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*The  
Season  
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Lent*



**The Month of March is devoted to St Joseph**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

**Sunday, 8th March 2026 Psalter Week 3**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. Anne-Marie Fletcher

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. Oliver Wragg

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

**Monday** St Frances of Rome

No Mass

**Tuesday (Totley)** *Lenten Feria*

10.00 a.m.

10.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday** *Lenten Feria*

9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.00 a.m.

**Thursday** *Lenten Feria*

No Mass

**Friday** *Lenten Feria*

12.00 p.m.

**Saturday** *Lenten Feria*

10.45 a.m. Mary and Tom Butterworth

**Next Week's Masses**

**Saturday - Totley**

5.00 p.m.

**Sunday - Meadowhead**

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Oliver Wragg

**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:** Joe Parkin, Anne Grayson, John Grayson, Anne McPhee, Elizabeth Watson, Paul Smith, Philomena McNally, Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley, Molly Upton, and Sue Jarman.

**Lately dead:** Fr Joseph Narikuzhi RIP

**Responsorial Psalm: 95**

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

**Events for the Coming Week**

Monday 6.45pm SVP Meeting 16th March

Wednesday 6.15pm Rainbows and Brownies

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Club follows Mass

**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total for 1st March 2026 was £334.64 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!

*Registered Charity No 512021*



**Lunch Club** - Don't forget that Lunch Club meets every Friday during term time for home-made soup and cakes. Interested in coming? Not got any transport? No problem! **New members always welcome!!**

We can arrange for Transport 17 minibus to collect you. To find out more ring Penny Ashby on 0114 2366606.

**Ministries** - The availability dates for the rota was sent out over a week ago. If you have not yet replied please do so as soon as possible. The next rota includes the Triduum and Easter, so it is especially important you let me know if you are available.

Several extra readers and Ministers of Communion are needed to cover Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

**PLEASE** ensure your replies are in **17th March**.

**If you do not reply it will be assumed you are available for all dates throughout the period of the rota.**

### 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.



**Next Week Collection for LIFE** - Life has been offering practical help and support for well over half a century. And for many of those years we, the people of our Diocese, have given generously to support the work of Life and we are asked to do so again this year. The need has not diminished. If anything, it has increased. In the context of the more liberal availability of abortion, Life continues to focus on practical support for women - ranging from counselling, to housing, and life-skills training. Life helps to offer positive alternatives to abortion; solutions to difficult problems when so many people do not seem to know that they are possible and available. Life also helps those who have experienced the loss of a baby in any circumstances to cope with their loss. The Life way is always a compassionate way, grounded on the value of the unborn child and in solidarity with the pregnant woman. Life's contact details: [lifecharity.org.uk](http://lifecharity.org.uk) 0808 802 5433

### Ampleforth Retreat 16th-18th April 2027

I have booked a retreat at Ampleforth for the weekend of 16th April NEXT year. At the moment the cost is £190 - this may go up slightly.

All rooms are en suite. If you would like to go please contact me as soon as possible. A £50 deposit is required on booking and this will secure your place.



It will be on a first come first served basis. We had more people than places wanting to go last year so to be certain of a place please book quickly. Any questions please ask!

**Starting this weekend** and on the subsequent Sundays of Lent we hear three gospels which are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion to Jesus Christ — the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus.

**On these Sundays** at the 11:15 Mass Thomas Glossop will witness to his own journey of conversion in the Scrutinies. In these celebrations we join him in praying that he will be healed from all that is weak and sinful and strengthened by that which is unright, strong and good. As we pray for him we remember that we are all called to work together in that *progressive journey* that leads to deeper and deeper conversion.

**Lenten Day of Reflection - Everything is connected – how do we care for our common home?** At St Vincent's Church, 40 Pickmere Road, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1GY, Saturday 21 March, 11:00am-3:00pm. Tea/ coffee from 10:30am. **Speakers:** Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, spokesperson for the Bishops Conference on the Environment, and President of Pax Christi. Dr. Maria Exall, Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University. The event is free. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Please book your place: > <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>

**Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026** - Bookings are now being taken for the Hallam Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 26th June to 2nd July. The cost is £1010, to include flights from Leeds Bradford to Lourdes, 6 nights accommodation, full board and insurance. There will be a full religious programme led by Bishop Ralph. The theme this year is 'Hail, full of grace'. For bookings see [www.tangney-tours.com/hallam](http://www.tangney-tours.com/hallam), or call 01732 886666. Paper booking forms will be available in parishes within the next two weeks. For further information call 01302 247910 or 07724 650066 or email [lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com).

**Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.**  
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**Cleaners - We are in desperate need of cleaners** at Meadowhead. At the moment there are no teams available to clean the church for the next 4 months. It'll look a bit messy by then!!

Please, if you can spare a couple of hours for two weeks in a month it would be very much appreciated. Your turn would only come around at most twice a year, but if we have enough volunteers it would be only one a year. Please contact Liz Mason if you can help.



**Parish WhatsApp Group - Our Parish WhatsApp community has now been set up.** We will use it to share announcements and events for the Parish. Please sign up using the QR code after Mass or email Liz Mason

**Next week is, appropriately for Mothering Sunday, a money collection for LIFE** <https://lifecharity.org.uk> which helps over 45,000 people each year to meet pregnancy or pregnancy loss with courage and dignity so they can flourish. Services include a freephone Helpline, housing and community support, free practical support, and crafting educational content.

