

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Sunday 23rd August

“Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited.”

1 Corinthians 13:4

Please pray for our sick, especially Janet Ashburne, Susan Jepson, Christine Phinn, Winnie Westran, Ruth Campbell, Gerard Kelly, Jane Sexton, John & Eileen Hanton, Theresa Sadler, Laura Latham, Wendy Wolverson, Ciaran Scott, Jack & Theresa Gowans (Scotland), Mary Cannon, Jim Quinn, Alex Thompson and those who have no-one to pray for them.

WE REMEMBER those who have died recently... and those who anniversaries are at this time... Yvonne Lazenby, Noleen Mawbey, David Shaw, Helen Carroll, Terry Hampton and Patricia Shannon... Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

WELCOME to Macey Harriet Thorpe, daughter of Craig and Marcia, who is due to be baptized next Sunday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY... to everyone who is celebrating this week...

CONGRATULATIONS... to anyone who's had good news recently and to those who did well in their GCSEs last week.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 23 rd	11.00am: Jan Royan
Sunday 30 th	11.00am: Yvonne Lazenby
Sunday 6 th	11.00am: Pat Green

If anyone has any Mass intentions with Mass now taking place in church on a Sunday morning, please contact Alison by any of the usual means, or put them through the presbytery letterbox. We will try and accommodate any intentions we receive. Fr. Don is taking those for Wednesday mornings.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Church continues to be opened for Mass at 11.00am on a Sunday, which will be celebrated by Fr. Andy, and from 10.30am - 11.30am on a Wednesday, when Fr. Don will hopefully celebrate Mass at 10.30am. However, from Wednesday 2nd Sept, the new time for church to be opened for Mass will be 9.30am.

You will need to continue to book your place for the Sunday Mass as numbers still have to be limited and we are required to keep your contact information for 21 days, for Track and Trace procedures. Places need to be booked through Deacon Geoff (812147 or 07765 075702).

Each week priority will be given to those who haven't attended a previous Mass but hopefully, this won't cause too much of a problem.

Earlier this week we had a follow-up inspection of the church and its opening procedures and thankfully all went well.

FACE MASKS: from last Saturday (8th August), the government added places of worship to the list of places where face coverings will be compulsory.

Please be mindful and respectful that some people are exempt on medical grounds from wearing a face mask. For those who are, there are printable cards or you may have heard of the Hidden Disability Sunflower lanyard that is obtainable for a small fee from hiddendisabilitiesstore.com. I have tried to find a phone number but it appears to be online only.

STEWARDS: the only way that the church can continue to be open is by having several stewards who are prepared to give up their time to ensure everyone's safety. If you are able to help either before and just after 11.00am Mass on Sunday or on a Wednesday morning, could you please contact Catherine on c.mclaughlin81@outlook.com

OFFERTORY: Thank you to everyone who has left offertory money in the bucket after Mass either on a Sunday or Wednesday. For those still isolating or staying home, please continue to keep your offertory and we can deal with it, when circumstances change.

The new boxes of envelopes for the year 2020/21 that weren't collected before lockdown, will be available as you leave Mass, so that they can be picked up and taken home.

FR. ANDY & ZOOM MASSES: From Sunday 19th, Fr Andy's Sunday Zoom Mass will take place at 9.30am to allow him time to get to Maltby to celebrate the Mass in church at 11.00am. As far as I am aware, the Thursday Zoom Mass at 9.00am will continue.

SIGN OF THE DOVE: as many of you will know, Pat Green left her house, the shop and its contents to the diocese, for the express use of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. After 10 months and while we've been in lockdown, the parish has finally been given the keys to the property but unfortunately, we can't do much until the lease for the house (45 Morrell Street) has been sorted and the diocese gives us approval to open the shop again. However, a couple of us have been able to review some of the stock and assess the potential of continuing to run it, as it used to be and possibly developing it further but disappointingly, due to various problems, including a lack of demand for the stock, its financial status and the lack of facilities, we think that at this time, it is not going to be viable to operate as it was in the past. Therefore, the new proposal is to close the shop, which will become part of the house, while continuing to sell cards etc. after mass, from the church porch (when this become possible) or by arrangement from the parish part of the presbytery, where a certain amount of stock will be kept. If you feel strongly about this decision or have an alternative suggestion, please phone or email Geoff or Alison, to discuss the situation further.

MALTBY FOODBANK: Despite the need for two emergency parcels on Friday, only 97 of the usual weekly parcels were delivered last week. 121 families (321 individuals) were being supported but next week the number will hopefully decrease as some people have returned to work or found new jobs, while others have sorted out their financial situation.

There is a Maltby Foodbank Facebook page, which has the up-to-date shopping list, to enable us to put out the parcels each week. Currently amongst our most important needs are tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit and spaghetti hoops.

Thank you to the parishioners who continue to support us.

REGAN'S THREE PEAK CHALLENGE: Three generations of the Regan family are hoping to complete the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge on 5th September and they are also going to take part in the Glow with the Flow Memory Walk on 9th October. By doing these they hope to raise lots of money to support Rotherham Hospice who lovingly cared for Anne. If you would like to sponsor their expeditions there is a JustGiving page - search for Anne Regan. There is also a raffle to be drawn on 9th October and tickets for the raffle will be on sale after the Sunday Mass next week. Prizes include - £100 Gift Voucher for Meadow Interiors, £50 Meat Voucher for McKenzie Meats, a 3 Course Meal for 2 people at the 3 Tuns. Tickets are also available from family members, behind the bar at the Catholic Club and Meadow Interiors.

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: We have been working hard during the pandemic to provide support to vulnerable families and we're working hard to ensure that the coronavirus crisis does not mean people go hungry. But the need is great. That's why we're launching our new challenge across Hallam Diocese: Supporting CAFOD is "a piece of cake"!

It's simple: bake your favourite cake, make a donation to the CAFOD Hallam JustGiving page and gift the cake to a friend or relative in need of cheering up at this time. And encourage them to take part too! We suggest a donation of £4, the equivalent of an afternoon coffee and cake.

If anyone has anything that they'd like to share via the bulletin including celebrations, good news, scripture verses or general Mass intentions please send it to Alison by Thursday evening for inclusion... email stmmaltby@gmail.com or text 07926375497. Thank you.