

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.**16:1b,6-7,10-13a**

In those days: The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.

The Word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 23(22):1-3a.3b-4.5.6.****The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for the length of days unending.

A Reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.**5:8-14**

Brothers and sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

The Word of the Lord.**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (Shorter Form) 1:6-9,13-17,34-38**

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed and I see. Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But the others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would teach us?' And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe' and he worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.**ANNOUNCEMENTS****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 amBook 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 call 01302 247 910 or 07724 650066 or 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

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 novenamhm@gmail.com

		Fourth Sunday of Lent A 26		
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Christine Xureb		St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	People of the Parishes		St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Steve Clay Anniversary		Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Norah Hoult		St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Chris Kelly & Tony Deighton		St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Marie		Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	May Lynott Bdy Blessings		St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Sick Person		St MM
<u>Thursday</u>	6.00 pm	Special Intention	Feast of St Joseph	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving Mass		Bl Sac

Fifth Sunday of Lent A 26

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	THANKSGIVING MASS – 60 TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	ANN & STAN WILSON	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	MARY MARTIN BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	MICHAEL BRENNAN	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	AMELIA TURFITT & JANET LOWE	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	TERESA	BL SAC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations

St Ter Env £245.00 Loose Money £15.00
 St MM Env £79.50 Loose Money £151.89 Raffle £43.27
 Bl Sac Env £233.00 Loose Money £71.21 Raffle £37.00

CONFIRMATIONS 2026

Meetings begin the 15th April at Holy Rood and run for 8 weeks until 3rd June. Bishop Ralph will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at Holy Rood, 24th June at 7pm.

Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Service – will take place at Holy Rood on Wednesday 25th March at 7pm. Priests will be available for the first time to hear confessions in both English and Polish. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during confessions.

Second Collection 14/15th March – Diocesan Appeal for the pro-life charity LIFE.

Life has been offering support for over half a century. For many of those years, the people of our Diocese have given generously to support the work of Life and we are asked to support again this year. The need for Life services has not diminished, but increased. The Life way is a compassionate way, grounded on the value of an unborn child and in solidarity with the pregnant woman.

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

Holy Trinity School, Carlton – Public Speaking Competition (Yorkshire Catholic Schools)

22nd March 2 – 5 pm. For pupils 16 – 17 years old. Each speech lasts 4 minutes.
 Tickets: £3.00 which includes a drink and biscuits.

Next weekend 21/22 March we will have a visiting Priest from the St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society with a Mission Appeal.

Welcome to the parishes of

St Teresa's

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'And who is he, sir, that I

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He said, 'Lord, I believe'.

And he worshipped him.

Jesus said,

'For judgement I came into this world,

that those who do not

see may see, and those

who see may

become blind.'

