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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 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).

Ash Wednesday, 18 February, is a Day of Fasting & Abstinence: everyone aged 14 years and older must abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 must fast unless they are 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. Masses are at 10.00am & 7.00pm.

The Season of Lent

During his life on earth Our Lord undertook voluntary penance, e.g. the Forty Days in the desert, and he invited us all to do the same. Our penance can therefore be offered spiritually as a share in his own suffering, especially in his blessed Passion and Death. Christian penance is also an expression of inner conversion and a form of reparation for sin, it should be a personal action or sacrifice offered in love for God and neighbour. Following Christ means we must always practise some form of penance and devote ourselves in a particular way to prayer, self-denial and works of charity.

- From 21 February, On the **Saturdays of Lent** there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** from 10.00am to 11.00am, with Benediction at 10.50am.
- There will also, starting that same day, be **Stations of the Cross on the Saturdays of Lent** at 4.15pm.
- From 22 February, On the **Sundays of Lent** there will be **Stations of the Cross** after the 10.00am Mass.
- From 23 February, for the **Mondays of Lent, Mass** will be **at 7.15am**.
- On **30 & 31 March**, the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of **after-school Confessions**.
- On, **1 April**, the Wednesday of Holy Week, **St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in church at 2.00pm. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: I would like to encourage people to feel free to pray this Lenten devotion before or after Mass should you wish. It is a lovely sight to see people meandering around a church in prayer and a simple prayer at each Station is all that is required (although the traditional format is very popular there is no set or series of necessary prayers that you must say).

The **next meeting** of our parish **UCM** is on Friday, **27 February**, after the 10.00am morning Mass.

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

A Lenten day of Recollection: *Everything is connected – how do we care for our common home?* At St Vincent's Church, Crookes, Sheffield, on **Saturday 21 March**, 11:00am - 3:00pm. Tea/ coffee from 10:30am. Speakers: Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, spokesperson for the Bishops Conference on the Environment, and President of Pax Christi. Dr. Maria Exall, Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Dates for your diary:

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.

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Heavenly Father,

Protect us in our struggle against evil.

As we begin the discipline of Lent,

make this season holy by our self-denial.

On this day, we come before You with humble hearts,

remembering that we are dust, and unto dust we shall return.

Cleanse us from our sins, renew our spirits,

and guide us through this Lenten journey with faith and courage.

May the ashes upon our heads be a sign of repentance,

a mark of our desire to turn away from sin

and walk in the light of Christ.

Grant us strength to fast with sincerity,

to give with generosity,

and to pray with a heart open to Your will.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 15 February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am John & Norah Connelly
Monday 16 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Leonard & Mary Cooper
Tuesday 17 February <i>Bl William Richardson</i>	10.00am John Joseph Churchill
Wednesday 18 February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00am In Thanksgiving 7.00pm Mary & Tommy Halligan
Thursday 19 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Friday 20 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<u>11.30am</u> Requiem Oliver Wragg <i>RIP</i>
Saturday 21 February <i>Lenten weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	10.00 – 11.00am Exposition, Benediction & Confessions 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 4.15pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm John Concannon
Sunday 22 February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am Arthur Pidcock followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Last week's collection was £685.40 (£315.00 in offertory envelopes and £370.40 in loose). Thank you.

Last weekend's retiring collection for the diocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Fund was £800.63. Many thanks!

The Piety Stall has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.