

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah**35:6a,10**

The wilderness and the dry land be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Sion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm****146(145):6c-7,8-9a.9b-10****Come, Lord, and save us.**

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint James**5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.**

Alleluia.**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.****11:2-11**

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?' And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**CONFIRMATIONS 2026**

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

		Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A 25 Gaudete Sunday
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Kay Edwards (St Pauls) St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	John Cunliffe RIP St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Margaret Turner BI Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Paul Gorman St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Amelia Turfitt & Ann Worth St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Andrew BI Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Sam & Lee Sayles St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Richard McNicholas Snr St MM
<u>Wednesday</u>	7.00 pm	RECONCILIATION SERVICE CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH (ST MICHAELS, WOMBWELL)
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Steve Clay BI Sac

Forth Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	MR & MRS PHILIPS	ST M M
SUNDAY	9.30 AM		ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	ALICE & LAURENCE LOCKWOOD & BABY MYLA	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	THERESA SMITH	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	CHRIS KELLY & DICKIE DENTON	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	TERESA	BL SAC

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OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations

St Ter Env £195.00 Loose Money £14.00

St MM Env £ Loose Money £ TBA

BI Sac Env £157.00 Loose Money £54.76 Raffle £51.00

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

CHURCH CLEANING AND PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED IN ALL PARISHES TO PREPARE OUR CHURCHES FOR THE NATIVITY AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

St Teresa's Saturday 20th December 2025 at 11.00 am
(Just an hour of your time)

Blessed Sacrament Monday 22nd December 9.30 am
Collection for Christmas flowers next week.

The Carol Service was a great success, the musicians and readers excelled themselves. Fr Stephen sang a Ugandan carol which he promises to teach the parish for next year's Service. Congratulations to everyone involved, too many to name, for all the hard work in the preparation, and work on the day of this event. Thank you for all Raffle Donations – (not yet counted) it will be donated to the SVP from all 3 parishes - Well done!!

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

