

The Parish of
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary time YEAR A
10th September 2023

STAYING CLOSE TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD THROUGH CONFESSION

St Paul tells us in today's Second Reading that we can sum up all of our moral obligations in one phrase: love your neighbour as yourself.

Then he goes on to say that love "does no evil" to others.

By ignoring the reality of sin, we can do great evil, both to ourselves and to others.

By acknowledging and rejecting sin, we do great good.

That doesn't mean we are supposed to go around pointing fingers at people, like the Pharisees did.

If we want to help lost sheep come back to the Good Shepherd, the first thing we must all do is stay close to the Shepherd ourselves.

If we get lost, how can we help save others?

And Jesus makes it so easy for us to stay close to him:

not by isolating us from temptation,

not by taking away all our selfish and sinful tendencies,

not by taking away our need for self-discipline and responsibility.

No, he doesn't spoil us - he loves us too much to do that.

Instead, he gives us unlimited free access to his own spiritual car wash: the sacrament of confession.

If we want to be good shepherds to those around us, if we really want to learn how to love our neighbours, we have to first let ourselves be loved by Christ.

We have to let him teach, heal, and forgive our selfishness, sinfulness, and weakness, so that we can learn to do the same for others.

A good soldier needs to be fed - as we are each week through Holy Communion.

But good soldiers also need to have their wounds healed so that they can keep on fighting.

That's what happens in confession - if we let it.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES APPEAL.

This weekend we welcome Sr Mary Sebastian to our Parish as she makes an appeal on behalf of the Missionary sisters of England and Wales

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: **Saturday 23 September**

The mandatory safeguarding training for parishioners throughout the diocese with or needing a volunteer DBS is at the Parish Centre. Refreshments from 9.30am for a 2-hour course, **beginning at 10am prompt.**

Extraordinary Ministers will have an additional hour on revised procedures.

It will be run by the Hallam safeguarding team: Jo and Marie.

Please park at St. Joseph's Convent, Newbold Rd, so that those travelling from outside our parish or with mobility issues are able to use the church car park.

Your Weekly Offering

A huge thank you for all your generosity. But could we ask your help with two things:

1. If you give in cash would you be able to give by either Standing Order or through one of the Card Debit machines. Why? Paying Cash in now is now done through the Post Office Counters for which we are charged by the Bank. The charges are steadily increasing (averaging £120 per month) and we would like to avoid your donation lining the pockets of the International Banking systems and Bankers' profits.
2. If you already give by Standing Order perhaps you could you review your amount and consider whether it is still a reasonable donation for the work of your church. All your donations go to the work and supporting of the Church. Thanks to the NHS and the number of funerals the priests are doing, they are completely self-funded!!

Please be aware that if you are eligible for Gift-Aid, you only need to enter your details in the contactless terminals once, thereafter they will be remembered and applied every time you donate using the same card.

Similarly, if you're in a rush, you can enter your Gift-Aid details in the terminals or via the parish website at any time and any previous donations will have the Gift-Aid applied.

RCIA ROMAN CATHOLIC INITIATION OF ADULTS: JOURNEY IN FAITH

Registration for the RCIA Program 2023/24 is now open. Those who wish to become Catholics or find out more about their faith. The course will take place in the Catechetics Room in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings 7.00 – 9.00pm

Classes commence on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Forms are available from the Sacristy.

ANSWER MACHINE PROBLEMS

The Parish Answering machine is causing difficulties and some messages have not shown on the system until hours after they were left.

Please bear this in mind if you are calling and wish to leave a message.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Registration for the Sacrament of First Holy communion will be this weekend.
Please collect a form from the Sacristy after Mass.

TOILETS

As you may be aware, the refurbished toilets have been reopened for use (**please note that the parish centre refurbishment is still ongoing and parishioners are not to go beyond the toilets**). However, we have already noted that on a few occasions the toilets have been left in an 'inappropriate' state. We kindly ask that any persons using the facilities treat them with the same respect you would your own.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next meeting of the lunch group is *this* Tuesday 12TH September. We meet at 1pm at the Olde House. Everybody welcome. For further information or to confirm attendance please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp. See you there.

FR JOSEPH OKEKE SILVER JUBILEE MASS

Fr Joseph, latterly Parish Priest of St Hugh's and St Joseph's, will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Ordination on Sunday 1st October at 1.00pm in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Stainforth Doncaster DN7 5HF. Please print your name on the sheet at the back of the Church if you are intending going. Fr Joseph needs to know numbers.

DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 24TH-27TH OCTOBER

The Diocese are running a youth pilgrimage to Rome in October.

This is aimed at 16-18year olds and has a cost of £350.

Please see the poster at the back of Church for the contact details and booking information

CAR PARKING PERMITS FOR ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

Permits for the carpark at Annunciation church are available on request from the parish office.

THE LIGHT PROJECT RECOVERY FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE

Caritas Hallam, dedicated to promoting well-being and good mental health, offers free counselling and support to those who have experienced Domestic Abuse:

Individual Counselling: through a programme of free, weekly counselling sessions, with the same counsellor. Sessions are available online and in person.

Women's Well-being Programme: This 6-week well-being programme covers a range of topics, from rebuilding self-esteem to understanding the effects of stress. Sessions will be available on-line between 6 – 7pm from Wednesday, 4 October.

Freedom Programme: This is an 11-week support group for those who have experienced domestic abuse, (past or present). It will be delivered in an environment that is safe, caring and relaxed, at St Vincent's Mission Hub, from Tuesday, 10 October at 1.30pm.

For more information, please contact
Janet on 07927657462 or jkent@hallam-diocese.com

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 11th September	12.00noon Annunciation	Living and Deceased members of the Yorkshire Brethren
Tuesday 12th September The Holy Name of Mary	9.30 Holy Spirit	Binu and Elizabeth
Wednesday 13th September St John Crysostom, bishop, Doctor of the Church	11.00am Annunciation <i>6.00pm – to finished Annunciation</i>	Requiem Mass of Jennifer Mecuri <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	12.00noon Annunciation	Kerr Family
Friday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	12.00noon Annunciation	Lenon Family
Saturday 16th September VIGIL MASSES	<i>4.00pm 4.30pm Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit	<i>Confessions Service of Anointing</i> Annie Flanagan
Sunday 17th September Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Intentions of Fr Adrian The People of the Parish Eustace Family

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection following all Masses next weekend in aid of:
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (*formerly Home Mission Sunday*)

A donation option will be available on the payment terminals at Annunciation Church.

UPCOMING SVP APPEAL 23rd/24th SEPTEMBER

The SVP will be making an Appeal on Sunday Sept 24th asking for help to identify Parishioners who maybe housebound, lonely or vulnerable, and would appreciate contact & visits from SVP Members. Additionally, we would like to invite Parishioners to join the SVP and help expand our work in the Parish, and finally to ask for financial donations to help support our work.