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The Month of March is devoted to St Joseph

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Laetare Sunday

Sunday, 14 March 2021 Psalter Week 4

Saturday

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

10.00 a.m. Mary & Tom Butterworth

Monday BLESSED JOHN ANNE (AMIAS)
MARTYR

No Mass Linda Smith

Tuesday *Lenten Feria*

No Mass Spellman Family

Wednesday ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF
IRELAND

10.00 a.m. Eileen and Matt Henderson

Thursday St Edward, martyr
St Cyril of Jerusalem

No Mass Carmel Sweeney

Friday ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

No Mass Philip Robinson

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday (Meadowhead)

10.00 a.m. Fred Willcock & Agnes
Eccles

Please Pray for:

Our sick: David Hague, Teddy Howes, Katie Glackin, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Sr Emma Bechold, Michael Goodfellow, Pauline Collins, Sheila Ryan, Marie Lennox, Rae Goodlad, Linda Costello, and Edward Keefe.

And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques MUST be made payable to:

'Woodseats R C Parish Account'. The bank will not accept any variation.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

Sort Code: 40-41-07 Account Number: 01095153

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

Registered Charity No 512021

Please note - from now on, if you have not booked you will not be allowed in. You CANNOT book by asking someone to pass on a message as this causes mistakes and confusion. You can ONLY book by ringing and speaking to Liz Mason from 10am - 3.00pm Tuesdays to Fridays. Any other form of booking will not be taken. Please do not ask the stewards or anyone else to book you in for coming weeks. It will not be acted on. You can only book for a maximum of 4 set weeks at a time and then you must re-book. Your name will not be carried over.

Palm Sunday, Easter Triduum and Easter - All the usual services will take place, although things will be different and some parts of the liturgy will not happen ie the Washing of Feet. Veneration of the Cross will be general - not individual.

Palm Sunday, (Saturday) 5pm and 10.00am Sunday.

Maundy Thursday, 8.00pm

Good Friday - 3.00pm

Easter Vigil - 8.00pm

Easter Sunday will have 3 Masses - 8.00am; 9.15am and 11.15am.

YOU MUST BOOK for all these services - and if we are over subscribed it maybe that you cannot attend all of them.

You can ring to book **FROM Tuesday, 15th March**. Please try to avoid ringing Mondays, as I am not in the office that day.

Stewards needed! Fr Stephen is hoping to increase the number of weekly Masses after 12th April. For this to happen we desperately need more stewards. If you can help, whether during the week, weekends or both please contact either Maria Mahon on 07904 499610; Alexis Tucker on 07787 0422479 or Liz Mason at the presbytery on 0114 274 7257. Many thanks.

The SVP Furniture Store, Queen's Road Sheffield is seeking help as follows: Volunteers are being sought for staff to work at the store. Help is needed in the office for administrative duties plus the warehouse where dealing with the furniture and the distribution of food parcels to beneficiaries are the others. If you are interested contact. michaelh@svp.org.uk

Arise, prayer-walk, and bring hope to your community this Spring.



*This March, Christians from across Sheffield will be using their daily walk to pray for the houses and streets they pass. The vision: to prayer-walk every street in Sheffield by Easter. Using the Arise app, believers can track their prayer walks, and street by street we'll see an interactive prayer map light up. Each prayer will add to the bigger picture of our love for this City and its people. **We may be isolated, but we can pray as one.***

Arise has three main elements:

Prayer - believers across the city joining in to prayer walk every street in Sheffield between 1-31 March.

Share - local churches are devising additional (Covid-safe) ways to share their faith in their communities.

Invite - Arise Sheffield is sending an Easter card to every home in Sheffield via Royal Mail. The card will go to over 220,000 homes. It will invite local people to connect with their local church and watch an online video about the Gospel message, and followers of Jesus in Sheffield.

“The 19th century British poet, Alfred, Lord Tennyson wrote, ‘More things are wrought by prayer than this world ever dreamed of.’

Today, we are surrounded by the answers to prayers prayed in the past by us and others. Arise is a testimony in the streets of Sheffield to the power of prayer today. The Catholic community in Sheffield looks forward to being part of it. May the Lord who has begun this good work bring it to fulfillment.”

Bishop Ralph Heskett, Bishop of Hallam

How can I join in?

Register on the Arise Sheffield website to receive updates about the prayer walk, including how to use the app, and guidance for people who are shielding or otherwise unable to complete a physical prayer walk.

Find out more, and sign up here: <https://www.arisesheffield.org/>

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New offertory envelopes for the year 2021/2022 are now available.

Some numbers have been re-assigned. If you had a number over 40 it is now under 40. The re-assigned numbers are 1; 7 and 33. If your envelope/ name isn't there please let Liz Mason know as soon as possible.

