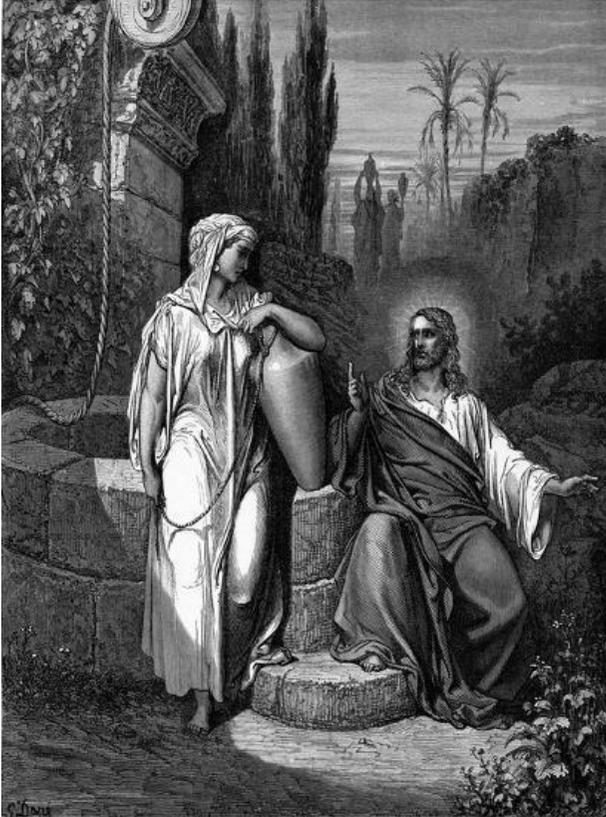


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**Third Sunday of Lent**

**8 March 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 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 Season of Lent

- 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.
- Also on the **Saturdays of Lent** there are **Stations of the Cross** at 4.15pm.
- On the **Sundays of Lent** there are **Stations of the Cross** after the 10.00am Mass.

**Stations of the Cross:** I 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). Our church is always open half-an-hour before any Mass or service.

**UCM News:** We congratulate Louise George who has been nominated as the new Diocesan UCM President. This means Joanne Higton Shirt has taken on the role of President of the St Joseph's Foundation with Stella Sangwa as Secretary and Osaro Osakue as Treasurer. Please remember them all in your prayers. The next meeting UCM will be on Friday, 20 March, after 10.00am Mass but, before that, the popular *Knit and Natter* sessions will resume next **Friday, 13 March**, after the 10.00am Mass.

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

### Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

As notified when registered, formal preparation to receive this Sacrament will take place at St Joseph's on Saturday mornings from 9.15 to 10.00am on the following dates: 21 & 28 March and 9 & 16 May (incl. rehearsal). Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, on the Feast of Pentecost, at St Joseph's on Saturday, 23 May, at 5.00pm. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

**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.

## Holy Week

- **Confessions:** on the **Monday and Tuesday, 30 & 31 March**, 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, 31 March at 6.00 to 7.00pm** (or until finished if later).

- On **Wednesday, 1 April**, at 11.00am Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** at the cathedral.

- On **Wednesday, 1 April**, **St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in the church at 2.00pm. All are 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 6.45pm. Thank you for all that you do.

### **The Easter Triduum**

#### **Holy Thursday, 2 April**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

*followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm*

#### **Good Friday, 3 April**

The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

#### **Holy Saturday, 4 April**

The Easter Vigil 7.30pm

#### **Easter Sunday, 5 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 costs, especially bank charges please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order. In order that the value of your offering 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 continuing support.

<b>THE SACRED LITURGY</b>	
<b>Sunday 8 March</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>8.45am</b> Oliver Wragg <b>10.00am</b> For the people <b>followed by Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Monday 9 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<b>7.15am</b> Intentions of Beena Biju
<b>Tuesday 10 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Joanne & Steve Marklew
<b>Wednesday 11 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
<b>Thursday 12 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<b>9.00am</b> Ann Harmston
<b>Friday 13 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<b>8.50 – 9.50am Exposition</b> <b>10.00am</b> Intentions of the Biney Family
<b>Saturday 14 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>  <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	<b>10.00 – 11.00am</b> <b>Exposition, Benediction &amp; Confessions</b>  <b>4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions</b> <b>4.15pm Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5.00pm</b> Dennis Wray
<b>Sunday 15 March</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>  <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the people <b>10.00am</b> Barbara & Joseph Ware <b>followed by Stations of the Cross</b>

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

**Last week's collection was £704.50** (£340.00 in offertory envelopes and £364.50 in loose). Thank you.

**Last weekend's CAFOD Family Fast Day offerings came to £459.46.** Thank you for your support

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