

**A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah****2:3;3:12-13**

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the Lord. I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

**The Word of the Lord.****Responsorial Psalm****146(145):6c-7.8-9a.9b-10.****Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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.

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 uphold 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 First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians****1:26-31**

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

**The Word of the Lord.****Alleluia, alleluia!****Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven****Alleluia****A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew****5:1-12a**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:  
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS****PERMANENT DEACONS**

We pray for Permanent Deacons serving in our diocese and for new vocations to this ministry. If you are a baptised and confirmed man, between 30 and 55 years, prayerful, and with the desire to serve God's people, and you are visible and involved within your parish and community, you might be being called to be a Permanent Deacon? Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and if you require more information about the Permanent Diaconate, speak to your Parish Priest, or the Parish Deacon, if there is one, and then contact the Diaconate Formation Director, Deacon Tony via e-mail:

[astrike@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:astrike@hallam-diocese.com)

**LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION****21<sup>ST</sup> March 11.00 - 3.00****Tea/coffee available from 10.30 am**

ST.VINCENTS CHURCH, 40 PICKMERE ROAD, CROOKES, SHEFFIELD, S10 1GY  
Speakers: Bishop John Arnold (Bishop of Salford) & Dr. Maria Exall (President of Pax Christi)

Book your free place <https://eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>

		<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 26</b>	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carmelite Srs Thickett Priory (AB)	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Terence Newsome RIP	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Frances Pecowski & Family	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Margaret	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Jason Wang & Janet Lowe	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Andrew	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Jean Wroe Birthday Blessings	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Special Intention	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Sick of the Parish	Bl Sac

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 26**

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	THOMAS PATRICK POWER RIP	ST M M
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	MR & MRS ALFRED MORALES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	GUISEPPE SPERA	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	CHRIS ARCHER	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	TONY DEIGHTON & CHRIS HORBURY	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	TERESA	BL SAC

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**OFFERTORY DONATIONS**

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations

St Ter Env £201.45 Loose Money £25.00  
 St MM Env £90.00 Loose Money £130.34 Raffle £33.00  
 Bl Sac Env £224.00 Loose Money £59.23 Raffle £34.00

**FIRST COMMUNION for all Parishes** – Initial meeting to discuss the First Communion Programme will be held Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February after 6.00 pm Mass, **OR** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February after 11.30 am Mass.  
**Further details see Fr Stephen or Chris Archer 07734558576/Pam Kershaw 07867505966**

**ADVANCED NOTICE – HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL** will be hosting the relics of **St Carlos Acutis** in the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> February. On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 pm visitors are invited from surrounding parishes into school to venerate and pray before the relics.

**ADVANCED NOTICE – St Mary Magdalene’s will host this year’s World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – The Women of Nigeria have prepared the Service this year. The time of the Service has yet to be decided. Preparation Meeting will take place w/c 15<sup>th</sup> February, date and time to be announced. Everyone welcome to be involved in this hour of prayer that takes place around the world.

**HALLAM LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026** will take place 26<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The cost is £1010 flying from Leeds Bradford Airport. This includes flights, all meals and insurance. If you are interested, please pre-register your interest at [www.tangey-tours.com/hallam](http://www.tangey-tours.com/hallam)

**Second Collection (8.2.2026) – SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY**

Welcome to the parishes of

**St Teresa’s**

**Blessed Sacrament**

**St Mary Magdalene’s**

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 26**

*‘Blessed are the poor in spirit’*

**Blessed are you  
 when others  
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 persecute you  
 and utter all  
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 against you falsely  
 on my account.  
 Rejoice and  
 be glad,  
 for your  
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