



St. Vincent's Parish

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PARISH PRIEST: REV. FR. PADDY WALSH

"He has sent me to bring good news to the poor." Lk 4:18

SUNDAY, 17th DECEMBER 2023

GAUDETE SUNDAY (THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER

The Third Sunday of Advent

9:30am (Mass): Mary Greatorex (Anniversary)

6:00pm (Mass): People of the Parish

Monday, 18 DECEMBER

Advent Weekday

No Mass at St. Vincent's

Tuesday, 19 DECEMBER

Advent Weekday

9:00am: Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

9:30am (Mass): Tina Leadley RIP

Confessions after Mass

Wednesday, 20 DECEMBER

Advent Weekday

9:00am: Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

9:30am (Mass): Elizabeth Loftus RIP

Thursday, 21 DECEMBER

Advent Weekday / St. Peter Canisius, Priest,
Doctor of The Church

9:00am: Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

9:30am (Mass): David Cope RIP

Friday, 22 DECEMBER

Advent Weekday

9:00am: Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

9:30am (Mass): Lily Saccomando (Anniversary)

Saturday, 23 DECEMBER

Advent Weekday / St. John of Kanty, Priest

Confessions 10:00 – 10:45am

Mass at St. Vincent's Mission Hub (Check
their website for Mass times)

SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30am (Mass): People of the Parish

*The Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of The
Nativity of Our Lord*

5:00pm (Mass): Young People of the Parish

11:00pm: Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

Midnight (Mass): Priests Intentions

MONDAY, 25 DECEMBER

The Solemnity of The Nativity of Our Lord

9:30am (Mass): People of the Parish

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Week 3 of the Psalter

Catholic Chaplain urgent call: NGH: 2434343. Hallamshire
Hospital: 2711900. Ask for the Catholic Priest Chaplain on duty
(day or night).

S.V.P: If anyone in the parish would like assistance with anything
please ring, 07904664898.

Live Simply Pledge: Donating just £1 to St Wilfrid will allow
someone to have a warm shower.

Live Simply Pledge for November: I will ask for a donation to a
charity instead of a birthday present & Christmas presents.

Interested in Catholicism: To be announced.

Of your charity please pray for the anniversaries:

Kathleen Foley (17/12/17), Fr James Flynn (17/12/86), Sarah
Ellen Smythe (17/12/88), Mary Farrell (17/12/89), Mary
Greatorex (17/12/93), Mary Lynch (19/12/20), Imelda Feely
(19/12/98), James Joseph Reilly (20/12/85), George Trevor
Adams (21/12/90), Alex Hodgkinson (21/12/93), Alex
Havenhand (21/12/93), Canon David Ryan (22/12/02), Lily
Saccomando (23/12/07), Alice Hobson (23/12/89), Joe
O'Sullivan (23/12/18), Edward Gaughan (23/12/97)

and all other anniversaries that occur at this time.

Latently Dead: Rev. Msgr. Peter Kirkham, Julia Anne Creswick, Brian
Chisell

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

The collection for last Sunday, 10th December was £557.76 plus
standing orders. The electronic giving device has been installed in
the Narthex. **Thank you for your continued generosity.**

Second Collection: The second collection for the CAFOD appeal
for the Gaza Crisis raised: £363.66

Standing Orders: Should you want to set up a standing order,
there is a form to fill in either on the website or it can be collected
from the parish office. The bank details of the parish are: HSBC
UK, 49-63 Fargate, Sheffield. South Yorkshire. S1 2HD.
Name of Account: Diocese of Hallam St Vincent of Paul
Sort code: 40-41-07 Account Number: 81095099

Standing Orders for November 2023: £1670.50

News Extra

Please pray for the sick: Elizabeth Dodson, Melony Oldfield, Mick McKenna, Oona Kirkland, Alison, Veronica Sowerby, Debbie, Felix, Lee Reilly, David Baker, Maura O'Hara, Terry Finn, Johnathan Elbel, Valerie Ashforth, Pat Lintott (O'Connor), Hugh Lafferty, Anne Bright, Goretti Bradshaw, Marie Vintin, Fr Jim Shryane, Fr Michael O'Connor, Minnie Sandiford, Anna Lanera, Paddy and Tom McGrath, Andrew Booth, Rebecca Smith, Michael, Eva Rajesh, Matilda & Family, Bridget Maughan, Theresa Maughan, Jack Hague, Tony, John Jackson, Mary Prenter.

