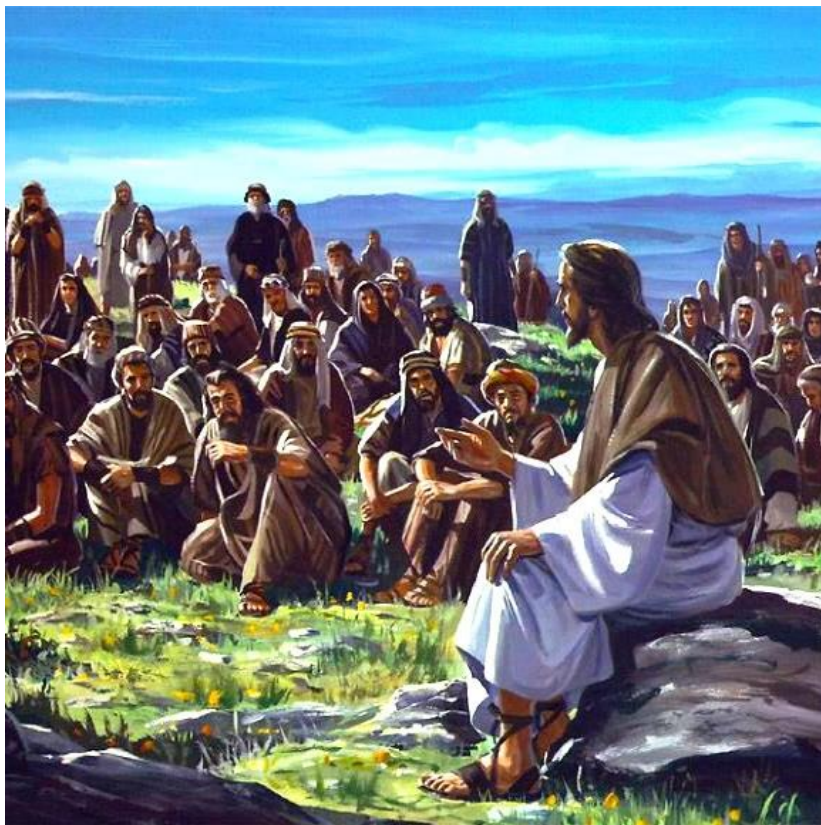


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 February 2025

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

Next weekend, 22 & 23 February, there will be a **retiring collection** for the diocesan **Sick and Retired Clergy Fund**. There have been a couple of changes this year:

A) the collection is now to be taken earlier in the year rather than late in November, and,

B) rather as your future state pension contribution funds current pensioner provision today, likewise, does our collection contribute to the care of retired priests right now.

In a further change, on top of the annual diocesan assessment (£19,000 last year), the diocese is now levying a further charge for this fund upon parishes. **Our levy was £4,000.00 last year**. Please therefore be as generous as you can in support of our sick and retired clergy who have spent their lives in service of the diocese and the Church.

Dates for your diary:

Ash Wednesday, 5 March, 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. Our annual observance of Lent begins with **Masses** and the distribution of Ashes **at 10.00am** - with St Joseph's School - **and 7.00pm**.

Saturday, 8 March, A Lenten Recollection: with a Talk, ***Keep Lent and Carry On***, at 10.00am, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30-ish with Confessions available, Benediction at 11.20am and concluding with Mass at 11.30am.

Sunday, 13 April, Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins.

Sunday, 20 April, Easter Sunday.

Volunteer Welcomers needed for Padley Chapel: The Historic Padley Chapel near Grindleford is a Designated Pilgrim Place in the Diocese of Hallam for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Therefore, more people are needed to help with the Chapel opening on Sunday afternoons and the occasional weekday during the "Pilgrim Year of Hope". You will be part of a team of 2, 3 or 4 volunteers and will be given full guidance and support. Please email: friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com or ring Sheila on 07855 039711 for more information.

Free Wellbeing Course for Men:

In Person at St Gerard's Church Parish Room, Thrybergh, Rotherham. Starting, 4 March, Tuesdays, at 6.30 - 7.30pm. Join the group to explore: Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.

Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience.

Being more assertive and setting boundaries – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.

Stress and relaxation techniques – learning new skills for a more relaxed you. Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in our life. Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

For more information and to book in please contact Janet Kent on 07927 657462 or email jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Christian Heritage Centre (Stoneyhurst) Courses:

The Search for Truth: Edith Stein, 14 – 16 March.

Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/

Mens' Spiritual Exercises, 30 March – 4 April.

A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass. For more information and to book: christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/

A prayer for our schools

Loving Father, we thank you for all who are part of our schools. Grant them your encouragement, wisdom and peace. Strengthen teachers, may they be firm, yet patient, expecting excellence but forgiving mistakes. May they support their students, playing to strengths, helping with struggles and motivating them to do their best.

Comfort and restore those living under shadows of unhappiness, abuse, pain or fear. May many find faith discovering their identity in You and knowing Your grace in their lives. Pour out Your blessings upon our whole school communities. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 16 February <i>Sixth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Thomas McGowan
Monday 17 February <i>Bl William Richardson</i>	9.00am Intentions of Stewart Roddis
Tuesday 18 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	10.00am Alan Parry
Wednesday 19 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 20 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Intentions of Sandra Caesar
Friday 21 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Deceased Lynch & Connelly Families
Saturday 22 February <i>St Peter's Chair</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Arthur Pidcock
Sunday 23 February <i>Seventh Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Frank Prince

Last week's collection was £720.56 (£349.50 in offertory envelopes and £371.06 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Please pray for Stephen O'Grady *RIP*,
for all who have died recently &
for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
The victims of violent crime

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