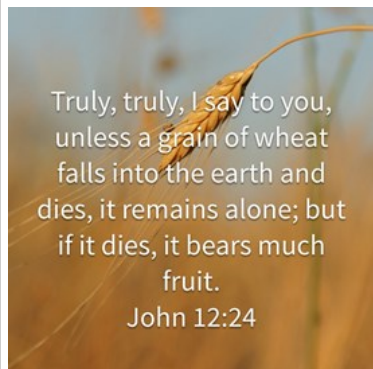


From Sunday's Gospel



Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat
falls into the earth and
dies, it remains alone; but
if it dies, it bears much
fruit.
John 12:24

Jesus said, 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. If you do not bury a grain of wheat, it stays just one grain. But if you bury it in the ground, it dies, and then produces a rich harvest. In the same way those who are willing to give up their lives to help others will be given everlasting life. Whoever serves me must follow me. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will bring all people to myself.' By these words Jesus made it known how he would die.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday



Pope Francis writes:

"To follow Jesus means to share his merciful love for every human being." Today's word is **'follow'** and Pope Francis

assures us that our following of Jesus will have a good influence on how we treat other people. We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day and in this way make things better for our families and those around us. In this coming week let us ask ourselves how we can follow Jesus, even in little ways, like giving our time to someone who is sad or in need?

Ministers

March 18th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am S.Rudd

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

March 25th

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am C.Ivatts
10.00am S.Gibson

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £437.77 Second: (Catholic Care) £440.67 Shop: £175.18 Thank You
Donation in memory of Susan Drummond: £160.00 Thank You
Donation Stuart & Anna Taylor for Maximilian's 1st birthday £50.00 Thank You

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Sacred Heart & St. William

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Uppermill OL3 6HS
web: www.sacredheartparish.org.uk**

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18th 2018 (Mark's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
10.00am

In Thanksgiving
People of the Parish
Jutta Russo

4.00pm

Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 9.30am
Wednesday 12.00 noon
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am

Refreshments after Mass

Lenten Reflection—Forsaken by God?

Frank Arden (Snr)
Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Joan Yeadsley
Peter Keefe
Aiden Breen

7.00pm

Saturday 10.00am
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
10.00am

Service of Reconciliation

November Dead List
Robert Stokes
People of the Parish
Cissie Bickers

4.00pm

Scripture Reflection

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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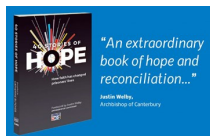
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First Forgiveness



The wonderful Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession, Penance, Reconciliation) will be experienced for the first time by some of our younger parishioners on **SATURDAY MARCH 24TH at 11.00am in Church**. In preparation for this celebration there will be a meeting for the children and their parents on **Sunday March 18th after the 10.00am** when we will go through the service together. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to experience God's loving forgiveness in this Sacrament.

Churches Together in Saddleworth Lent Course



40 stories of Hope—how faith changed Prisoners' lives

The next and FINAL meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on **Thursday March 22nd 7.30pm - 9.00pm**. We will look at Week 4, reading Chapters 10-12:40 of Mark's Gospel on the night. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

As in previous years we are hoping to bring together a small group of people to lead the singing during the Holy Week Liturgies and especially the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31st. There will be only ONE singing practice which will take place on Sunday March 25th, Palm Sunday. Please make a note of the date. Everyone is welcome to come along.

EASTER EGGS



At a recent parish meeting a suggestion was made that our families provide an Easter Egg for children who otherwise would not get one at Easter. This will again work through the Oldham Project which does so much outreach with refugees and asylum seekers. It is really good that some parishioners are actively involved with the Project. Again, any holdalls, haversacks, cases, good quality outdoor clothing will be greatly appreciated. Our Charity Shop has been very generous in giving clothes etc,



LENT Service of Reconciliation



This will take place **next Friday 23rd March at 7.00pm** as advertised on the Lent Calendar. Lent is a time when we are invited to look deeply into our lives, to seek forgiveness for any wrong and to ask the Lord to help us to Come Back to Him with all our hearts. Coming together to listen to God's word, to examine our lives, to acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness knowing that God never turns a repentant sinner away will bring great graces on us as individuals, as families, as a parish and on the Church.

Sponsored Half Marathon

Roise Ward-Lynch is seeking sponsors for her half marathon in aid of

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Children with cancer UK



who do research to help find a cure for children's cancer and provide care for children with cancer. More than 10 children and young people are diagnosed with cancer each day so any help for this charity will be greatly appreciated. Please see the sponsorship forms at the back of the church this weekend. Thank You.

Leeds Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes Friday 6th—Thursday 12th July 2018

HOSPITALITY STAFF NEEDED.



If anybody would like to join the pilgrimage as a **Doctor, Nurse or Carer** (no formal qualifications required to be a carer), we are hosting a meeting on Tuesday 27th March at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds LS6 2BX at 7:00pm where you can come along and meet some of the team and ask any questions you may have. We raise money throughout the year, to help fund our Nurses to come as they are desperately needed.

Any questions please feel free to ring Jo Jarvis on 07881518465.



Thought for the Week

What seem to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise.