

### From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have learnt how it was said: you must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who are unkind to you and say bad things about you; in this way you will be sons and daughters of God, your Father in heaven. For God causes his sun to rise on good and bad people, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest people alike. For if you only love those who you like, why should you be rewarded, even sinners do that! And if you are friendly only to the people you like, are you doing anything exceptional? You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday



Pope Francis writes:

**"Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to speak badly of others, not to criticize, but rather to love everyone."**

Everyone likes to be loved and life is much more fulfilling when we follow Jesus' command to love, but we also know how difficult it can be sometimes to love others when they hurt us or irritate us, or say bad things about us. Can we rise above our natural feelings and love as Jesus loves? Do I need to forgive someone, or to say sorry to someone this week?

### Ministers

### February 19th

#### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm K.Stokes  
8.30am C.Ivatts  
10.00am J.Sheard

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

### February 26th

6.00pm L.Anderton  
8.30am M.Crewdson  
10.00am A.Kirkman

S.Dyson  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
G.Leggat/C.Hall

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £367.72 Second: £167.67 Shop £191.06 Thank You  
Saddleworth Round Table—Santa Dash £40.00 Thank You

### IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING CHEQUES

If you are making out a cheque please make it payable to  
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## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19th 2017 Year A (Matthew's Gospel)

### Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Clifford Jones
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Paula Nunn
<b>Refreshments after Mass</b>		
Monday	9.30am	November Dead List
Tuesday	9.30am	Terry Collins
<b>8.00pm Taizé Prayer group</b>		
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Elsie Hall
Thursday	9.30am	James McKune
Friday	9.30am	Fr Neil Gallanagh
Saturday	10.00am	People of the Parish
Vigil	6.00pm	Jack Cockayne
Sunday	8.30am	Barbara Smith
	10.00am	Ann McCarthy

**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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### PARISH FAMILY FAITH & FUN DAY

Lent—Stepping-Stones to Easter

ALL Families are invited to an afternoon of story, crafts, tea and cake

**Saturday 25th February 10.30-3.30pm**

We hope, during the afternoon, to create a visual path from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday which will be displayed in the Church and which, like the crib in the porch at Christmas, will help us all enter into this great season of grace.



### CAFOD Quiz

This year's quiz will take place, on **Friday March 10th**—please make a note of it in your diary—tickets are now available . Please see Anne if you wish to purchase one (or more). Thank

### DUEYP Special Meeting

Sincere thanks to those who attended the Special meeting last Wednesday—the



Parish was very well represented as those present voted to accept the recommendation formally to close the Project as from the 31st May 2017. The Trustees, including John McKune and Tessa Spalding from our parish, were charged with doing this in such a way as to fulfil all legal and financial requirements. Our sincere thanks, as a parish, to all the Trustees for their tireless and selfless work during the life of the Project.



### White Hart Gala Dinner—Next Saturday

#### Fundraising for Brain Tumour Research Campaign

In memory of Tara Dyson, **The White Hart , 7.00 for 7.30pm.**

Please contact Ceara Waterhouse for further information and for tickets on [kiki@fernholme.co.uk](mailto:kiki@fernholme.co.uk) Raffle Prizes gratefully received



### Thought for the week

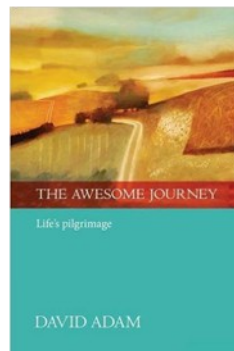
Maybe we are off target, and certainly we have no easy answers, but I, for one, am glad that we are living among the questions. Fr Brian Green



### Lent 2017—House Masses

Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st, a week on Wednesday, and the Lent Diary will be available from NEXT Sunday. One suggestion was to have a House Mass in the different villages in Saddleworth during each week of Lent. Please see the list at the back of the Church and sign it in the appropriate place if you are willing to host a House Mass. If your village has not been mentioned please sign against 'Other' and name the village! Once you have signed up please contact Fr Bernard to arrange a date. Thank You.

### Churches Together in Saddleworth—Lent Course



This Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1st, Churches Together in Saddleworth are offering a five week ecumenical reflection course based on a book by David Adam Called The Awesome Journey—Life's pilgrimage. The Parish has bought FOUR copies of the book for people to borrow. If you would like to buy your own copy they can purchased at the reduced price of £5.00—Please sign the list at the back of the church. Meetings will take place on Thursday 9th March and for the FOUR following Thursdays , 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th at **7.30-9.00pm in the Parish Centre**. All welcome



### Cornerstone Thank You

Dear Fr Bickers and Parishioners,

How can we ever thank you all for such an abundance of items that we regularly use and share with the people sleeping rough. Sr Lucy sends her grateful thanks and much appreciation for all that you do for Cornerstone, and with such generosity in giving. Each time Celia and Philip come with all the goodies, it seems like Christmas all over again...Thank God we are able to help some of the homeless people with a bed for the night when it is so cold. Others we have already sleeping in the Pods here at Cornerstone, others bunking down on the floor here at night...Father, thank you and your wonderful parishioners for all that they do and for Celia and Philip for bringing all the blessings to Cornerstone so faithfully, and Celia stuffed up, God love her! God bless and reward you, Shalom Sr Maria fmsj