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

**Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year (B)  
Sunday 8th September 2024 Psalter Week 3**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. Connie and Frank Trainor

11.15 a.m. William Dorrell

**Monday** St Peter Claver, priest

No Mass

**Tuesday (Totley)** *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

**Wednesday** *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Jim Travis

**Thursday** The Most Holy Name of Mary

No Mass

**Friday** St John Chrysostom, bishop,  
doctor

12.00 p.m. Dead List

**Saturday** THE EXALTATION OF THE  
CROSS

No Mass

**Next week's Masses**

**Totley**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Meadowhead**

9.15 a.m. Pat Nuctun

11.15 a.m. Tom Willcock

**Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

**Pray for our sick:**

Gavin Lambert, Sheila Hurst, Theresa Greensmith, Philomena McNally, Molly Upton, Sue Jarman, Stephen Bingley, Pauline Souflas, Anne Grayson, Paul Smith, Helen Aulton, David Gage, Teddy Howes, Stephen Mvembe, and Father Michael O'Connor.

**Responsorial Psalm: 145**

**R:** *My soul, give praise to the Lord*

**Events for the Coming Week**

**Monday** SVP Parish Rooms 6.45pm

**Friday** Lunch Club after Midday Mass

Registered Charity No 512021

**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total for 1st September 2024 is £229.92. Thank you.

**Come to Mass with no cash?** You can make weekly donations by card on the machines in the porch or at the side door table. You can gift-aid too! Please make use of this service if you can.

**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 Stephen or Simon Jones know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.**

**There will be** a retiring collection next weekend for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, formerly known as Home Mission Sunday and renamed after Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel.

**Safeguarding** On Friday 20 September from 9.30 am the Parish safeguarding representatives, Angela and Claire, are hosting a drop-in session in the Parish rooms. This is for anyone who has any concerns; is unsure if their DBS check is up to date; wants to know what is happening to promote safeguarding in our Parish community, or just wants to know who we are! Everyone is welcome to come and join us and have a cup of tea and a chat.

**Bethlehem Ball Raffle Tickets** - a reminder that raffle tickets for great cash prizes are now available in marked envelopes in the porches of both churches. Please take some to sell. The Bethlehem Hospice needs your support.

**Calling all bakers!!** Olivia and Jack Farragher are holding a bring and buy cake sale to help raise money for the *Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust*. It will take place after 9.15 Mass on Sunday, 29th September. Please bring cakes and money and help make this a great event!!



**Hurricane Fundraiser / Caribbean Evening at OLST on Saturday 14 September** from 7.00 pm onwards in the church hall. We are collecting funds for disaster recovery and supplies, in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique, which were affected by Hurricane Beryl. The fundraiser will include an evening meal and a raffle. Bring your own drinks. Tickets (£20 for adults, £10 for under 16's) available from Brenda on 07880 883929 or Annmarie on 07985 217699.

**Celebrating 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark - Fairtrade Fortnight: Monday 9 – 22 September 2024.**

Join in urging everyone to **Be the Change**, by picking up Fairtrade products and speaking up for fairer trade. Check out the Fairtrade Fortnight 2024 digital campaign pack for tools to support you in getting involved,



**How your MP Can be the change:** Discover the **Be the Change pledge**, launching this Fairtrade Fortnight, and learn how to get your MP to sign up. Wednesday, 11 September, 6pm – 7pm online.

**The Ministries Rota for September to mid-December** has been emailed out to Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Welcomers. Hard copies are available at both churches. If you are unable to fulfil one of your duty slots, please arrange for one of your fellow ministers to stand in for you. Thank you.

**We are VERY short of welcomers at the 9.15 am Mass.** If you could take on this task once every few weeks - you will need to be at church for around 8.45 am - please contact Liz Mason in the parish office or Tony Willcock at Sunday Mass. Thank you.

**Parish Outreach** meeting 7.30pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

**All Missionary Red Box Holders, Supporters and Organisers!!**

There is a Diocesan Mission Mass on Saturday, 21st September at 10.30am. Holy Rood Church, Barnsley. This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. All who help in any way are invited to attend. For further enquiries, or to confirm your attendance please email: redbox@missio.ord.uk or telephone Theresa on 07593 544625.



**Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:**  
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**This weekend is Education Sunday**, which falls on the second Sunday of September, just as the new academic year starts. It is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established in 1848. It is an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

In his message to Catholic schools, Bishop Marcus Stock, Chair of the Catholic Education Service, writes; “The Gospel reading for Education Sunday is taken from St Mark’s Gospel (7:31-37): “He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.”

Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school. As “the way, the truth, and the life” Christ is both the object and subject of Catholic education. A Catholic educational institution seeks to root the Gospel of Christ in the minds and lives of students. On Education Sunday, it is important we give thanks to Almighty God for all who govern, lead, teach, guide, and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities.

