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Second Sunday in Lent

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

The Season of 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.

- On the **Saturdays of Lent** we have **Exposition, Benediction & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.50am.

- There are **Stations of the Cross at 4.15pm** on the **Saturdays of Lent**.

- There will also be **Stations of the Cross after the Lenten Sunday 10.00am Masses**.

- On the **Mondays of Lent**, the morning **Mass** will be at **7.15am**.

- On **14 & 15 April**, the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of **after-school Confessions**.

- On, **16 April**, the Wednesday of Holy Week, **St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in church at 2.00pm. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: I 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 (although the traditional format is very popular there is no set or series of necessary prayers that you must say). Our church is always open half-an-hour before any Mass or service.

First Holy Communion: Parents are the primary educators in the life and Catholic Faith of their children. The next parish preparation class assisting them in their responsibility will be next Saturday, **22 March**, at 9.30am in the undercroft. Please remember them and their catechists in your prayers.

There is A **Lenten Day of Reflection** with **Bishop Heskett** next Saturday, 22 March, from 11:00am to 4:00 pm at the **Hallam Pastoral Centre**. The event is free. Participants should bring their own packed lunch. To book tel. 0114 2566410 or email formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com

You might consider trying one of the **'You can Brew It!'** challenges throughout Lent in support of **St Wilfrid's Centre**. You can find details of a choice of three different challenges at stwilfridscentre.org

Sheffield's 40 Days for Life campaign invites you to join other Christians in praying and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. Come and join us to peacefully witness for the sanctity of human life. If you're interested, please call Rachel 07368297872 or Andrew 07943893945 or see 40daysforlife.com/en/broomhall

Free online Wellbeing Course for Women 2: Starting 24 April, Mondays, 6.30 - 7.30pm, online with Carola. This is a new course which follows on from wellbeing course 1, please join us if you would like to continue or start your journey to improve your wellbeing. For more information and to book in please contact Janet Kent on 07927657462 or email jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Financial matters

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year, commencing in April, are available to collect in the church. To save on costs, especially as bank charges have risen significantly (particularly for banking cash – especially coins – and cheques) please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order. *As usual, in order that its value does not decline, I respectfully ask that you also please consider an increase in your regular giving to keep pace with inflation.* Finally, if anyone pays UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax and has not completed a Gift Aid declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then you can e-mail or speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. Thank you for your understanding and for your continuing support.

A prayer for the Transfiguration of the Lord

O God, who before the Passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain:
Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance,
may be strengthened to bear our cross,
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever. Amen

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 16 March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Kevin Hegarty
Monday 17 March <i>St Patrick</i>	<u>7.15am</u> Maureen Watts
Tuesday 18 March <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	
Wednesday 19 March <i>St Joseph</i>	10.00am In Thanksgiving to St Joseph
Thursday 20 March <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	9.00am Arthur Higton
Friday 21 March <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	8.55 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Intentions of Ann Burgin
Saturday 22 March <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	10.00 – 11.00am Exposition, Benediction & Confessions 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 4.15pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm Russell & Christie Shirt
Sunday 23 March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Paul Andrew

Last week's collection was £671.34 (£301.50 in offertory envelopes and £369.84 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

**Please pray for Michael Flattery & Margaret Roe *RIP*,
for all who have died recently &
for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day, this Friday, 14 March: there are envelopes at the back of the church and there will be an **offerings box available** at all Masses **next weekend**, 15 & 16 March.