



Our Lady of Beauchief & Saint Thomas of Canterbury

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The Month of November is devoted to The Holy Souls

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Sunday 19th November 2023 Psalter Week 1

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Dead List

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Valerie Bishop

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday

St Edmund, martyr

No Mass

Tuesday

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00 a.m. (Totley) Maureen Fletcher

Wednesday

St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

10.00 a.m. Alan Nixon

Thursday

THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

No Mass

Friday

Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and Companions, martyrs

12.00 p.m. Dead List

12.45 p.m. Requiem for Rosemary Stubbs

Saturday

St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Danny Grant

11.15 a.m. Win Aylward

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray for:

Our sick: David Gage, Anne McPhee, Stephen Bingley, Teddy Howes, Alan, Farnell, Fred Sherwood, Anne Grayson, Pauline Souflas, and Fr Michael O'Connor.

Responsorial Psalm: 127

R: *O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 12th November is £426.65. Thank you.

Come to Mass with no cash? You can make weekly donations by card on the machines in the porch or at the side door table. You can gift-aid too! Please make use of this service if you can.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish Rooms 6.45pm 27th November

Friday Lunch Club after midday Mass

Registered Charity No 512021





Mass for deceased - There will be a Mass for deceased parishioners, family members and friends who have died. This will take place on Monday, 27th November at 7.30pm. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle(s) for those who have died. **Everyone** is welcome and encouraged to attend. Tea and coffee and nibbles will be served afterwards.

Sick & Retired Clergy Fund - THIS WEEK there will be a collection for the sick and retired priests of our diocese. Please give generously.

The card machine at Totley is up and running. You can now pay by card for your weekly contributions, repository or second collections. You can also Gift Aid. You enter the details once and the machine will remember all your information. Please note, this is coded and cannot be seen or used by anyone.

Join us for an Advent Day of Reflection and Prayer with Fr Peter Scally SJ

Peter is a Jesuit priest who leads the Catholic Chaplaincy team serving the University of Manchester. He also set up the prayer podcast Pray-as-you-go in 2006. You will need to bring a packed lunch. Hallam Pastoral Centre, Saturday 2 December 2023 11:00-4:00. Please book on the diocesan Eventbrite page using this QR Code.



Leaflets and posters. Please do not leave leaflets or posters at the back of church without first speaking to Liz Mason or the sacristans. Items left without permission will be thrown away.

Calling all 7 - 11 year olds - come and be a founding member of our brand new mini Vinnies group.

Who are the Mini Vinnies? Mini Vinnies are 7 to 11 year olds based in schools and parishes across England and Wales, and in several other countries across the world. They come together to form a part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales, a voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms. Mini Vinnies meet to pray, discuss and support however they can to help make a difference in their communities. Mini Vinnies truly turn concern into action as they use the simple formula of ‘**see, think, do**’ to find people in need and help them.

The group will meet once a month in the parish hall between 9.15 and 11.15 Mass.

We are trying to gauge interest in this new initiative in the parish. If your child would like to be involved, please get in touch by adding your child's name and age to the list in the porch at the back of church. More information will come out via the newsletter once we have a sense of how many young people would like to be involved.

If you have any questions I will be in coffee morning between 9.15 and 11.15 Mass Sunday 12th and 19th of November.

In order for this group to go ahead we will need at least one more adult leader; if you think you can commit to an hour a month and would like to work with young people of the parish, we would love to hear from you. This role will require a DBS check as it is working with young people.

Looking forward to hearing from interested people.

Molly Baxter

Sung Vigil Mass for Christ the King at St Marie's Cathedral: On Saturday 25th November, Sheffield Chamber Choir will be singing at a special 5.30pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of Christ the King. The music will include Frank Martin's glorious "Mass for Double Choir", a piece not often sung liturgically, and which is a real treat to hear. We hope many of you will come to worship with them through this amazing music.

Taize service - On Sunday, 3rd December at Our Lady and St Thomas there will be a Taize service for peace from 4pm-5pm. A time to pray, reflect and sing for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The winners of the October Give to Live 100 Club were:-

- 1st Raymond Kinsella
- 2nd Krysia Lamb
- 3rd Claire Parsons

Thank you all for your continued support.

Liz Grant would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, kind thoughts, Masses and cards. She is well on the road to recovery and hopes to be back at Mass in the next few weeks.

Small Items of Lost Property in the Porch There is a box on the far corner of the press in the porch at Meadowhead with an assortment of small items found left in church after Masses. These include: small toys and bric-a-brac, a spectacle case, pairs of spectacles (real and toy), small items of children's clothing, a small prayer book. The box will be emptied at the end of November, so if you're missing a favourite knick knack, please check in that box before then Thank you.

Find us on Facebook - Our Lady of Beauchief & St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs Parish



KEEP CALM AND BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

Parish Raffle So far nearly £600 worth of tickets have been sold. There are plenty more available! **Prize donations** – a really big thank you to everyone who has donated prizes in kind and in cash. This, together with other cash donations towards raffle expenses, means we will raise even more money for our Outreach partners in Sheffield and overseas.



It's not too late to give/buy more. Also needed for next weekend:

Bottles of all kinds for the Tombola

Books – novels, & children's books

Bakers & Makers – Looking forward to more yummy cakes please and also jams, preserves, chutney etc



Crafted gifts (but no bric-a-brac thanks)and chiefly**YOURSELVES!** at ...

