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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**19 February 2023**

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Fr Bill Bergin, Ton & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Leonard & Mary Cooper, Sonia Prince, Fr Michael O'Connor, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, 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.*

Last weekend's retiring collection for the victims of the Syria-Turkey Earthquake was £885.80. **Thank you** for your generosity!

### **During Lent**

During his life on earth Our Lord undertook voluntary penance, e.g. the Forty Days in the desert, and he invited us all to do the same. Our penance can therefore be offered spiritually as a share in his own suffering, especially in his blessed Passion and Death. Christian penance is also an expression of inner conversion and a form of reparation for sin, it should be a personal action or sacrifice offered in love for God and neighbour. Following Christ means we must always practise some form of penance and devote ourselves in a particular way to prayer, self-denial and works of charity.

**22 February, Ash Wednesday, with Masses at 10.00am & 7.00pm.** Ash Wednesday is a *Day of Fasting & Abstinence*: everyone aged 14 years and older must abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason). Regardless of age everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance.

Next **Saturday, 25 February: A morning of Lenten Recollection** we have an opportunity to think about our spiritual journey during Lent with a **Talk at 10.00am**, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30 (with Confessions available), Benediction at 11.20am and concluding with **Mass at 11.30am**.

From **26 February, after the Lenten Sunday 10.00am Mass**, there will be **Stations of the Cross**. *Please sign-up if you are willing to lead.*

From **27 February, on Mondays in Lent** the morning **Mass** will be at **7.15am**.

From **4 March, on Saturdays in Lent** there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, from 10.00 to 10.50am (concluding with **Benediction**) and **Confessions will also be available** (*N.B.* except on 18 & 25 March). *Please sign-up if you are willing to lead.*

**Stations of the Cross**: I would like to **encourage people** to feel free to **pray this Lenten devotion before or after Mass** should you wish. It is a lovely sight to see people meandering around a church in prayer and a simple prayer at each Station is all that is required (there is no set or series of necessary prayers that you must say).

**First Holy Communion preparation:** the **next meeting** for the children is next **Saturday, 25 February**, from 9.30am until 12 Noon in the Y4 classroom at St Joseph's school. Please remember the children in your prayers.

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.

**N.B.** There is no Childrens' Liturgy this Sunday but it will resume again the following week. Thank you.

Diocesan Formation and Mission Event: **A Day of Reflection at the Beginning of Lent** with Fr Denis McBride CSsR, next Saturday, 4 March, at Whirlow Grange Spirituality Centre, Sheffield, from 10:00am - 4:00 pm. Participants should bring their own packed lunch. You can book at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433)

The **annual diocesan Safeguarding event:** '*Hidden Harms...from Social Distancing to Social Solidarity*' will take place on **Saturday 25 March**, from 9.45am – 4.00pm at St. Joseph's, **Wath-upon-Dearne**, (there is a Mass of the Annunciation at 9.00am for those who wish to attend). The event is open to all safeguarding representatives, parishioners and volunteers. Refreshments and a free lunch will be provided. To book a place contact Jo Pearson on 2566453 or [jpearson@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:jpearson@hallam-diocese.com)

The **diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place this year from Friday, **30 June to 6 July**, and is led by Bishop Heskett. Booking forms available to download at [www.hallam-lourdes.com](http://www.hallam-lourdes.com) or telephone 07724 650066/ 01302 247910. The cost is £840.00 per person 6 for nights Full Board (excl. Insurance), flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes.

**Hallam Youth:** Young people usually travel with their school groups but this year there are also places available for young people aged 16+ who do not attend Catholic schools. To join Hallam Youth on the diocesan pilgrimage or if you simply wish to find out more then please e-mail [smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com) for details.

**40 Days for Life:** The Lenten 2023 campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion begins this year on 22 February and ends on 2 April. You're invited to join other Christians in quiet and peaceful prayer outside the Hallamshire Hospital. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Rachel [40dforsheffield@gmail.com](mailto:40dforsheffield@gmail.com) or 07368297872.

## The Sacred Liturgy

<p><b>Sunday 19 February</b> <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>8.45am</b> Roy Dyson</p> <p><b>10.00am</b> For the People</p>
<p><b>Monday 20 February</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p>November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 21 February</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p><b>10.00am</b> Pope Benedict XVI</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 22 February</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p>	<p><b>10.00am</b> Arthur Pidcock</p> <p><b>7.00pm</b> Leanne Wainwright</p>
<p><b>Thursday 23 February</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p><b>10.00am</b> Ron Ashworth</p>
<p><b>Friday 24 February</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p><b>9.00 – 9.55am</b> Exposition</p> <p><b>10.00am</b> Celebrant's Intention</p>
<p><b>Saturday 25 February</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i></p> <p><i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p><b>10.30am</b> Exposition &amp; Confessions</p> <p><b>11.30am</b> Private Intention</p> <p><b>5.00pm</b> Gerard Cahill</p>
<p><b>Sunday 26 February</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p><b>8.45am</b> For the People</p> <p><b>10.00am</b> Steve Wardle</p> <p><i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></p>

**Last week's collection was £643.73** (£360.00 in offertory envelopes, £283.73 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

**This week our sanctuary lamp burns for:**  
Our holy observance of Lent

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