

### From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus astonished the people with the gracious words that came from his lips. But then the people started saying, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' Jesus replied, "I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country." Then Jesus angered them with a story which showed that God's love is for everyone, not just for a particular group of people. Jesus said: "There were many widows in Israel in the great famine, but God sent Elijah the prophet to a widow in a different country." When the people heard this they wanted to throw Jesus off a cliff. But Jesus slipped through the crowd and walked away."



**Pope Francis writes:**

**"Dear young people, God's love is free. God asks for nothing in return; all God wants is for us to accept his love."** To-

day's words are **God's Love**. God has no favourites we are all loved equally by God. Through the person he was and through his teaching and miracles, Jesus showed people that God's love is for everyone. God loves us and we can share this love with others. How are we going to share God's love this coming week to help build up our families and communities?

#### Ministers

#### February 3rd

##### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm K.Stokes  
8.30am J.McMahon  
10.00am S.Gibson

##### Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

#### February 10th

6.00pm P.Redshaw  
8.30am C.Ivatts  
10.00am FF Family

T.Spalding/C.Hall  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
M.McKune/M.Farmer

***New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.***

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**First: £510.48 Second: £204.12 Shop: £147.49 Votives: £25.00 Thank You P.V.Friendship Matters £25.00 Thank You**

**Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART**



## **Sacred Heart & St William**

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## ***4th Week in Ordinary Time February 3rd 2019 (Luke's Gospel)***

### **Times of Masses & Intentions**

Saturday Vigil	6.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	Marina Brookes
	10.00am	Sisters of Mercy

### **Refreshments after Mass**

Monday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday	12.00noon	Sr Nora David
Thursday	9.30am	Fr Donal O'Leary
Friday	9.30am	Special Intention (J & DG)
Saturday	10.00am	Anne Cunningham
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Ken McKeown
Sunday	8.30am	Marie & Elaine Miller
	10.00am	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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## Society for the **Protection** of Unborn Children

It is a couple of years since we had an appeal on behalf of SPUC and this week-end of February 2nd/3rd Mary Farmer, our SPUC representative will make the appeal. Recently there has been talk of some MP's wanting to decriminalise abortion and SPUC have produced materials arguing against such a proposal and asking us to write to our local MP urging them to vote against such a proposal. These materials are at the back of the church for people to take. 100 copies of **Say No to decriminalising abortion** and 10 copies of **We care about women**.



### **Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection**

**Week of Accompanied Prayer** Monday February 25th—Friday 1st March.

#### **Introduction and information to the above**

Sunday 10th February 4.00pm

This year it has not been possible to organise an Individually Guided retreat in the spring, so those who have been on these retreats in the recent past might want to avail themselves of the **Week of Accompanied Prayer**.

**Lent through the eyes of Luke** Saturday 23rd February 10.45-3.00pm

Fr Michael Winstanley, who gave us some terrific insights into Luke's Gospel in preparation for Advent last year, has very kindly agreed to return to the parish to help us prepare for Lent by sharing more of his insights into St Luke's Gospel, which will be our guide throughout this liturgical year. More details later.

### **CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT**



This very popular annual social event and fund raiser will take place on

**FRIDAY MARCH 8th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

Tickets cost £5.00 per person and include potato pie supper.

Teams of up to 6 people.

Soft drinks, tea and coffee available, please bring your own alcohol.

### **Family Faith Formation**



The next meetings will take place after the 10.00am Mass next Sunday, February 10th. The catechists meet monthly to prepare these sessions, giving of their time freely and they really enjoy the children and young people turning up and taking part. I really do urge parents to make every effort to attend. I appreciate that there will be times when it is not possible because of a clash of dates, but I would hope that these sessions remain a real priority.

### **Prayer for the Sick**



Many of us know people, family members or friends, who are unwell or who are about to undergo surgery. Below is a prayer by a Jewish Rabbi which entrusts those who are sick or in pain to the Lord.

***O God, in our hearts we name those facing illness and pain. We join our prayers with the prayers of all who love them. Give them renewed comfort and courage. Strengthen in them the healing powers you have placed within us all. Guide the hands and hearts of those who are entrusted with their care. May the knowledge of your love and ours give added hope to them and to their dear ones. May they find even greater strength because our prayers are linked with theirs.***



### **Street Pastors— This Sunday**

a Training Session on "The Roles and

Responsibilities" of Street Pastors on **Sunday 3rd February** at **South Chadderton Methodist Church** from **2.00pm-7.30pm**.

This is open to anyone who is interested in knowing more about Street Pastors. It does NOT commit anyone to becoming a Street Pastor and attendance is FREE.



Sometimes one creates a dynamic impression by saying something, and some times one creates a significant impression by remaining silent.

(Dalhi Lama)