Coffee, Cakes & Crafts this coming Sunday 26th November 10am -1pm in the Parish Hall, Meadowhead, with Gifts, Crafts, Books, Cakes, Games, Gaelic Coffees, Bacon Butties....

Concluding with our Grand Parish Outreach Raffle. Come and join us to meet friends and celebrate our Covenant with the Poor as we support our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad.



Reading Volunteers Needed - We are looking for fabulous reading volunteers available to read with children in the afternoons. The ideal volunteer would be able to commit to one afternoon a week (1pm to 3pm) to read with our Key Stage 1 children. For more information, please contact the school office on 0114 274 5597.

Grace Foodbank Collection for Christmas. Groceries, Gifts, Cash & Coats etc in church starts this coming Sunday, 19th November for 2 weeks.



eg *Christmas cakes, puddings, biscuits, sweets, coins, Pringles, fruit juice tinned ham & salmon; *toiletries, books, games and colouring books etc; *cash to fill the gaps;

*and coats, hoodies, jumpers, hats, scarves, gloves for adults & children please.

Full details on the Offertory Table and porch. What they need is 150% higher than last year. Please help. Thank you.

STARTS TODAY FOR 2 WEEKS

Carmel Care needs Volunteers
Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? Would you like to join our welcoming friendly team at Carmel Care?
We are looking for volunteers who can help us serve lunch and chat to our guests.
For more information please contact Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

at English Martyrs TOTLEY

TUESDAY 5th December

From 11 am (after Mass) 'til 1pm £10 (includes tea/coffee and mince pies)

Make your own Christmas wreath to take home

Email Barbara Richardson b_rich54@hotmail.com for further information and to book or tel 07725 023708.



Mass Intentions - There are now Mass Intention envelopes at all the doors of both churches. Please use these to request a Mass intention. You will see on the back of the envelope there is an opportunity to gift aid your donation if you are a tax payer.

Times of Masses for Christmas

Sunday Masses

Saturday, 23rd December 5.00pm Totley

Sunday, 24th December 10.00am Meadowhead



Christmas Masses

Sunday, 24th December 5.00pm Mass with Children's Nativity, M/Head

Sunday, 24th December 10.00pm Night Mass of Christmas, M/Head

Monday, 25th December 9.00am Totley

Monday, 25th December 10.00am Meadowhead

St Wilfrid's Centre REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2023. 2023 Reverse Advent Calendar is now available to download <https://www.stwilfridscentre.org>

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HYMNBOOK NUMBERS

Pershore Mass

Gloria 524, Holy, Holy 579, Memorial Acclamation 580, Lamb of God 589



World Day of the Poor

This Sunday, is the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme this year of, "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7)." In his message for today, the Pope says:

"We are living in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The poor become a film clip that can affect us for a moment, yet when we encounter them in flesh and blood on our streets, we are annoyed and look the other way. The parable of the Good Samaritan is not simply a story from the past; it continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved.

Our sharing should meet the concrete needs of the other, rather than being just a means of ridding ourselves of superfluous goods. What the poor need is our humanity, our hearts open to love. Let us never forget that we are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them."

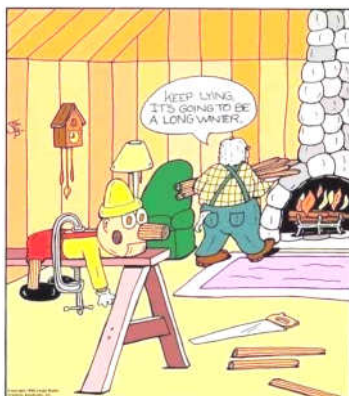
Pray for Pope Francis

In his prayer intention for November, Pope Francis asks that we pray to the Lord that he will bless him. He says: "Your prayer gives me strength and helps me to discern and to accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit. The fact that someone is Pope doesn't mean they lose their humanity. On the contrary, my humanity grows each day with God's holy and faithful people."

Specifically, he asks for prayers for the Pope "so that in the exercise of his mission, he may continue to accompany in the faith the flock entrusted to him by Jesus, always with the help of the Holy Spirit."

Caption reads:

"Keep lying
It's going to be
A long winter."



Prayer for the Week

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, lord in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ, our lord. Amen.

This Week's Readings

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Proverbs 13:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

Responsorial Psalm: 127

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Next Week's Readings

CHRIST THE KING

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

Responsorial Psalm: 22

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 31:46*

This week's ministries for 18/19 November

Readers	5.00p.m.	V Coomer, G Higgins
	9.15a.m.	S Corker, K Corker
	11.15a.m.	P Moon, D Lewis
Communion	5.00p.m.	K Durkin, P Durkin
	9.15a.m.	J Tucker, S Portaluri, P Ashby
	11.15a.m.	J McNally, E Williamson, S Campos

Next Week's Ministries for 25/26 November

Readers	5.00p.m.	A Southeran, E Watson
	9.15a.m.	A Peacey, J Fojut
	11.15a.m.	A Willcock, M Richardson
Communion	5.00p.m.	V Coomer, S Davey
	9.15a.m.	C Parsons, N Parsons, R Gasser
	11.15a.m.	M Chishom, P Corkell, K O'Brien
Welcomers	9.15a.m.	N Parsons
	11.15a.m.	H Stones, S Campos

This Tuesday, 21 November, is the **feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. First celebrated in the sixth century in Jerusalem, where a church was built in honour of the mystery. it became a feast of the universal Church in the 1500's. As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature, in what is recognised as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James*. Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasises that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.