

A reading from the Book of Exodus

17:3-7

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst? So Moses cried to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' And the Lord said to Moses, 'Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, and the people shall drink.' And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95(94):1-2,6-7b,7c-9,8a

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we his people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

A Reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified in faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.
Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (Shorter Form) 5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman from Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is saying it to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drink of the water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.' 'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem you will worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and it is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming – he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things,' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.' Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony. So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed with them two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.'

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 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 call 01302 247 910 or 07724 650066 or please pre-register your interest at www.tangey-tours.com/hallam

ADVANCED NOTICE – BARNSELY 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

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Third Sunday of Lent A 26

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life...

Third Sunday of Lent A 26		
Saturday	6.00 pm	Eric & Iris Brayshaw St MM
Sunday	9.30 am	Nicholas Ng Anniversary St Ter
Sunday	11.30 am	Good Health - Ahelyne Maria Bibin Bl Sac
Saturday	Reader	Ann Worth St MM
Sunday	Reader	Chris Deighton & Christy Wang St Ter
Sunday	Reader	Andrew Bl Sac
Tuesday	9.30 am	Sick of the Parishes St Ter
Wednesday	9.30 am	Peter McDermott Anniversary RIP St MM
Friday	9.30 am	Kath Bissel - Get Well Mass Bl Sac

Forth Sunday of Lent A 26

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	CHRISTINE XUREB	ST M M
SUNDAY	9.30 AM		ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	STEVE CLAY ANNIVERSARY	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	NORAH HOULT	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	CHRIS KELLY & TONY DEIGHTON	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	MARIE	BL SAC

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OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations

St Ter Env £175.00 Loose Money £15.00

St MM Env £310.00 Loose Money £159.40 Raffle £46.00

Bl Sac Env £196.70 Loose Money £102.18 Raffle £29.00

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 next weekend 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. Life continues to focus on practical support for women – counselling, housing, and life-skills training, and offers positive alternatives to abortion, solutions to difficult problems when so many people do not seem to know that they are possible and available. 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

Each week at St Mary Magdalene's we hold a Rosary for Peace, and have done since the war began in the Ukraine. Tomorrow at 3.00 pm we will pray the Rosary for peace throughout the world. All are welcome

