

**The Parish of St Joseph with
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

30 March 2025

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Sharon Whitfield, Oliver Wragg, Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Cooper, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Susan De Couto, **Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant.** *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

Catholic Chaplain urgent call: NGH: 0114 2434343. Hallamshire Hospital: 0114 2711900. Ask for the Catholic priest on duty (day or night).

Easter Flowers: There will be a **retiring collection** next weekend, **12 & 13 April**, to help decorate our beautiful church for Easter.

Parish Pastoral Council: As I spoke about recently, please think about if you, or a person you know in the parish, should be considered as someone able to serve the parish as a member of the council. Likewise, please ponder if you have a skill or talent that you are willing to offer from time to time, without being regularly committed to a particular role or meetings. In either case, please speak with me or our deacon, Simon.

This weekend sees us enter Passiontide when we focus on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. A key characteristic of Passiontide is the veiling of crosses, statues, and images of saints in the church - the exceptions being the crosses and images of the Stations of the Cross (and the those we cannot reach!). The crosses remain covered until after the solemn unveiling of the principal crucifix on Good Friday, while statues and pictures stay veiled until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. As St John records, when the time for his Passion drew near, Jesus no longer walked openly among the people but hid himself. The Church then encourages us to contemplate the crucified Savior, recognizing the immense suffering Jesus endured for the salvation of humanity.

Maundy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper: **Washing of Feet:** There is a list at the back of church for **12 people who are willing to take part** and have a foot washed during this celebration. Many thanks.

Mandatory Safeguarding Training: the diocesan Safeguarding team are running some in-person Safeguarding Level 2 training days as an alternative to completing the training online. This training is open to anyone but is **mandatory for all volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults**. If you have completed the online module on renewal of your DBS check – then you do not need to repeat the module. To book or if you have any queries, please contact Jo Pearson on 0114 2566453 or at jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

Mission Director for St Vincent's Mission Hub, Sheffield: Are you a committed Catholic and a gifted innovative leader with a real love for and ability to work with university students and young adults (age 18-35)? If so, you could be the next Mission Director for St Vincent's Mission Hub, offering day-to-day leadership for our mission. The contract is for 3 days per week. **For further information** please contact Jessica Moylan: jmoylan@hallam-diocese.com Closing date for applications: 27 April.

HOLY WEEK

- **Confessions:** on the Monday and Tuesday, **14 & 15 April**, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of **after-school** Confessions. **N.B.** The final public Confessions before Easter will be on **Tuesday evening, 15 April, at 6.00 to 7.00pm** (or until finished if later).
- On **Spy Wednesday, 16 April**, at 11.00am Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** at the cathedral.
- On **Spy Wednesday, 16 April**, **St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in the church at 2.00pm. All welcome.
- **Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence;** everyone aged 14 years and older should abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 should fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason). Regardless of age everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance.
- On **Good Friday** there will be a **retiring collection** to support the upkeep of **The Holy Places** in the Holy Land.
- **Altar Servers:** There will be **practices** for each of the Triduum services, on Holy Thursday at 6.45pm, Good Friday at 2.15pm and Holy Saturday at 7.15pm. Thank you for all that you do.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday, 17 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday, 18 April

The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

Holy Saturday, 19 April

The Easter Vigil 8.00pm

Easter Sunday, 20 April

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord 8.45am & at 10.00am

Financial matters

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year, commencing in April, are available to collect in the church. To save on bank charges please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order. ***As usual, in order that its value does not decline, I respectfully ask that you also please consider an increase in your regular giving to keep pace with inflation.*** Finally, if anyone pays UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax and has not completed a Gift Aid declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then you can e-mail or speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. **Thank you for your understanding and for your continuing support.**

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 6 April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am Intentions of the Willgoose Family 10.00am For the People Followed by Stations of the Cross
Monday 7 April <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<u>7.15am</u> Patrick Eastwood
Tuesday 8 April <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	10.00am June Matthews
Wednesday 9 April <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 10 April <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	9.00am Intentions of Marie O'Hara
Friday 11 April <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	8.55 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Tom McGowan
Saturday 12 April <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	10.00 – 11.00am Exposition, Benediction & Confessions 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 4.15pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm For the People
Sunday 13 April <i>Palm Sunday of</i> <i>The Passion of the Lord</i>	8.45am Peter & Cecelia O'Hara 10.00am Steve George Followed by Stations of the Cross

Last week's collection was £795.95 (£398.50 in offertory envelopes and £397.45 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Last weekend's **retiring collection** for the **Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham**, was £317.34. Thank you.

Please pray for June Matthews RIP, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items and cards for Easter.

N.B. The shorter form of the Passion will be read at the 8.45am Mass Sunday, 13 April.