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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 February 2025

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Oliver Wragg, 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.*

This weekend, 22 & 23 February, there is 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.

The **funeral service of Jean Colligan, RIP**, will take place at City Road Crematorium this Friday, 28 February, at 11.00am. A Mass for the repose of her soul will be offered here on that same morning at the slightly earlier time of 9.45am. Starting with her time as the school's secretary, Jean would go on to serve the children of St Joseph's School in a variety of ways over many years.

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.

Wednesday, 19 March, the **solemnity of St Joseph**, our patronal feast day. There will be **Mass at 10.00am with St Joseph's School**.

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

Sunday, 20 April, Easter Sunday.

Palms for Ash Wednesday: The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday are traditionally the burnt remains of the palms we used on Palm Sunday of the previous year. Please bring any palms you may have left over from previous years by Sunday, 2 March, so they can be burned in time for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

Holy Year Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday, 27 June –Thursday 3 July: Booking forms are available to download at www.hallam-lourdes.com. For more information, please telephone 01302 247910, or e-mail lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com. The fare is £899 per person, for 6 nights full board (excl. insurance), flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes. All are very welcome to join us – pilgrims who need help due to medical issues/mobility, volunteer helpers, doctors, nurses, clergy, and general pilgrims.

The Chalice of Our Being

Each morning we hold out our chalice of being
To be filled with the graces of life that abound -
Air to breathe, food to eat, companions to love,
Beauty to behold, art to cherish, causes to serve.

They come in ritual procession, these gifts of life.
Whether we deserve them we cannot know or say,
For they are poured out for us.
Our task is to hold steady the chalice of our being.

We carry the chalice with us as we go,
Either meandering aimlessly,
Or with destination in our eye.

We share its abundance if we have any sense,
Reminding others as we remind ourselves
Of the contents of the chalice we don't deserve.
Water from living streams fills it
If only we hold it out faithfully.

We give back, if we can, something of ourselves -
Some love, some beauty, some grace, some gift.
We give back in gratitude if we can
Something like what is poured into our chalice of being -
For those who abide with us and will follow.

Each morning we hold out the chalice of our being,
To receive, to carry, to give back.

Dag Hammar skjold

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 23 February <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Frank Prince
Monday 24 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Intentions of Sandra Caesar
Tuesday 25 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	10.00am Sally McMulkin
Wednesday 26 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 27 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am John Concannon
Friday 28 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	<u>8.45 – 9.40am</u> Exposition <u>9.45am</u> Jean Colligan
Saturday 1 March <i>St David</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	9.30 – 10.30am Exposition & Benediction 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Ann Harmston
Sunday 2 March <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am Jeff Mason 10.00am For the People

Last week's collection was £555.38 (£243.50 in offertory envelopes and £311.88 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Pope Francis**

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