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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 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. This means that **the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the conclusion of this weekend's Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses.**

This weekend, 7 & 8 February, sees 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.

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.

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

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 8 February <i>Fifth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am The Butler & Bradley Families
Monday 9 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Keith Wolstenholme
Tuesday 10 February <i>St Scholastica</i>	10.00am Rose & Terry Flemming
Wednesday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 12 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Carole Harrington
Friday 13 February <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Horace Harmston
Saturday 14 February <i>Ss Cyril & Methodius</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Paul Andrew
Sunday 15 February <i>Sixth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am John & Norah Connelly

Please pray for Clare Klein (née Sellars) *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £676.50 (£377.90 in offertory envelopes and £298.60 in loose). Thank you.

Palms for Ash Wednesday: The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday are traditionally the burnt remains of the palms we used on Palm Sunday of the previous year. Please bring any palms you may have left over from previous years by next Sunday, 15 February, so they can be burned in time for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.