



Our Lady of Beauchief & Saint Thomas of Canterbury

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The Month of November is devoted to The Holy Souls

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 26th November 2023 Psalter Week 2

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Danny Grant

11.15 a.m. Win Aylward

Monday *Feria*

7.30 p.m. Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday *Feria*

10.00 a.m. (Totley) Maureen Fletcher

Wednesday *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Thursday ST ANDREW, APOSTLE,
PATRON SAINT OF SCOTLAND

No Mass

Friday *Feria*

12.00 p.m. Kath Jarman

Saturday *Feria*

10.00 a.m.

Next week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Kath Jarman

11.15 a.m. Soledad Ross

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.30am - 11.15am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Benediction

Saturday 11.30am

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Pauline Souflas, David Gage, Anne McPhee, Stephen Bingley, Fred Sherwood, Anne Grayson, Teddy Howes, and Fr Michael O'Connor.

Responsorial Psalm: 22

R: *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 19th November is £326.05. Thank you.

Come to Mass with no cash? You can make weekly donations by card on the machines in the porch or at the side door table. You can gift-aid too! Please make use of this service if you can.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish Rooms 6.45pm 27th November

Friday Lunch Club after midday Mass

Registered Charity No 512021

If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm or requires repair please let Liz Mason, Fr Stephen or Simon Jones know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.





Mass for deceased - There will be a Mass for deceased parishioners, family members and friends who have died. This will take place on Monday, 27th November at 7.30pm. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle(s) for those who have died. **Everyone** is welcome and encouraged to attend. Tea and coffee and nibbles will be served afterwards.

Sick & Retired Clergy Fund - Thank you for your offerings last week. They raised £252.14.

Taize service - On Sunday, 3rd December at Our Lady and St Thomas there will be a Taize service for peace from 4pm-5pm. A time to pray, reflect and sing for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

St Bernard's Catholic School are holding their Community Candlelight Christmas Fair on Friday, 1st December - 4-8pm. Santa's Grotto, refreshments, and much more. Ending with Christmas Carols for all to join in! Please see the poster at the back of church for more information.



Leaflets and posters. Please do not leave leaflets or posters at the back of church without first speaking to Liz Mason or the sacristans. Items left without permission will be thrown away.

Friday, 15th December - St Thomas of Canterbury School are holding their Christmas Warmer at 1.30pm in church. This is especially for parishioners - all are invited and encouraged to attend. If you can, please take the time to see the children perform for you.

Calling all 7 - 11 year olds - come and be a founding member of our brand new mini Vinnies group.

Who are the Mini Vinnies? Mini Vinnies are 7 to 11 year olds based in schools and parishes across England and Wales, and in several other countries across the world. They come together to form a part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales, a voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms. Mini Vinnies meet to pray, discuss and support however they can to help make a difference in their communities. Mini Vinnies truly turn concern into action as they use the simple formula of 'see, think, do' to find people in need and help them.

The group will meet once a month in the parish hall between 9.15 and 11.15 Mass.

We are trying to gauge interest in this new initiative in the parish. If your child would like to be involved, please get in touch by adding your child's name and age to the list in the porch at the back of church. More information will come out via the newsletter once we have a sense of how many young people would like to be involved.

If you have any questions I will be in coffee morning between 9.15 and 11.15 Mass Sunday 12th and 19th of November.

In order for this group to go ahead we will need at least one more adult leader; if you think you can commit to an hour a month and would like to work with young people of the parish, we would love to hear from you. This role will require a DBS check as it is working with young people.

Looking forward to hearing from interested people.

Molly Baxter

CAFOD, coffee, cake and catch up for all CAFOD supporters at the volunteer centre at St Williams, S11 8TL, on Tuesday 5th December at 10.30 am.(after 10am Mass) Email apowell@cafod.org.uk to let us know you are coming along if possible ... but come anyway!

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

Angela Holman Email address: safeguarding1olst@hallam-diocese.com

Claire Parsons Email address: safeguarding2olst@hallam-diocese.com

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Times of Masses for Christmas

Sunday Masses

Saturday, 23rd December

5.00pm

Totley

Sunday, 24th December

10.00am

Meadowhead

Christmas Masses

Sunday, 24th December

5.00pm

Mass with Children's Nativity, M/Head

Carols and Readings

9.30pm

Sunday, 24th December

10.00pm

Night Mass of Christmas, M/Head

Monday, 25th December

9.00am

Totley


Monday, 25th December

10.00am

Meadowhead



Parish Raffle - come along to the draw TODAY at ...

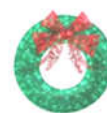
 **Coffee, Cakes & Crafts TODAY** Sunday 26th November 10am -1pm in the Parish Hall, Meadowhead, with Gifts, Crafts, Books, Cakes, Games, Gaelic Coffees, Bacon Butties... Concluding with our Grand Parish Outreach Raffle. Come and join us to meet friends and celebrate our Covenant with the Poor as we support our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad. Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets. and donated prizes and produce. There's a last chance to return and buy tickets right up to up to half an hour before the raffle draw which will take place at around 12.30pm at the end of our CCC event. Good luck to you all in the raffle. We'll let you know next week who the prize winners were and the total amount that you have helped to raise for our Outreach partners in Sheffield and overseas.



