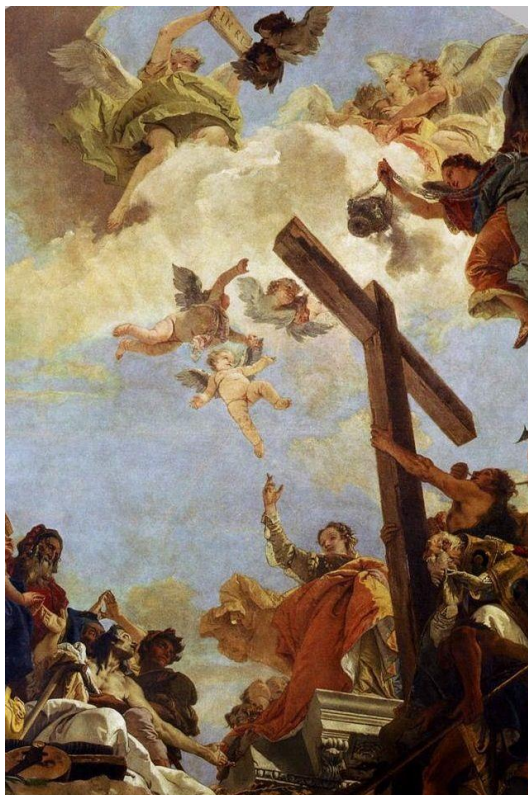


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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

10 September 2023

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joanne Marklew, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Tom & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, 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.*

This Sunday, we welcome the return of the Liturgy of the Word for children at the 10.00am Mass. Experience has taught us that it is particularly helpful in preparing young children in the years prior to their First Holy Communion year, especially in Years 1 and 2. As always, **we thank** our dedicated team who lead the children in this important act of worship. **If you would be interested** in getting involved in this activity and helping the children then please speak with Fr. M.

Registration for First Holy Communion 2024

Applications for children (who started in Year 3 or above at school this September) to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2024 **will shortly be invited**. I kindly remind parents that your support and active encouragement are vital in helping your child's faith to grow, most especially in regularly attending Sunday Mass. Christian parents are called to teach their children all they need to know about how to live on earth so that they may come to eternal life in heaven.

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, within the octave of Pentecost, at St Joseph's on **Saturday, 25 May, 2024 at the 5.00pm Mass**. If you are in Year 8 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation then please e-mail Fr M at ssjosephandcharles@gmail.com for the registration form and the dates and times of preparation. All applications should be received and completed by Sunday, 5 November. Thank you.

'Mother's Prayers' Afternoon of Prayer & Renewal: 'Mother's Prayers' is a worldwide organisation for mothers of all ages to come together in spiritual unity to pray for their children and grandchildren. All are warmly invited to attend an afternoon of prayer and renewal on **Saturday, September 23**, at the Mother of God Parish Centre. The event begins at 1.00pm and the closing prayer will be at 4.30pm. For more information and to book a place please contact Sue Tym on 0114 2553326 or boogtym@gmail.com

Missio & the Mill Hill Missionaries invite all their Red Box holders and supporters to a **diocesan Mission Mass** on **Saturday, 23 September**, at 12 noon at St Peter in Chains Church, Doncaster. After Mass there will be a presentation from Fr Emmanuel Mbeh MHM when hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. For further information, or to confirm attendance email theresa@missio.org.uk or call 07593 544625.

40 Days for Life is taking place in Sheffield **from Wednesday, 27 September**, and you are invited to join with other Christians for the 40 Days for Life campaign – 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion outside the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. If you'd like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, then please contact Rachel at 40dforsheffield@gmail.com or 07368297872.

The Light Project Recovery from Domestic Abuse:

Caritas Hallam, dedicated to promoting well-being and good mental health, offers free counselling and support to those who have experienced Domestic Abuse:

Individual Counselling: through a programme of free, weekly counselling sessions, with the same counsellor. Sessions are available online and in person.

Women's Well-being Programme: This 6-week well-being programme covers a range of topics, from rebuilding self-esteem to understanding the effects of stress. Sessions will be available on-line between 6 – 7pm from Wednesday, 4 October.

Freedom Programme: This is an 11-week support group for those who have experienced domestic abuse, (past or present). It will be delivered in an environment that is safe, caring and relaxed, at St Vincent's Mission Hub, from Tuesday, 10 October at 1.30pm.

For more information, please contact Janet on 07927657462 or jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Prayers for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

My good and dear Jesus, I kneel before you, asking you most earnestly to engrave upon my heart a deep and lively faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm resolve to make amends. As I reflect upon your five wounds, and dwell upon them with deep compassion and grief, I recall, good Jesus, the words the prophet David spoke long ago concerning yourself: *“They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have counted all my bones!”*

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, God, forever and ever. Amen.

<i>The Sacred Liturgy</i>	
Sunday 10 September <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Celebrant's Intention
Monday 11 September <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am Andy Cahill
Tuesday 12 September <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	10.00am In Thanksgiving (BM)
Wednesday 13 September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 14 September <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	<u>10.30am</u> Requiem Mass Irene Bekisz <i>RIP</i>
Friday 15 September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.00 – 9.55am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am The Burgin Family
Saturday 16 September <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Ray Brolly
Sunday 17 September <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Bill Pollock & Mary Kilcoyne

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

Last week's collection was £735.35 (£439.50 in offertory envelopes, £295.85 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

There will be a **retiring collection next weekend, 16 & 17 September**, to assist our bishops and their work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Formerly known as **Home Mission Sunday**, it is now referred to as *Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel*.