

## A reading from the Book of Genesis

2:7-9,31-7

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree of the garden"? And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good from evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And the sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

### The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51(50):3-4.5-6b.12-13.14,17.

### Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your merciful love;  
according to your great compassion,  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me completely from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions, truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done.

Create a pure heart for me, O God;  
renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence;  
take not your holy spirit from me.

Restore in me the joy of your salvation;  
sustain in me a willing spirit.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

### A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Romans. Shorter Form 5:12,17-19

Brothers and sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance

of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

### The Word of the Lord.

### Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

### Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

### A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

4:1-11

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

### The Gospel of the Lord.

## 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**  
ST. VINCENTS CHURCH, 40 PICKMERE ROAD, CROOKES, SHEFFIELD, S10 1GY  
Speakers: Bishop John Arnold (Bishop of Salford) & Dr. Maria Exall (President of Pax Christi) **Tea/coffee available from 10.30 am**  
Book your free place <https://eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>

**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 call 01302 247 910 or 07724 650066 or please pre-register your interest at [www.tangey-tours.com/hallam](http://www.tangey-tours.com/hallam)

**ADVANCED NOTICE – BARNESLEY ILESHA LADIES CHOIR** will hold a Fundraising Concert at Blessed Sacrament Parish October 16<sup>th</sup> for the Sick & Retired Clergy

		<b>First Sunday of Lent A 26</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Henryk Hanson Anniversary	St MM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Amanda Campbell Birthday Blessings	St Ter
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Vera Turner RIP	Bl Sac
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Reader</b>	Theresa Smith	St MM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Reader</b>	Kathy Fretwell & Jason Wang	St Ter
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Reader</b>	Max	Bl Sac
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Sick of the Parishes	St Ter
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Cecily Wilmott Brown RIP	St MM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Theresa & Fred Graham	Bl Sac

### Second Sunday of Lent A 26

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING MASS</b>	<b>ST MM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	<b>CONSTANCE &amp; ABRAHAM LOGAN RIP</b>	<b>ST TER</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11.30 AM</b>	<b>GOOD HEALTH – AHINO ELSA BIBIN</b>	<b>BL SAC</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>PAM KERSHAW</b>	<b>ST MM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>AMELIA TURFITT &amp; KATHY FRETWELL</b>	<b>ST TER</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>PAM</b>	<b>BL SAC</b>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS OFFERTORY DONATIONS

**Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations**

St Ter Env £163.00 Loose Money £

St MM Env £95.00 Loose Money £117.49 Raffle £42.00

Bl Sac Env £224.00 Loose Money £77.03 Raffle £29.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll Sick & Retired Clergy £116.00

**THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at St Josephs Church in Maidenhead. Every year the Mill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. These Masses will be available to follow on YouTube, via Mill Hill Website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena) Novena booklet available on request at £1.00 to cover costs. Further information Novena Director 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

**RED BOXES – WILL ALL PARISHES** please bring Red Boxes in for counting. Thank you

*During Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place before weekday Masses at all Parishes (Please be at Church 15 minutes before Mass for Stations of the Cross)*

**St Mary Magdalene's will host this year's World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 am**  
The Women of Nigeria have prepared the Service this year, with a focus on Matthew 11:28-30, 'I will give you rest, come', as the women of Nigeria call us to come closer, and find rest in God. The Service lasts approximately 1 hour. Everyone welcome to attend. Run through of the Service after Wednesday morning Mass 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**If anyone wishes to have a home visit from Fr Stephen during Lent, please see Fr Stephen to make arrangements.**

**CAFOD – LENTEN FAST DAY FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

Envelopes available at the back of Church

Welcome to the parishes of

**St Teresa's**

**Blessed Sacrament**

**St Mary Magdalene's**

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First Sunday of Lent A 26

**And the tempter came to him  
and said to him,  
'If you are the  
Son of God,  
command these stones to  
become loaves  
of bread.'  
But he answered,  
'It is written,  
'Man shall not live  
by bread alone,  
but by every word that  
comes from the  
mouth of God...**