CAFOD NEWS

Uganda: the difference you have made. Tuesday, 16 March 11am-12pm

On Harvest Family Fast Day 2019, we heard about Fabiano in Uganda and raised money to help people without clean water around the world. Join this discussion, live from Uganda, with local experts at Caritas Moroto and CAFOD's Mark Kipkirui Baiywoh to hear about the amazing difference your help has made to the lives of local people. Register to join us.

Meeting the challenge of providing clean, safe water in Bolivia Thursday, 18 March 6pm-7pm

In many countries across the world access to clean and safe water is still denied to millions of people. Join in on 18 March at 6pm to hear from Nikki Evans, CAFOD Programme Officer for Bolivia who will share her work with communities in Bolivia to monitor water quality and prevent contaminants getting into the food chain. Register to join us.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday throughout Lent at 11 am This Lent, we will walk through the Stations of the Cross online in a prayerful journey of transformation in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world. Join us at 11am as we meditate on Christ's journey to the cross, following themes of justice, poverty, mercy, friendship and hope. Register to the Series

Teddy Howes - Sean and Rachel Howes, the parents of Teddy, would like to thank all those parishioners who prayed for their son following his serious injuries after being hit by a car. Teddy survived the accident but as yet the full extent of the impact of his injuries are not yet known. They would like thank you for your prayers so far and to ask you to continue praying for Teddy and for his recovery.

Outreach News On 12th April the Outreach Committee will meet by Zoom to decide how to distribute to our parish Outreach partners the money that parishioners have so generously donated in the past few months. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and especially for the bequests made in memory of some of our recently deceased parishioners.

We have a number of local and overseas partners whom we support regularly. But we are always willing to consider applications on behalf of new partners. Our partners are usually small-scale community projects either abroad or in the local area, often with a direct link with a member of our parish. We don't normally support large organisations or individual fundraisers.

If you wish to apply for funding for a suitable project please contact Paul Embley (Outreach Treasurer), email paul.embley@blueyonder.co.uk. There is a link to relevant information on the Outreach page of the parish website.

Are you missing week day Masses? Tune in to the warm and welcoming Masses, streamed live daily at 10am. from St Peter & Paul's church Portlouis Ireland. They are available all day on [YouTube](#). You'll love the uplifting music and singing.

On Wednesday 24th March, the Vigil of The Annunciation, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. <https://www.facebook.com/events/725021905067267>



Gardening - Thank you to the 2 who turned up to garden at the weekend. Has anyone else got a couple more hours to spare over the weekend of 20th March? Quite a lot was achieved last weekend despite the shortage of volunteers! Please consider helping to get the gardens ready for Easter. We will be meeting at 10.00am for the next session. What would be really good is if an individual or church group or family 'adopted' a part of the garden to take responsibility for and keep it maintained.

If you can think you can help please contact Fr Stephen or Liz Mason at the presbytery on 0114 274 7257.



Laetare Sunday

This Sunday, the fourth of Lent, is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

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Prayer for the Feast of Saint Patrick (Wednesday 17th March)

Let us pray
(that, like Saint Patrick,
we may be loyal to our faith in Christ)
Father in heaven,
you sent the great bishop Patrick
to the people of Ireland to share his faith
and to spend his life in loving service.
May our lives bear witness
to the faith we profess,
and our love bring others
to the peace and joy of your Gospel.
Amen

Prayer for the Week

A prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God, we give you thanks for your nurturing love
and for all who care for us, who have encouraged us
and helped us to grow.
We pray today for all mothers,
especially those who struggle due to poverty and injustice.
Amen.

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Reflection for the Feast of Saint Joseph (Friday 19th March)

If discouragement overwhelms you, think of the faith of Joseph.
If anxiety has its grip on you, think of the hope of Joseph, that descendant of Abraham who hoped against hope.
If exasperation or hatred seizes you, think of the love of Joseph, who was the first man to set eyes on the human face of God in the person of the Infant conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary.
Let us praise and thank Christ for having drawn so close to us, and for giving us Joseph as an example of love for him.

Pope Benedict XVI

Christian Belief

Today I Can

Today I can complain about my health,
Or I can celebrate being alive.

Today I can moan that it is raining,
Or be joyful at all that grows from the rain.

Today I can regret all I don't have,
Or rejoice in everything I do.

Today I can mourn everything I have lost,
Or eagerly anticipate what's to come.

Today I can complain that I have to work,
Or celebrate having a job to go to.

Today I can resent the mess the kids make,
Or give thanks that I have a family.

Today I can whine about the housework,
Or celebrate having a home.

Today I can cry over the people who
don't care for me,
Or be happy loving and being loved
by those who do.

I choose to have a good day today!

- Author Unknown

This Week's Readings Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: 136

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Next Week's Readings Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm: 50

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-30

Thought for the Week!

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*Life and time are the
world's two teachers.
Life teaches us to make
good use of our time,
while time teaches
us to value life.*