional practical offerings as part of our preparations for Christmas for those in need in our area at this time.



**TODAY 2nd Sunday (7th December)** BISCUITS & CHOCOLATES for SVP to distribute locally. and GIVE TO LIVE Collection for distribution to our Outreach Partners in Sheffield & overseas.



**3rd Sunday (14th December)** MEN'S CLOTHING eg new sm/med pants, vests, socks, footwear, warm hats, gloves, (no scarves) for BEN'S CENTRE for people on the streets in Sheffield [www.benscentre.org](http://www.benscentre.org)



**4th Sunday (21st December)** Collection of MONEY for Caritas Hallam. <https://hallam-diocese.com/caritas/#more-about-caritas>

**Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.**  
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## New Celtic Mass: Gospel Acclamation 68: Holy Holy 553: Memorial acclamation 554: Amen 555: Lamb of God 591.



### Tomorrow, Monday 8 December, we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

In proclaiming the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a dogma of the Church, Pope Pius IX expressed precisely and clearly the long-held belief that Mary was conceived free from the stain of original sin

This privilege of Mary's derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Saviour, thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ, from the very moment of her conception.

This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians.

### Prayer for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Father, we rejoice in the privilege of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, which preserved her from the stain of sin by the power of Christ's redeeming death, and prepared her to be the Mother Of God.

Grant that through her prayers we ourselves may come to you, cleansed from all sin.

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

### Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God,  
let neither our daily work nor the cares of this life prevent us from hastening to meet your Son.

Enlighten us with your wisdom  
and lead us into his company.

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 of Advent (A)

**First Reading:** *2 Samuel 5:1-3*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 46

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 1:12-20*

**Gospel:** *Luke 23:35-43*

### Next Week's Readings

#### Third Sunday of Advent (A)

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 146

**Second Reading:** *James 5:7-10*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 24:37-44*

### Thought for the Week

"But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees to his baptism he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able to raise up from these stones children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (*Matthew 3:7-10*)

This warning, against complacent confidence in self-assumed righteousness speaks to us as well as to the Pharisees and Sadducees. **Are we** producing "the appropriate fruit" - or are we just coasting complacently along?

For a series of short daily Advent reflections, under the title "Wave of Hope" visit the Catholic Bishops Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wave-of-hope/>

### This Week's Ministries 6/7 December 2025

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, D Fletcher
	9.15 a.m.	F Green, J Bourne
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, I Paterson
<b>Communion</b>	5.00 p.m.	C Udall, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	D Winter, R Gasser, J Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, H Stones, P Corkell

### Next Week's Ministries 13/14 December 2025

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	J Fojut, S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	M Paterson, A Willcock
<b>Communion</b>	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	C Parsons, N Parsons, H Grady
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, K O'Brien, P Orkamfat
<b>Welcomers</b>	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock