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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 September 2026

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Joan Conway, Anne Craven, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Marie Montgomery. *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 **Diocesan Gift Aid Thank You Letter** for the completed tax year are available to collect from the back of church. Gift Aid makes a significant contribution to our income and, if you are a taxpayer who does not use the scheme but would like to know more, then please contact Fr M. Thank you for your support.

St Joseph's Choir

St Joseph's Choir will resume rehearsals on Monday. 14 September, 7pm - 8.30pm in the church undercroft (entry via cemetery). **New members** of any voice of secondary school age and upwards (though male voices are in particular demand) **are warmly encouraged to join**. No prior musical knowledge is required, simply an enjoyment of singing. For more information please speak with our organist Christopher Edge.

The **next Bereavement Support Group meeting** will take place on Wednesday, 16 September, at 6.30pm in the church undercroft (entry via cemetery).

A Celebration Mass for Married Life: Saturday, 19 September, at St Marie's at 12:30pm for couples and their families celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversary jubilees this calendar year. Newly married couples are also most welcome. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please telephone 0114 256 6410 or email: formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com

St Joseph's School will be celebrating their **Harvest Festival** in church at 2.00pm, on **Tuesday, 13 October**. Each year group from Early Years to Year 6 will share a song, poem or drama. All are welcome.

Dates for your diary:

Friday, 2 October, CAFOD Family Fast Day.

Sunday 1 November, The Feast of All Saints (All Hallows).

Monday, 2 November, the Commemoration of All Souls, with 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's followed by Prayers for the Dead & the Blessing of Graves in the cemetery.

The Season of Creation runs throughout September until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. We are encouraged to renew our relationship with God's creation. This year's theme is 'Living Water' inspired by Ezekiel's vision of life-giving water flowing from the sanctuary of the Lord.

A Job Vacancy: Diocesan Choral Director.

The diocese is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and appropriately qualified Choral Director who, working closely with the Lead Diocesan Choral Director, will be responsible for working within local Catholic schools to implement and develop the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP). The Director will work within Catholic Primary Schools and will be responsible for the development of choral singing in those schools, nurturing potential in the diverse communities those schools are located in. The core work will take place during the school day in the diocesan primary schools, although children in the NSSP with a particular interest in singing will be encouraged to take part in after-school choirs and Sunday Masses and services. For more detail about the role and an application form, please email, Mr Chris Edge at cedge@hallam-diocese.com Closing Date for applications: 28 September at 9.00am.

Prayer for the Season of Creation 2026 – Living Water

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace.

We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love. Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity.

We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters - to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 6 September <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am Roy Dyson 10.00am For the people
Monday 7 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Intentions of Pauline de Rouffignac
Tuesday 8 September <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am Frank Prince
Wednesday 9 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 10 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Baby S
Friday 11 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	8.50–9.50am Exposition 10.00am Intentions of Brian Ceaser
Saturday 12 September <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Intentions of Hannah George
Sunday 13 September <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am Thomas Ball

Please pray for Thomas Ball, Catherine Millward & Baby S *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £542.53 (£247.00 in offertory envelopes and £295.53 in loose). Thank you.

The **CTS Sunday Missal 2027**, £9.95 is now available for pre-ordering from the Piety Stall.