

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of Wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decides disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples – of him shall the nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 72(71):1-2,7-8,12-13.17****In his days justice shall flourish, and great peace forever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more,
he shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth.

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.

May his name endure for ever,
his name continue like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations shall call him blessed.

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instructions, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome on another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to shadow God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

The Word of the Lord.**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

Alleluia.**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew****3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of the one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."' Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

An interesting fact, there are more priests per parishioner in HALLAM than in many other dioceses. Hallam has 23 Diocesan priests and 19 other priests working in the Diocese, which makes it one priest for every 225 people attending Mass on a weekend in our Diocese. So your prayers for priests is obviously working!! Please continue your prayers for priests, and vocations to the priesthood and religious life, not only in our Diocese, but throughout the world.

		Second Sunday of Advent	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Laurindo Dos Santos Vale	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Alan Butcher	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Anthony Lloyd Morris	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader		St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Jason Wang & Tony Deighton	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Marie	Bl Sac
<u>Monday</u>	4.00 pm	William Keenan Hall - Reception into Church	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.45 am	William Keenan Hall Funeral Mass	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Keira & Anny Wiles	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Rachel Bullock	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	NO MASS		Bl Sac

Third Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY	10.00 AM	MARIA RITA DO VALE FATHERS BAPTISM	ST MM
SATURDAY	6.00 PM	KAY EDWARDS (ST PAULS)	ST M M
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	JOHN CUNLIFFE RIP	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	MARGARET TURNER	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	PAUL GORMAN	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	AMELIA TURFITT & ANN WORTH	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	ANDREW	BL SAC

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OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations

St Ter Env £172.00 Loose Money £25.00 30.11.25
 St MM Env £ 115.00 Loose Money £103.62
 Bl Sac Env £194.00 Loose Money £126.49 Raffle £35.00

Annual Carol Service - The last 'Parishes' event of the year will be the Annual Carol Service, held on Wednesday 10th December 7.00 pm at St Mary Magdalene's. If you have a prize you wish to donate to the Raffle, please bring on the night. Many thanks.

Please contact: Tony 07470 878884 Pam 07867 505966 Fr Stephen

CONFIRMATIONS 2026

If anyone wishes to be Confirmed next year, please see Fr Stephen as soon as possible. Thank you

ALL PARISHES Red Boxes – please bring in for counting during Advent. Many thanks

Joana & David wish to invite parishioners to the Baptism of their daughter Maria Rita Do Vale Fathers *on Saturday 13th December at St Mary Magdalene's at 10.00 am*

Welcome to the parishes of

St Teresa's

Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene's

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CHRISTMAS 2025

**Reconciliation Service – Corpus Christi
(St Michaels, Wombwell)**

Wednesday 17th December 7.00 pm

Christmas Eve

Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 24th December 6.00 pm

Christmas Eve

St Teresa's

Wednesday 24th December 8.00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

St Mary Magdalene's

Thursday 25th December 9.30 am

