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First Sunday of Lent

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Anne Craven, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Sharon Whitfield, 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).*

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** there will be **Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament & **Confessions** from 10.00am to 11.00am, with Benediction at 10.50am.
- Also on the **Saturdays of Lent** there are **Stations of the Cross** at 4.15pm.
- On the **Sundays of Lent** there are **Stations of the Cross** after the 10.00am Mass.
- For the **Mondays of Lent**, Mass is at **7.15am**.
- On **30 & 31 March**, the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of **after-school Confessions**.
- On, **1 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 would like to 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).

CAFOD Family Fast Day, this Friday, 27 February: there are envelopes at the back of the church and there will be **an offerings box** available at all Masses **next weekend, 28 February & 1 March**.

40 Days for Life in Sheffield: From 18 February, *40 Days for Life* 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 to the sanctity of human life. If you'd like to know more, please call Rachel 07368 297872 or see www.40daysforlife.com/en/broomhall

The **next meeting** of our parish UCM is this Friday, **27 February**, after the 10.00am morning Mass.

A Lenten day of Recollection: *Everything is connected – how do we care for our common home?* At St Vincent's Church, Crookes, Sheffield, on **Saturday 21 March**, 11:00am - 3:00pm. Tea/ coffee from 10:30am. Speakers: Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, spokesperson for the Bishops Conference on the Environment, and President of Pax Christi. Dr. Maria Exall, Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday, 19 March, the **Solemnity of St Joseph** and our patronal feast day. Mass at 10.00am with St Joseph's School.

Palm Sunday, 29 March, **Holy Week begins.**

Easter Sunday, 5 April, The Resurrection of the Lord.

Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: Bookings are now being taken for the Hallam Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 26 June to 2 July. The cost is £1010, to include flights from Leeds Bradford to Lourdes, 6 nights full board and insurance. The theme this year is '*Hail, full of grace*'. For bookings see www.tangney-tours.com/hallam, or call 01732 886666. Paper booking forms will be available in parishes within the next two weeks. For further information email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com or 01302 247910 07724 650066.

Financial matters

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year, commencing in April, are available to collect in the church. To save on costs, especially bank charges (banking cash – especially coins – now costs around £1000 p.a.) please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order. As usual, in order that the value of your offering 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.

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Sunday 22 February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am Arthur Pidcock followed by Stations of the Cross
Monday 23 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	7.15am Intentions of Christine Hynes
Tuesday 24 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	10.00am Jimmy & John Halligan
Wednesday 25 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 26 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	11.00am Requiem Giorgio Devoti <i>RIP</i>
Friday 27 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Betty Morris
Saturday 28 February <i>Lenten weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	10.00 – 11.00am Exposition, Benediction & Confessions 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 4.15pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm Dennis Wray
Sunday 1 March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am Clare Klein 10.00am For the people followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Last week's collection was £661.47 (£277.00 in offertory envelopes and £384.47 in loose). Thank you.

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