

From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus says to his disciples: "Do not worry about your life, and what you are to eat and drink, or what clothes you will wear. Life is about more than these things. Look at the birds in the sky. They do not plant seeds or grow crops and store them in barns; yet your heavenly Father takes care of them. And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they do not work or make clothes for themselves; but I tell you not even King Solomon in all his royal robes was dressed as well as these.. If God takes such care over the birds and the flowers, you can be sure God will take even greater care over you"



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"It is in the human heart that the Kingdom of God takes root and grows." Jesus reassures us that

putting the Kingdom of God first in our lives stops us from worrying about so many unnecessary things. When we live as Jesus taught us, God's Kingdom grows within our hearts. It is a kingdom of truth filled with love, holiness, justice, happiness, healing and peace. In what ways can we help the Kingdom of God to grow at home, at school and in our parish this coming week?

Ministers

February 26th

Liturgy of the Word

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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

March 5th

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am E.Davies
10.00am Sunday School Family

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £448.23 Second: £161.94 Shop £225.50 Thank You
Birthday Party £40.00 P.U.Friendship Matters £50.00 Thank You

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING CHEQUES

If you are making out a cheque please make it payable to
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Sacred Heart & St. William

31 High Street

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26th 2017 Year A (Matthew's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Jack Cockayne
Sunday 8.30am Barbara Smith
10.00am Ann McCarthy

Refreshments after Mass

Monday 9.30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion
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8.00pm Taizé Prayer group

Wednesday 12.00 noon People of the Parish **Ash Wednesday**
7.30pm November Dead List

Thursday 9.30am Special Intention (L&D)

Friday **12.00 noon** Maureen Beatty **First Friday**
7.30pm **Women's World Day of Prayer Service**

Saturday 10.00am Yorkshire Brethren

Vigil 6.00pm Stella Philbin

Sunday 8.30am People of the Parish

10.00am Sr Dominic Golligly

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 2017

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday when we begin the great season of grace that the Church calls Lent. Pope Francis writes the following:

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over

death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016). Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply."

Please pick up a 'Lent Diary' which gives the different opportunities for Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving in the Parish, and please see the notice board in the porch for other opportunities in Saddleworth and throughout the diocese of Leeds.

Now, now, it is the Lord who speaks,

Come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.

Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in compassion and ready to relent. (Ash Wednesday First Reading from the prophet Joel)

Gospel Reflection



The next Gospel Reflection will take place this coming Friday, 3rd March, at 10.30am in the Parish Room. All welcome

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



Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday March 3rd

7.30pm Sacred Heart &

St William Church

Refreshments after the service in the Parish Centre. All Welcome



Sunday School

The next Sunday School will take place after the 10.00am Mass
NEXT Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, March 5th.



Lent 2017—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.

Churches Together in Saddleworth—Lent Course

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. 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

The books have now arrived and are available for collection from the Sacristy.



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**.

Thought for the week



"The spiritual life does not remove us from the world but leads us deeper into it." Henri Nouwen