Grant them, O Lord, your healing and peace.

St. Vincent's Parish Live Simply Prayer:

Father, source of light and goodness help us to tread lightly on your world, and to share with each other the fruits of your creation.

Acting justly, loving tenderly and living simply.
Showing humility and gratitude for all that you give. Lord of heaven and earth.

Day by Day booklets: Day by Day booklets for Advent are now available in the narthex, along with infant and junior editions.

Advent Taize: There will be an Advent Taizé service from 7:45pm to 8:45pm on Wednesday 20th December at St Francis of Assisi, Crosspool. All are welcome to this mixture of music, prayer, readings and reflection, which is an opportunity to find some sacred space to remember and re-focus upon the object of our advent preparations: the Incarnation.

Christmas Masses:

24th of December

Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent – 9:30am

Vigil Mass of The Nativity of Our Lord – 5:00pm

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament – 11:00pm

*Holy Mass on the Solemnity of The Nativity of Our Lord (The Midnight Mass with Latin Propers) –
Midnight*

25th of December

Holy Mass on the Solemnity of The Nativity of Our Lord – 9:30am

Living Simply:

Our parish is aiming to do enough to earn a CAFOD Live Simply Award. The Pope, in his letters *Laudate Si'*, *Laudate Deum* and many speeches, has called on us all to live more simply and to make changes which will help rescue our beautiful world. Each month the Parish Live Simply Group asks you to make a pledge: this month it is to ask for a donation to a charity rather than a birthday or Christmas present for yourself. To show that you support the parish effort, please tick the Living Simply Pledge sheet in the narthex. And then, do something very practical. Look out for the Living Simply notice in the bulletin each week and read about the Award on the parish website

www.stvincentschurch.com/live-simply.html

Parish Panto: It's Panto time!! This year the Pantomime is 'Dick Whittington and the Yellow Brick Road' Rehearsals will be on Thursday 4th, Fridays 12th, 19th and 26th January. Dress rehearsal is on Thursday 1st February (all in the hall from 7.30pm) Performances will take place Friday 2nd February at 7.30 pm and Saturday 3rd February at 2pm and 7.30pm. Sign-up sheet for Panto now at the back of Church. Please sign up if you want a part or can help in any way.

Advent Talks: This year the parish will be having a series of Advent talks on Mondays from the 27th of November at 7pm. **The final talk by Fr. Paddy Walsh on the Incarnation this Monday.** Information can be found on posters in the narthex. Snacks and drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be provided. So if you're sat at home wondering what to do on these cold and dark evenings, please do come and join us!

No one alone this Christmas! : This year Josh and Fr. Paddy will be hosting and cooking Christmas dinner at St. Vincent's (arrive at 2pm for 3pm Christmas Dinner) for anyone who would be alone on Christmas day. This is completely free of charge; please just let us know if you would like to come as we will need to know how many to cook for.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass: St. Vincent's will be having a children's Christmas Eve Mass on the 24th of December at 5pm. If your child would like to do a reading, or dress up, please contact Orla Wilson: orlawilson63@outlook.com

This week's top tip for getting the most out of Holy Mass:

It's so easy to drift through the Mass, to daydream, to let ourselves be distracted, to spend time mentally criticising the liturgy or the music or the priest... If we make a determined decision to concentrate and listen and be mentally and spiritually present, it really helps. We can imagine that the words are spoken for us – which they are.

We can give our full attention to the scripture readings. And when Christ is made Really Present at the Consecration, when the bread and wine are changed into his Body and Blood, then we can welcome and adore him. And in this way, everything that happens becomes personal and precious.

