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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 February 2026

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially:
Anne Craven, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Sharon Whitfield, Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Cooper, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, 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, 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).*

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, 11 February, is also the occasion of the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This is an observation that was introduced by Pope St John Paul II as a way for believers to offer their prayers for those suffering from illnesses. As we established a few of years ago, this means that I will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick **at the conclusion of the 5.00pm Mass next Saturday, 7 February, and at the end of the Sunday morning Masses, 8 February**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that when the sick are anointed 'the sick should prepare themselves to receive it with good dispositions, assisted by their pastor and the whole ecclesial community, which is invited to surround the sick in a special way through their prayers and fraternal attention,' (n.1516).

N.B. This would be a good opportunity to offer transport to those who have difficulty getting to Mass but who would like to share in the celebration of this Sacrament with us.

Next weekend of **7 & 8 February**, will see, somewhat appropriately, the **annual retiring collection for the diocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Fund**. Our contribution helps contribute to the care of the priests of the diocese who are currently sick or retired. On top of the annual diocesan assessment (£20,524.00 in December last year), the diocese now levy's a further separate charge for this fund upon parishes. Our levy was £5020.00 last year (December 2025). Please therefore be as generous as you can in support of our sick and retired clergy who have spent their lives in service of the diocese and the People of God.

40 Days for Life in Sheffield: From 18 February, 40 Days for Life invites you to join other Christians in praying and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. Come and join us to peacefully witness to the sanctity of human life. If you'd like to know more, please call Rachel 07368 297872 or see www.40daysforlife.com/en/broomhall.

Dates for your diary:

Ash Wednesday, 18 February, a Day of Fasting & Abstinence: our annual observance of Lent begins with Masses and the distribution of ashes at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

Thursday, 19 March, the Solemnity of St Joseph and our patronal feast day. Mass at 10.00am with St Joseph's School.

Palm Sunday, 29 March, Holy Week begins.

Easter Sunday, 5 April, The Resurrection of the Lord.

Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: This year's pilgrimage will take place from Friday, 26 June, to Thursday, 2 July. The cost is £1010 flying from Leeds. This includes flight, hotel, catering & insurance. The booking forms are not yet ready but people can register their interest at www.tangney-tours.com/hallam

Our **Children's Liturgy** are always on the lookout for further assistance with the children. If you would be willing to both help hand on the Faith and observe the necessary Safeguarding of our children then please let us know.

The Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, marks the end of traditional Christmas season and our crib is taken down. It commemorates the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God in fulfilment of the Jewish law. It thereby honours the great faith of Mary and Joseph, who sought to follow God's will, and it invites us to see that the Lord brings light into our lives, like Simeon and Anna who recognized Him at the Temple. While the Presentation of the Lord is not a day of obligation, it does hold a special place in the liturgical calendar and when it falls on a Sunday its celebration supplants that of an Ordinary Time Sunday.

A Prayer for the Presentation of the Lord

My saving Lord, your loving parents offered you to your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law you revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified, and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank you for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate your light as you dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

This prayer can be offered during the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass by those unable to currently receive the Sacrament or at any time of day by any of us.

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St Alphonsus Ligouri

| THE SACRED LITURGY | |
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| Sunday 1 February <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8.45am Terry Donnelly 10.00am For the people |
| Monday 2 February <i>Feast of The Presentation of The Lord</i> | 9.00am Kathleen & Michael O'Connor |
| Tuesday 3 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i> | 10.00am Pauline de Rouffignac |
| Wednesday 4 February <i>St Gilbert of Sempringham</i> | November Memorial Dead List |
| Thursday 5 February <i>St Agatha</i> | 9.00am Roy Vardy |
| Friday 6 February <i>Ss Paul Miki & Companions</i> | 8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Intentions of Ann Burgin |
| Saturday 7 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i> | 9.30 – 10.30am Exposition 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Andrew Spooner |
| Sunday 8 February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8.45am For the people 10.00am The Butler & Bradley Families |

Please pray for Giorgio Devoti & Katy O'Hara *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £685.63 (£335.53 in offertory envelopes and £350.10 in loose). Thank you.

Votive candle monies: Please remember that the money box for your votive candles is on the wall by the entrance to the choir loft. This helps to reduce the risk of theft or damage. Thank you.