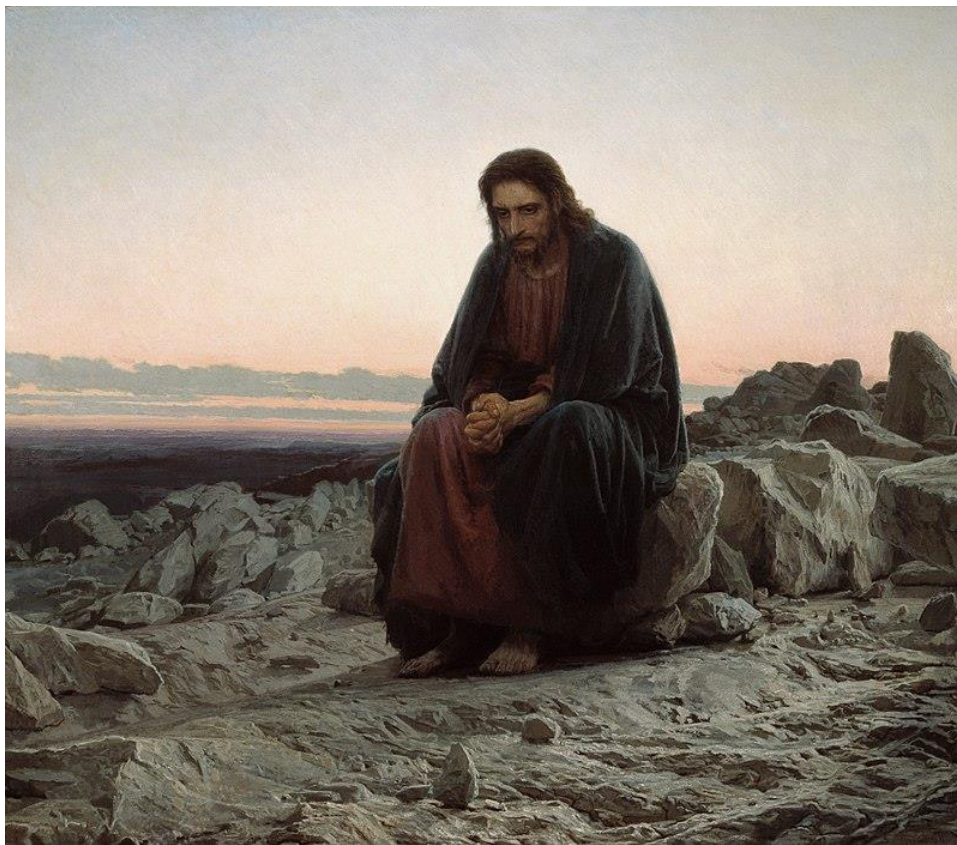


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First Sunday of Lent (C)

6 March 2022

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Sheila Armstrong, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine: It is believed over 1,000,000 people have fled Ukraine into neighbouring countries (mainly Poland, Hungary, Moldova and Romania), with thousands more having to leave their homes inside Ukraine. Many are women and children. A number of Catholic agencies such as *Aid to the Church in Need*, *CAFOD* and *Caritas* are already at work there or in partnership with local agencies. **An offerings box will be in the church this weekend** should you wish to support this work.

The annual **Lenten CAFOD Fast Day:** is this **Friday, 11 March**. By eating simply and giving generously we can offer help to communities around the world affected by extreme hunger and to children suffering from malnutrition. CAFOD envelopes are available and **an offerings box will be in the church next weekend, 12-13 March**, or you can visit www.cafod.org.uk/lent Please remember Gift Aid your donation to increase its value to CAFOD by an additional 25%.