**Lost valuables. Are you missing something?** In addition to the usual suspects (small toys, spectacles/cases, umbrellas) there are some items of clothing in the lost property boxes on the far end of the press in the porch that we're sure their owners must be missing. In particular: a small size black leather jacket; a "Cerulean" white scarf; a "Select UK" black cardigan; a woolly hat. If any of these items are yours, please reclaim them in the next fortnight. Thank you.

### GIVE TO LIVE 100 CLUB

With apologies for the recent breakdown in communication. Normal service is being resumed.

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### 100 CLUB JANUARY 2026 DRAW

**PRIZE POT £118**

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE £82.60 ELIZABETH WATSON  
2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE £23.60 CHARLES PERRYMAN  
3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE £11.80 RITA O'HARA

### 100 CLUB FEBRUARY 2026 DRAW

**PRIZE POT £114**

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE £79.80 SUZY MORRISEY  
2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE £22.80 RAYMOND KINSELLA  
3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE £11.40 GRAHAM SMITH

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**Annual Bethlehem Ball - A date for your diaries.** The Ball will take place on Saturday, 14th November at the Crown Plaza Victoria Hotel. More details to follow -



watch this space . . .

**Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 9th March.** All welcome (see above!) Please contact [david.angela.wood@gmail.com](mailto:david.angela.wood@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Thank you.

### Deputy Foodbank Manager (18–24 hours per week)

We are looking for someone with a heart for people on the margins of society who can help oversee the day-to-day running of our busy foodbank and support the work serving people across Burngreave, Darnall and surrounding areas.

Full details: <https://burngreave.foodbank.org.uk/2026/03/02/march-2026-we-are-recruiting/>

**St Vincent's, Spring and Bloom Banquet** The Spring & Bloom Banquet is a warm, community-led fundraising evening hosted by St Vincent's Furniture Project. Enjoy great food, music and company while helping us support over 3,000 people each year with essential furniture and household items.

Sat 18 Apr 2026 6:30 pm - 11:30 pm. The Steamworks, S2 4SJ

### Lenten Offertory Collections:

Throughout Lent we make greater efforts at self denial.



**8th March - Thank you for taking time this week to consider what ways you might be able to give more of your time and skills to help others.**



**15th March - Next week is, appropriately for Mothering Sunday, a money collection for LIFE** <https://lifecharity.org.uk> which helps over 45,000 people each year.



**22nd March - Groceries for Grace Food Bank**



**29th March - Small /medium underwear pants, vests & T- Shirts, socks and size 7-10 shoes - Ben's Centre.**



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



**A Reflection on this weekend's Gospel**

In the encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman, we learn that though the world treated her as being sinful, Jesus saw in the Samaritan woman the possible missionary that she could be with His encouragement.

The word water is repeated several times. In parts of the world where there is water in abundance we haven't experienced what the scarcity of water is like in those areas where people must walk miles to fetch a jar of water. If there is no water, there won't be any life. When Jesus speaks about living water, He is referring to life which is His own self.

It is always the Lord who takes the first initiative to reveal Himself. Today's reading starts as an encounter between two strangers which eventually leads to transformation and missionary action on the part of the Samaritan woman.

The Lord continues to reveal himself to us through simple day-to-day conversations if we listen for his voice. No matter who you are and what you have done, you are special, precious and loved by God Himself. This is the good news that the Lord gives us today.

Our day-to-day experiences and encounters can be transformative and life changing. Let us be attentive to what happens around us and let us thirst for God in all that happens and in all that we do.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention March**

For disarmament and peace Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph**, and we celebrate his feast day on Thursday, 19 March. We don't know much about Joseph except what is mentioned in the Gospels. He was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. In 1870 Pope Pius IX declared him Patron of the Universal Church. He is also the patron of the dying because Jesus and Mary were at his death-bed. Also of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage.

**Thought For the Week**

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*The quieter  
you become,  
the more you  
can hear.*  
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**Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent**

God our Father,  
in your infinite love and goodness  
you have shown us that prayer, fasting  
and almsgiving are remedies for sin.  
Accept the humble admission of our guilt,  
and when our conscience weighs us down  
let your unfailing mercy raise us up.  
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  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

**First Reading:** *Exodus 17:3-7*  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 95  
**Second Reading:** *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*  
**Gospel:** *John 4:5-42*

**Next Week's Readings  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

**First Reading:** *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 23  
**Second Reading:** *Ephesians 5:8-14*  
**Gospel:** *John 9:1-41*

**This Week's Ministries 7/8 March 2026**

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	J Bourne, B Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	I Paterson, M Paterson
<b>Communion</b>	5.00 p.m.	S Davey, C Udall
	9.15 a.m.	S Jones, R Portaluri, P Ashby
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson, J McNally, M Harrison

**Next Week's Ministries 14/15 March 2026**

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	S Corker, K Corker
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, M Pybus
<b>Communion</b>	5.00 p.m.	K Durkin, J Brook
	9.15 a.m.	H Grady, D Winter, B Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, P Orkamfat, P Corkell
<b>Welcomers</b>	9.15 a.m.	
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, H Stones