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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 October 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, 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.*

"Calling all knitters..."

In preparation for our **Annual Crib appeal** we would like to offer wool for anyone who could make baby blankets or little hats to add to our donation. Please feel free to take whatever you need from the basket at the back of church and return what you have made to the Crib during Advent. Many thanks, St Joseph's UCM.'

Dates for your diary:

Friday, 1 November, The Feast of All Saints (All Hallows), is a **Holyday of Obligation**. There is a Vigil Mass on All Hallows Eve, Thursday, 31 October at 7.00pm and a 10.00am Mass, at St Joseph's on Friday, 1 November.

Saturday, 2 November, All Souls Day, 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's followed by Prayers for the Dead & the Blessing of Graves in the cemetery. **N.B.** Exposition will take place beforehand at 9.00 to 9.50am.

Registration for First Holy Communion 2025

Applications for children (who started in Year 3 or above at school this September) to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2025 are now being invited. Please speak with Fr M after Mass for the registration form.

All applications should be received and completed by Sunday, 24 November. 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.

November Memorial Dead List 2024 – 2025

The celebration of holy Mass is the simplest yet also the greatest means by which the Church on earth provides care and assistance for the dead – though we can also assist them in their 'journey' through the purification of purgatory by the personal means of our prayers, offered sufferings and penances, (especially when they have indulgences attached to them). Beginning in November we offer Masses for the Parish November Memorial Dead List throughout the year. To enrol a loved one on the list so that they are included in these Masses, please write the names of your deceased family, friends and benefactors, and put it, together with your offering, into an envelope marked 'Dead List.' You can hand the envelope in at the sacristy, office or give it to Fr M.

A free six-week course Wellbeing Course for Women is available online from Monday, 28 October, 6.00 – 7.00pm. To find out more please contact Janet Kent 07927657462 or jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Assisted suicide

As you may have seen in the news there was a Bill introduced into parliament last Wednesday to legally permit medical doctors to end the life of those with a terminal illness. This bill is likely to be concerning on several levels but especially in the attempt to move doctors out of their primary duty to care for patients and towards participation in what will soon, if the bill is passed, become a new UK business sector of euthanasia provision. Please write to your MP in your own words (not more than one page) sharing your own experiences and views. You may find it helpful to watch the documentary *Better off Dead* written and presented by the disabled actress Liz Carr for BBC One and iPlayer about the rapid extension of assisted dying in Canada from just terminally ill people to a much wider group to assist you in contributing to these debates. Thank you.

Youth 2000 Sheffield Retreat for 16- to 35-year-olds, Saturday, 9 November, 9.00am - 9.00pm: This year's retreat at St Vincent's Mission Hub will be a chance for people in and around the Sheffield area (and beyond) to seek and find the warmth and life of a thriving, loving community, rooted in Jesus Christ and living out the joy of the Gospel. If you are aged 16-35 years old, you are invited to join them for a jam-packed, one-day retreat of prayer, teaching, friendship and fun, while exploring how to build your life on Christ, the solid rock. If you are under 18, you will need to be accompanied by someone who is over 18. The retreat includes lunch and dinner, and tickets cost £15 (unless you need help with this, if so speak with Fr M. or our deacon, Simon). See www.youth2000.org/events/sheffield2024 for details

On Sunday, 17 November, at 2.30pm in St William's Church, Ecclesall Rd, Bishop Ralph Heskett will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the work of the Sisters of Mercy in the diocese. Sr Clare, who is now living in Derby, was the last Sister to work in the diocese.

Catholicism & Halloween: there are lots of good websites (e.g. teachingcatholickids.com) with ideas about how to mark this event as a family, especially with young children. It can, among many things, offer us an opportunity to reclaim our Catholic heritage, to celebrate Christ's victory over death, to pray for the dead, and to mark the sacrifices and triumphs of the Saints, (our Christian martyrs offer lots of creative costume possibilities) as well, finally, as being a reminder of the perils of gluttony. Enjoy, should you wish!

THE SACRED LITURGY

<p>Sunday 20 October <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the people 10.00am Roy & Margaret Fitzpatrick</p>
<p>Monday 21 October <i>Ordinary Time feria</i></p>	<p align="center">9.00am Eva Turner</p>
<p>Tuesday 22 October <i>Pope St John Paul II</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Peter Hammond</p>
<p>Wednesday 23 October <i>Ordinary Time feria</i></p>	<p align="center">November Memorial List</p>
<p>Thursday 24 October <i>Ordinary Time feria</i></p>	<p align="center">9.00am In Thanksgiving – Golden wedding</p>
<p>Friday 25 October <i>Ordinary Time feria</i></p>	<p align="center">9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Roy Dyson</p>
<p>Saturday 26 October <i>Ordinary Time feria</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center">4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Phyllis Caesar</p>
<p>Sunday 27 October <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the people 10.00am Frank Prince</p>

Last week's collection was £610.49 (£317.50 in offertory envelopes, £292.99 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

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

The **Piety Stall** is usually open before and after Mass on Saturdays and after the Sunday 8.45am Mass until the 10.00am Mass. The Piety Stall also has **Christmas cards and other festive items for sale.**

There is the annual ***Missio* (World Mission Sunday)** retiring **collection this weekend.** The Papal charity for world mission, it helps missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need.