Placing all our trust in God’s grace, we pray that Catholic education will continue to make Christ known across our lands, supporting parents in the religious formation of their children, integrating faith with culture and being of service to our society.”

For the full text of Bishops Stock’s message visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/education-sunday/>

**Grace Foodbank** - 6th September was National Foodbank Day. The number of people helped each month has quadrupled over the last 4 years.

Our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday collection of Groceries in church for our local Foodbank here in S8 is this coming Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. Or you can donate at any time at shops eg Sainsbury, Archer Rd. We are currently shortest of: *Breakfast cereal, Tinned soup, Tinned meat, Instant mashed potato, Microwave rice, Tinned fish, Tinned fruit, Pasta sauce, UHT Milk, Laundry Powder/Capsules, Biscuits.* We don't have any surpluses at the moment and every single packet, tin or jar will be very gratefully received! For updates to the list and other information eg how to donate money, please check out <https://gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk/> Thank you.

**We would like** to extend to you a warm invitation to attend the All Saints Catholic High School Y6 Open Evening on Thursday 19 September from 4:30pm – 6:30pm.

During the Open Evening, there will be an opportunity to see a Headteacher’s presentation at either 4:30pm, 5:00pm or 5:30pm. You will also be able to tour the school and visit a range of departments. This will give you the chance to speak with teachers and students about life at All Saints. Please be aware parking in the area is very limited. If you would rather view what All Saints has to offer virtually, then please visit the **Year 6 into Year 7** page of our school website <https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/year-6-into-year-7/>



**Have you just got married during 2024 or are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary**- one, 10, 25, 50 60 or more? If so, Bishop Ralph cordially invites you to join him at a diocesan celebration Mass in thanksgiving for the sacrament of Marriage on 28 September 2024 at St Peter’s, Chequer Road, Doncaster DN1 2AA at 12:00 followed by refreshments. If you would like to attend then please add your details to the Google form using this QR Code. Further Details from [marriagepreparation@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:marriagepreparation@hallam-diocese.com)



### **The Bethlehem Ball 23rd November, 2024**

**The Bethlehem Ball** will be held at the Niagara Conference Centre in Sheffield on Saturday, 23 November. It is a Dinner and Dance in a lovely venue and the tickets at £35 each are modestly priced for such an event. Dancing to the **Grand Plan**.

If you would like to celebrate with us and help make this a great anniversary celebration, tickets can be obtained from **Liz Mason, Cathal Farragher** or **Joe McNally** (07891072858) or simply scan the QR code on our poster and apply. Thank you. .





**Mass Setting - Mass of Christ the Saviour**

Gloria 1013; Holy, Holy 1014; Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017; Lamb of God 1019



This Saturday we celebrate the Feast of **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**.

Some might ask why we are exalting an instrument of torture. Firstly, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race. Secondly, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and spiritual religion. It springs from God’s direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross.

**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.**

**Prayer for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** (this Saturday)

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 35:4-7*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *145*

**Second Reading:** *James 2: 1-5*

**Gospel:** *Mark 7:31-37*

**Next Week’s Readings  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 50:5-9*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *114*

**Second Reading:** *James 2:14-18*

**Gospel:** *Mark 8: 27-35*

Tomorrow, 9 September, is the feast day of **St Peter Claver**. Born in Spain in 1580, he studied at Barcelona before becoming a Jesuit. He joined the Jesuit mission in Colombia, where he spent his life in ministering to the slaves arriving from Africa. He referred to himself as “servant of the slaves”, and continued to his death in 1654.

**This Week’s Ministries 7/8 September 2024**

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| <b>Readers</b>   | 5.00 p.m.  | V Coomer, D Fletcher              |
|                  | 9.15 a.m.  | K Corker, S Corker                |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | M Pybus, A Willcock               |
| <b>Communion</b> | 5.00 p.m.  | K Durkin, C Udall                 |
|                  | 9.15 a.m.  | M Ayanleke, A Tucker, A Tucker    |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | P Orkamfat, M Harrison, K O’Brien |

**Thought for the Week**

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**Don’t judge each day  
by the harvest you reap,  
but by the seeds  
that you plant.**  
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**This Week’s Ministries 14/15 September 2024**

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| <b>Readers</b>   | 5.00 p.m.  | 2 Volunteers needed               |
|                  | 9.15 a.m.  | C Perryman, J Bourne              |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | M Richardson, B Charles           |
| <b>Communion</b> | 5.00 p.m.  | S Davey, J Brook                  |
|                  | 9.15 a.m.  | J Tucker, R Portaluri, B Ayanleke |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | H Stones, S Campos, J McNally     |
| <b>Welcomers</b> | 9.15 a.m.  | Volunteer needed                  |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | H Stones, S Campos                |