Post-Communion is a time for personal reflection. Unfortunately, it's seen by some as an optional part of the Mass. Don't duck out post-communion! Remember that Jesus Christ is as close as He can get to your heart. This is the best time to bring everything to Him: your last week, your anxieties for the upcoming week, your excitements, victories, etc. He allowed Himself to be received by you so that He can receive you.

Just remember, it's OK to get distracted. But what's not OK is being OK with that! Failure to plan is planning to fail. Don't go to Mass without a plan to avoid distraction. Just know, the Choirs of Angels and Communion of Saints are present at every Mass praying for you to grow closer to Christ. You've got a good team in your corner.

Mass Times for Christmas Week:

26th December – *Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon, Protomartyr* – **11am**

27th December – *Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist* – **No Mass**

28th December – *Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs* – **11am**

29th December – *Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr, Patron of The Pastoral Clergy of England* – **11am**

30th December – *Sixth day of the Octave of Christmas* – **No Mass**

Saint of the Week: St. Peter Canisius (21st December)

The energetic life of Peter Canisius should demolish any stereotypes we may have of the life of a saint as dull or routine. Peter lived his 76 years at a pace which must be considered heroic, even in our time of rapid change. A man blessed with many talents, Peter is an excellent example of the scriptural man who develops his talents for the sake of the Lord's work.

Although Peter once accused himself of idleness in his youth, he could not have been idle too long, for at the age of 19 he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards he met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced Peter so much that he joined the recently formed Society of Jesus.

At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life—a process of study, reflection, prayer, and writing. In 1547, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany—from that point on his life's work. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand—a great need of that age.

Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. In his letters—filling eight volumes—one finds words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. At times he wrote unprecedented letters of criticism to leaders of the Church—yet always in the context of a loving, sympathetic concern.

At 70, Peter suffered a paralytic seizure, but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary, until his death in his hometown of Nijmegen, Netherlands, on December 21, 1597.

Peter's untiring efforts are an apt example for those involved in the renewal of the Church or the growth of moral consciousness in business or government. He is regarded as one of the creators of the Catholic press, and can easily be a model for the Christian author or journalist. Teachers can see in his life a passion for the transmission of truth. Whether we have much to give, as Peter Canisius did, or whether we have only a little to give, as did the poor widow in the Gospel of Luke (see Luke 21:1–4), the important thing is to give our all. It is in this way that Peter is so exemplary for Christians in an age of rapid change when we are called to be in the world but not of the world.

This Sunday's Response to the Psalm:
My soul rejoices in my God.

Parish Key Contacts:

Parish Pastoral Council:

The Parish Council has a key role in working with the parish priest to serve the people of the parish. The members of the Council aim to represent different aspects of the parish community and they meet about once a month. It should be possible to catch one of them after Mass on Sunday. Posters detailing the members can be found in the narthex and in the hall. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself if you are new to the parish, have something to raise, or have a question to ask.

Contact: Russell Brynes (Chair) T: 07775 573443 E: russellbrynes@gmail.com

Maria Mawson (Secretary) T: 07584 040199

Parish WhatsApp Group:

There is a parish WhatsApp group, which any member of the parish can join. Regular items are uploaded to it, such as the weekly bulletin and Fr. Walsh's homily, as well as ad hoc items of interest. If you would like to be added please contact one of the group administrator(s) via Fr. Walsh.

Around the Diocese:

Carmel Care needs Volunteers:

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? Would you like to join our welcoming friendly team at Carmel Care?

We are looking for volunteers who can help us serve lunch and chat to our guests.

For more information please contact Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Vacancies in the Hallam Diocese: Any vacancies for jobs around the diocese in Schools or Parishes can be found at: <https://hallam-diocese.com/about-doh/vacancies/>

Hallam Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage: The next Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28 June- 4 July 2024. Booking Forms can be downloaded from the pilgrimage website www.hallam-lourdes.com or be picked up at the back of church.



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