Dore Male Voice Choir's Christmas Concert is on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December at St John's Church, Abbeydale at 7pm. (**NOTE** it is not at Dore Parish Church due to renovations) Tickets £12.50 from Simon Jones on 07808 283807.

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

at English Martyrs TOTLEY
TUESDAY 5th December From
11 am (after Mass) 'til 1pm £10 (includes tea/coffee and mince pies) Make your own Christmas wreath to take home Email Barbara Richardson b_rich54@hotmail.com for further information and to book or tel 07725 023708.



Mass Intentions - There are now Mass Intention envelopes at all the doors of both churches. Please use these to request a Mass intention. You will see on the back of the envelope there is an opportunity to gift aid your donation if you are a tax payer.

Manchester Baroque - One of the highlights of the festive season for many people is going to a performance of Handel's Messiah. It is the story of the life of Christ told through a series of wonderful songs and choral pieces culminating in the magnificent Hallelujah Chorus. Manchester-based Charity, Manchester Baroque and their professional orchestra will be performing it with the Manchester Cathedral Choir at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday December 9th at 7pm

On the evening of Good Friday, March 29th at 4.30pm Manchester Baroque will be playing again at Manchester Cathedral to perform Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Manchester Cathedral Choir, one of the most moving pieces of music ever written, performed for the occasion in the Church calendar for which it was originally written. Tickets start at £10 plus booking fees. See <https://rb.gy/b9dlte> for details.

St Wilfrid's Centre REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2023. 2023 Reverse Advent Calendar is now available to download <https://www.stwilfridscentre.org>



Advent Offertory Collections

As usual we are invited to make additional practical offerings as part of our preparations for Christmas for those in need in our area at this time – starting next week.



1st Sunday (3rd): TOILETRIES, CLOTHING, FOOD for ST WILFRID'S CENTRE eg Men's roll on deodorant, soap, lip salve, combs/hairbrushes, packs of tissues, gloves, underpants/boxers (sm-med size), boxes/bars/sharing tubs of chocolate, biscuits, sweets, Tins of ham, corned beef, tuna, casseroles, stews, potatoes, veg, fruit, custard, rice pudding, pot noodles See also their Reverse Advent Calendar at www.stwilfridscentre.org & GIVE TO LIVE Collection for distribution to our Outreach Partners in Sheffield & overseas.



2nd Sunday (10th) BISCUITS & CHOCOLATES for SVP to distribute locally.



3rd Sunday (17th) MEN'S NEW SM/MED PANTS, VESTS, SOCKS, FOOTWEAR, WARM HATS, GLOVES, (NO SCARVES) for BEN'S CENTRE for people on the streets in Sheffield.



4th Sunday (24th) Advent Collection of Money for SOCIETY for the PROTECTION of UNBORN CHILDREN





HYMNBOOK NUMBERS

Pershore Mass

Gloria 524, Holy, Holy 579, Memorial Acclamation 580, Lamb of God 589



Saint Andrew

This Thursday, 30 November, is the feast of St Andrew the Apostle. Matthew's Gospel refers to Andrew being called - together with his brother Simon Peter - directly by Jesus as they were fishing on the Sea of Galilee, John presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras {in Western Greece), where his remains were preserved. Many of his relics were not long afterwards transferred to Constantinople, from where, it is commonly believed, some of them were brought to Scotland.

Thought for the Week: Christ the King

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, on the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea (AD 325) at which the doctrine of the consubstantiality of Christ with the Father was defined. The Pope asserted that the most effective defence against the destructive forces of the age is the recognition of the kingship of Christ; and, furthermore, a feast which is celebrated every year by everyone is a far better way of deploying that defence than any number of books written by learned people.

A Prayer for World Youth Sunday (today)

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to you we turn in humble prayer.
Look with favour on all young people, bearers of hope for the Church and the world.
Jesus Christ, companion of youth and young adults, bless the paths of discovery and discernment, through times of joy and experiences of hardship, with the constant love and support of your Church.
Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts of all your people, grant that we may journey together, young and old, to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom.
Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind, open our hearts to encounter all young people, to accompany and be in community together, and, as one Church, embark upon our holy mission.
Jesus Christ, in the company of the Father and the Holy Spirit, graciously hear our prayer, and be with us for evermore. **Amen**

This Week's Readings

CHRIST THE KING

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

Responsorial Psalm: 22

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 31:46*

Next Week's Readings

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

First Reading: *Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8*

Responsorial Psalm: 79

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Gospel: *Mark 13:33-37*

This week's ministries for 25/26 November

Readers	5.00p.m.	A Southeran, E Watson
	9.15a.m.	A Peacey, J Fojut
	11.15a.m.	A Willcock, M Richardson
Communion	5.00p.m.	V Coomer, S Davey
	9.15a.m.	C Parsons, N Parsons, R Gasser
	11.15a.m.	M Chisholm, P Corkell, K O'Brien

Next Week's Ministries for 2/3 December

Readers	5.00p.m.	D Fletcher, H Simmerson
	9.15a.m.	S Jones, C Perryman
	11.15a.m.	J-J Carter, M Pybus
Communion	5.00p.m.	J Brook, K Durkin
	9.15a.m.	C Farragher, R Portaluri, H Grady
	11.15a.m.	S Campos, H Stones, J McNally
Welcomers	9.15a.m.	
	11.15a.m.	E Williamson

Thought for the Week

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*The past should be
a shrine
which we visit,
and not a cell
in which
we live.*

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