

A reading from the Book of Sirach

15:15-20

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully as a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm**

119(118):1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those who are blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they seek him.

You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
In keeping your statutes.

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law.

Lord, teach me the ways of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.
Grant me insight that I may keep your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly.

A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or the age of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.'

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

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

5:13-16

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

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**LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION 21ST 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 26th June – 2nd 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

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 26			
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Kay Edwards RIP (T & J Mc)	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Eunice Hanley	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Steve Clay	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Paul Gorman	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Ann Worth & Mary Ann Bailey	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Ann H	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Special Intention	St Ter
		ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES	
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Brian Nuttall RIP	St MM
<u>Wednesday</u>	6.00 pm	People of the Parishes	Bl Sac
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Cath McNicholas & Family	Bl Sac

First Sunday of Lent A 26

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	HENRYK HANSON ANNIVERSARY	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	AMANDA CAMPBELL BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	VERA TURNER RIP	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	THERESA SMITH	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	KATHY FRETWELL & JASON WANG	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	MAX	BL SAC

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OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations

St Ter Env £192.00 Loose Money £75.00

St MM Env £172.85 Loose Money £126.24 Raffle £39.51 2nd Coll. Sick & Retired Clergy £106.00

Bl Sac Env £193.00 Loose Money £91.37 Raffle £36.00

ADVANCED NOTICE – St Mary Magdalene's will host this year's World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March –

The Women of Nigeria have prepared the Service this year, with a focus on Matthew 11:28-30, as the women of Nigeria call us to come closer, and find rest in God. Preparation Meeting Wednesday 21st February after 9.30 am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's.

St Carlo Acutis – Holy Trinity School played hosts last week to the First Class Relic of St. Carlo Acutis, and on Thursday evening, parishioners and Clergy were invited to attend a Service to hear about the extraordinary life of St Carlo. The evening closed with individual Blessings with the Relic of St Carlo. For those who are unfamiliar with St Carlo Acutis, 2 leaflets are available at the back of Church. This young Saint was born in London of Italian parents on 3rd May 1991, and died in Italy in 2006 age just 15 from an aggressive form of leukaemia.

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH will take place from 10th – 18th 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 Novena booklet available on request at £1.00 to cover costs.

Further information Novena Director 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ or email
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RED BOXES – WILL ALL PARISHES please bring red boxes in for counting. Thank you

Welcome to the parishes of

St Teresa's

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St Mary Magdalene's

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 26

Lent 2026

Next Wednesday 18th February is ASH WEDNESDAY the start of the Lenten Season.

Ashes will be distributed
at St Mary Magdalene's

on Wednesday morning at 9.30 am Mass,
and Wednesday evening at 6.00 pm Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish.
This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

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)

Lenten Prayer Intentions - for children,
families and individuals, are available at the back of Church

