

From Sunday's Gospel

One day a man who had leprosy came to Jesus because he wanted to be healed. The man knelt in front of Jesus and said, "If you want to, you can heal my leprosy." Jesus was filled with compassion and said, "Of course I want to." Then Jesus reached out to touch him and said, "Be healed!". At once the man's leprosy disappeared and he was healed. Before sending the man on his way Jesus said firmly, "Don't tell anyone about this. Just go and show yourself to the priest, and take an offering to the Temple as commanded by Moses, and everyone will know you have been healed." But, instead, the man went and told everybody what had happened. This meant that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay out in the country. Even so people would still come to him from everywhere around.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"The compassion of God, his suffering-with-us, gives meaning to our struggles and our sufferings." Jesus has compas-

sion for all those who are left out, all those on the margins. He came to take away fear and loneliness. He wants everyone to feel accepted and loved and he wants us to be compassionate towards others, to be with them side by side in their pain. All of us can feel sorry for another person who is suffering. Compassion is more than sorrow, it is a willingness to share their pain even when it causes pain for us!

Ministers

February 11th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am S.Gibson

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
C.Ward/K.McKune

February 18th

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am C.Ivatts
10.00am E.Jubb

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £431.44 Second: £172.02 Shop £131.22 Thank You

Votive Candles: £77.66 Thank You

Saddleworth Sing for Pleasure Choir: £150.00 Thank You

Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART



Sacred Heart & St. William

31 High Street

Uppermill OL3 6HS

web: www.sacredheartparish.org.uk

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11th 2018 (Mark's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
10.00am

Special Intention (KA)
Marina Brookes & Marie Miller
People of the Parish

Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 9.30am
Wednesday 12.00 noon
7.30pm

Refreshments after Mass

Fr Bernard Ratlidge
Austin Smith
People of the Parish **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Clifford Jones

Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 10.00am
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
10.00am

Sisters of Mercy Wanstead Centenary
Sr Gertrude Hayes
Pedro Ballestare
Jack & Edna Wade
Elaine Miller
People of the Parish

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

When there is A Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is NO Exposition

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LENT 2018

In his Lenten message for 2018 Pope Francis wans against having 'cold hearts' and invites us to ask the Lord to give us a 'heart like his own'! He then lists 10 ways in which we might use the Season of Lent:

Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil—Lent helps us to leave behind bad habits and to the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us.

Do something that 'hurts' Lent is a fitting time for self denial, to ask what can we give up to help enrich others by our own poverty.

Don't remain indifferent—Lent is a time to listen again to the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience.

Take part in the sacraments—Lent is a time hearing God's word and receiving the sacraments, especially the Eucharist where we become what we receive—the Body of Christ.

Pray—Lent is a time of prayer, of more prolonged prayer, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Fast—Lent is a time to fast in such a way that it questions our security and leads to some benefit for others.

Give Alms—Lent is a time that helps us to experience giving freely which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing and the fear of losing what we have.

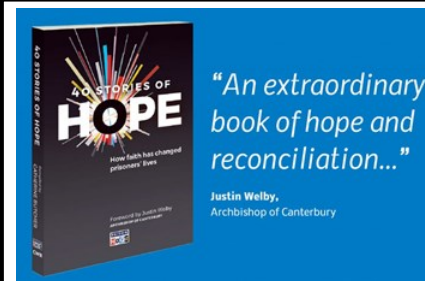
Help the Poor—Lent is a time to help us see Christ's face in the poor and the out-cast, by loving and serving the poor, we love and serve Christ.

Evangelise—Lent is a time when the Lord asks us to be joyful heralds of the good news of mercy and hope.



Women's World Day of Prayer

The service for the Women's World Day of Prayer will take place at **10.00am** In the Church of the Sacred Heart & St William on Friday 2nd March with refreshments in the Parish centre after the service.



Churches Together in Saddleworth

Lent Course

This year CTIS is offering a 5 week Ecumenical reflection Course based on the book

40 stories of Hope—how faith changed

Prisoners' lives

Sacred Heart and St William are hosting 5 sessions taking place in the Parish Centre on Thursday evenings beginning

Thursday February 22nd.

7.30pm - 9.00pm. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm.

The book is available at a cost of £2.00. Copies are available at the back of the church. Please sign the list if you take a copy. Payment can be made later.



Lent 2018—House Masses

If you are willing to 'host' a House Mass during Lent please sign the list at the back of the church so that a day and a time can be arranged. Thank You



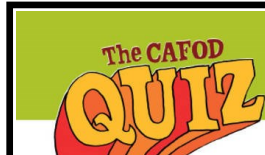
The Stations of the Cross

Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are willing to lead The Stations of the Cross. Copies of different versions of the Stations are available in the sacristy.



Week of Accompanied Prayer February 26th-March 2nd

The Information/Opening Meeting is NEXT Sunday at 4.00pm in the parish room in the presbytery. Please return any completed forms or bring them to the meeting. Thank you



The Very Popular Annual Quiz Night for CAFOD will be held on **FRIDAY 9th MARCH 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

Tickets are now available from Susan or Anne.