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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 September 2025

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially:
Terry Donnelly, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Sharon Whitfield, 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, 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, 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.*
Catholic Chaplain urgent call: NGH: 0114 2434343, Hallamshire Hospital: 0114 2711900. Ask for the Catholic priest on duty (day or night).

St Joseph's School 150th Anniversary

We thank Bishop Heskett and all who helped us to celebrate our Mass of Thanksgiving for the 150th Anniversary of St Joseph's School. Particular thanks go to the school, our UCM for the refreshments that were served in the school afterwards and all who donated photographs for our commemorative display. Loaned photos can be collected from the sacristy.

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph's on the Feast of Pentecost, **Saturday, 23 May, 2026**, at the 5.00pm vigil Mass.

- If you are in **Year 8 or above** and you 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.
- If you are **18 years and above** and, for whatever reason, have not been Confirmed then you are also welcome to receive the Sacrament. **N.B.** Any adult preparation will be separate from that of those still at school. All applications should be received and completed by Sunday, 9 November. Thank you.

Registration for First Holy Communion 2026

Applications for children (who started in Year 3 or above at school this September) to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2026 **are now 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. All applications should be received and completed by Sunday, 23 November. Thank you.

Schools' admissions & Baptism certificates (or certificates of Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church)

If you require a certificate in order to complete a child's school admission form then please email your request with the **name and date of birth of the child** and it will be attended to. If you can remember an approximate date for when the Baptism/ Reception took place then that is even more helpful. **N.B.** Applications to Catholic Schools by those in the admissions category above do NOT require a letter of support from a priest – the certificate is all that is required. However, a minister's letter of support from the appropriate denomination is sought for all non-Catholic children.

St Joseph's School will be celebrating their **Harvest Festival** in church at 2.00pm, on Tuesday, **7 October**. Each year group from Early Years to Year 6 will share a song, poem or drama. All are welcome.

St Wilfrid's Centre is advertising for a **Welfare Worker** to join the team. The new worker will be facilitating the Women's Group. If you are interested in supporting vulnerable, isolated, socially excluded and homeless adults please go to the website; www.stwilfridscentre.org for the job description and application form or contact St Wilfrid's Centre directly 0114 2555 720. Closing date for applications: 5 October.

Come and join the autumn **40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil in Sheffield**. From 24 September, join us for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. If you would like to get involved, please contact Rachel on 07368297872.

If you married during 2025 or are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, e.g. 1st, 10th, 25th, 50th, etc., then Bishop Heskett cordially invites you to join him at a **diocesan Mass in thanksgiving for the Sacrament of holy Matrimony** on 11 October, at St Peter's, Doncaster, at 12.00pm, followed by refreshments.

Dates for your diary:

1 & 2 November, Saturday & Sunday, The Feast of All Saints (*All Hallows*).

3 November, Monday, the Commemoration of All Souls Day, 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's followed by Prayers for the Dead & the Blessing of Graves in the cemetery.

15 & 16 November, annual Diocesan Mission Appeal on behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers).

Pope Leo has urged us to pray a daily Rosary for Peace in October: October is known as the month of the Holy Rosary and the Church considers it a powerful weapon against evil, as well as the perfect prayer to bring peace to the world. The rosary is prayed publicly before the Sunday morning 10am Mass. Why not come along a little earlier during the month or simply join in when you arrive? You can sit anywhere in the church should you prefer. If you want to know how to pray the rosary please ask.

All Saints School: Sixth Form Open on Saturday 8 November at 10.00am to 12 Noon.

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 28 September <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Elizabeth Bean
Monday 29 September <i>SS Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	9.00am Intentions of Deacon Simon
Tuesday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	10.00am John Shaw
Wednesday 1 October <i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 2 October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9.00am Intentions of Eileen McManus
Friday 3 October <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 4 October <i>St Francis Assisi</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	9.30 – 10.30 am Exposition 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Terrence Conneely
Sunday 5 October <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am Intentions of Margaret Chapman 10.00am For the People

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

Last week's collection was £645.89 (£285.00 in offertory envelopes and £360.89 in loose). Thank you.

Last weekend's retiring collection in support of the work of the Bishops' Conference Home Mission Sunday was £260.30. Thank you.

The **CTS Sunday Missal 2026**, £9.95 is now available for pre-ordering from the Piety Stall.

The **CAFOD Family Fast Day** is this Friday, 3 October: there will be an offerings box available at all Masses on the weekend, 4 & 5 October.