During Lent:

- From **this Sunday, 6 March**, after the 10.00am Mass, there will be **Stations of the Cross**.
- From **7 March**, on **Mondays in Lent** there will be **Mass at 7.15am**.
- From **8 March**, on **Tuesdays in Lent** there will be **Stations of the Cross & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, from 7.00 to 7.45pm (concluding with Benediction). Confessions will also be available (*N.B.* except on 29 March). *Please sign-up to lead the Stations.*
- Also, on **Saturday, 19 March**, we will have **Mass at 10.00am** to celebrate the **Feast of St Joseph**, to offer thanksgiving and to pray for the needs of the parish.

First Holy Communion Preparation: we next meet on Saturday, 26 March, in St Joseph's school. The class will be from 09.30am to 12.00 noon. Attendance at all classes is essential.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St Joseph's from 9.15 to 10.00am on the following Saturday mornings: 26 March, 23 April and 7 & 21 May (incl. rehearsal). Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Mass of Confirmation at St Joseph's on Saturday, 11 June, 2022 at 5.00pm.

World Youth Day 2023 will take place next year in Lisbon, 31 July to 7 August. Our diocese has reserved a number of places and encourages any persons who will be between 15 – 30 years of age next year to express their interest by contacting Sue McDonald, Director of Youth Ministry at smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year, commencing in April, are **available to collect** from this weekend in the church. To save on costs, envelopes are no longer available for those parishioners who have moved to donating by bank transfer or standing order unless they request it, but they are still included in the Gift Aid scheme if they have previously completed a Gift Aid declaration. Anyone who last year had a numbered envelope higher than 80 will find that they have a new number this year and, if they had previously completed a Gift Aid declaration, this will continue automatically. If anyone pays UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax and has not completed a Gift Aid declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then they can speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. Thank you for your continuing support.

Church Flowers: The arrangement by Marie of the Easter flowers will mark her final time of doing so, as she will then step down from her many years of splendid work in helping to decorate our church and enhance our celebration of the liturgy. We are very grateful to her for her undoubted skill and unfailing devotion. Marie maintains she knew very little about such things when she started the work but she clearly possessed enthusiasm and a willingness to try. Therefore, if you would like to help in this going forward (perhaps with others?) please speak with Marie or Fr M. Marie is willing to be on hand to show how things have been done and you could 'shadow' her at Easter as a practical way of learning where things are, etc. One thing is for sure, my father's green fingers were not inherited by me and any efforts in this area have inevitably seen me take on the role of the grim reaper. Help, please!

Church Cleaning: *Can you give some time?* If you would like to go on the rota **please contact Pauline Williams** by phone or text, tel. 07914 969106 **or sign-up on the sheet at the back of church by the end of Sunday, 13 March.** Thank you.

40 Days for Life is an international campaign which raises awareness and prays for an end to abortion locally, through prayer, fasting and outreach. The Lenten campaign runs from 2 March to 10 April. Could you spare one hour to witness for the unborn? If you would like more information or to get involved, please contact Rachel on 07368297872 or 40DforLsheffield@gmail.com

Finally, you may notice that the **presbytery garage door** has changed. The garage was broken into early in December and both the door and lock irreparably damaged (all else survived, DG). It has, not unusually these days it seems, taken three months for a replacement to arrive.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 6 March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Josie Downes
Monday 7 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<u>7.15am</u> Intentions of Margaret Dakin
Tuesday 8 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	10.00am Roy Dyson 7.00pm Stations, Exposition & Confessions
Wednesday 9 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	November Memorial List
Thursday 10 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	10.00am A Special Intention
Friday 11 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	10.00am Leanne Wainwright
Saturday 12 March <i>Lenten weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	5.00pm Jimmy Cahill
Sunday 13 March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Arthur Pidcock

Last week's collection was £598.53 (£424.50 in offertory envelopes, £174.03 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
The people of Ukraine

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
For peace

**Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose
anniversaries occur around this time.**

St Patrick's Dance: The Sally Glennon Duo will be performing live at St Theresa's parish hall this Friday, 11 March, from 7.30 to 11.00pm. Bring your own food & drink. Tickets are £3, with under-eleven's free; for further details and tickets tel. Cath on 2326628.