

### 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 daughters and sons 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 love you, why should you be rewarded?

Even sinners do that. You must therefore be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, let us ask the Lord for the grace **not to speak badly of others, not to criticise, but rather to love everyone.**"

Today's word is **Love**. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus is asking us to do something quite exceptional, namely to love all people regardless of how they treat us. Life becomes more joyful when we follow Jesus' command to love one another. Each of us could spend some time deciding how in this week we can grow in our love for others. A wonderful preparation for LENT.

#### Ministers

#### February 23rd

##### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis  
8.30am J.McMahon  
10.00am T.King

##### Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

#### March 1st

6.00pm C.Hall  
8.30am C.Ivatts  
10.00am FF Family

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

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

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**First: £432.79 Second: £181.64 Shop £211.01 Thank You**

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



## **Sacred Heart & St William**

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## ***7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23rd 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)***

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

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Jack Cockayne
	8.30am	Pat Sparkes
Sunday	10.00am	James McKune
<b>Refreshments after Mass</b>		
Monday	9.30am	Annie Flanagan
Tuesday	9.30am	November Dead List
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Recovery (J) <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention (TB)
Friday	9.30am	Margaret Holmes
Saturday	10.00am	Joseph Priestley
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Clifford Jones
	8.30am	People of the Parish
Sunday	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**

### **Contact Details:**

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### Family Faith Formation



The next FFF Meeting will take place next Sunday, March 1st. This will be slightly different to the norm because our young parishioners and families are inviting ALL parishioners to join them in the parish centre after the 10.00am



Mass to raise awareness about climate issues, through video, activities and games. Parishioners, young and young in heart are invited to come in superhero outfits! There will be refreshments after Mass and any cakes will be gratefully received. There will be a raffle and all money raised from the refreshments and the raffle will go to CAFOD. Please do support this exciting initiative by our younger families.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Praying with Zimbabwe



FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



### A Service for Everyone

Friday 6th March  
Sacred Heart & St William  
Church—7.30pm  
Followed by light  
refreshments in the Parish  
Centre—all Welcome.

**Rise! Take your mat and walk.**

### The Stations of the Cross



One of the Traditional devotions during Lent is to follow Christ on the Way to Calvary. The stations depicted in the picture is of Jesus being helped to carry his cross by Simon of Cyrene. Can we put ourselves in Simon's place? There is a list at the back of the Church for individuals to sign if willing to lead The Stations of the Cross. There are different versions available in the sacristy. Please feel free to choose any of them if leading this devotion.



"Speak to people with love and compassion and you have the ability to create change in them." Matt Valentine



**Ash Wednesday** is this coming Wednesday, February 26th which opens for us the great season of grace which we call Lent. In his Lenten Message for 2020 Pope Francis writes:

*Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.*

### **Ash Wednesday:**

**Masses 12.00 noon and 7.30pm** Ashes distributed during both Masses

### Celebration of First Forgiveness



This will take place on **Saturday March 7th** at **11.00am** in Church. Parents are asked to continue with the children's preparation using the materials given out during the recent parents' meeting.



### CTIS LENT COURSE—Build on the Rock

Five weeks from Monday March 2nd. Meetings in the Parish centre will be on Thursdays, starting March 5th from 7.30pm-9.00pm

Please see Notice Board in the porch for other venues and times.