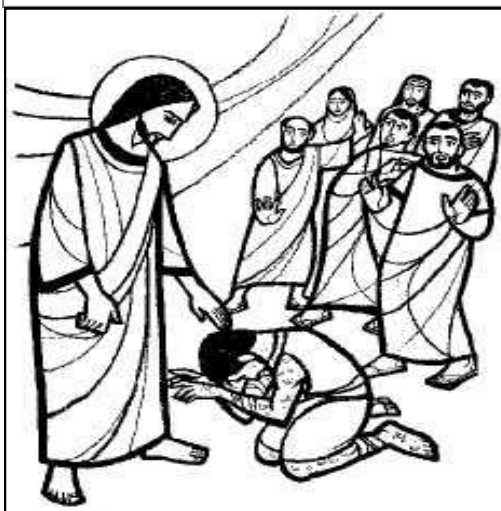




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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

*Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,
or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge
over those who sleep.*

Tend your sick ones, loving Lord.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones.

*Give strength and vigilant awareness
for all who care
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 11th	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) welfare of Willem Moolenschot (fam)	
Mon 12th	feria 9.30 (HAD) D Brady RIP 11am (HAD) funeral : D Brady RIP	
Tues 13th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Fitzsimmons & Potter fams welfare (fam)	
Wed 14th	ASH WEDNESDAY (day of fasting & abstinence) 9.30 (HAD) welfare M Farrell & fam (AB) 7pm (BB) for the parish	
Thurs 15th	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) Larry Farrell RIP (CB)	
Fri 16th	Lent feria 9.30 (BB) J Dickson RIP (SL) 2.30 (HAD) Stations of the Cross	
Sat 17th	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) pr int	
Sun 18th	FIRST LENT 9.15 (BB) Jill Ollerenshaw RIP (S&JH) 11am (HAD) R Cadman RIP (MW & fam)	
<p style="text-align: center;">SIXTH SUNDAY (B)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalter Week 2</p> <p>Introduction: With the lepers of today`s readings, we cry to the Lord to cure us from our sickness and sin.</p> <p>First Reading : Lev 13 : The banishment of the lepers by Moses and Aaron.</p> <p>Resp.Ps. YOU LORD HAVE FORGIVEN THE GUILT OF MY SIN</p> <p>Second Reading : 1 Cor 10 : Never do anything to offend anyone.</p> <p>Gospel : Mk 1 : Jesus cleanses the leper - and is ostracised himself.</p>		

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish: Peter James, Pauline Anderson, Isabella Phillips, Joe Singleton, Joan Killeen, Una Wilkinson, Christine Wild, David Healey, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Beatrice & John Eaton, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Norman Mellor, Lisa-Marie Dineley, Sandra Murphy, Eileen Blomeley, James Flanagan:
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them: may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY, the 6th ordinary, is the last 'green Sunday' till mid-June. In the gospel We see both the divine power and the divine compassion of Jesus in the act of healing the leper. The divine power was necessary in all instantaneous cures. Even if the diseases were curable, the ordinary process of nature took time to fight off the causes and to return to normality. Therefore, where there was an instantaneous recovery some power above nature, some supernatural cause brought it about. But where the disease was incurable, as real leprosy then was, to remove it by a simple word of command was more emphatically still the result of divine power. This divine power Jesus had, for he was himself divine, the Son of God.

THIS SUNDAY coincides with the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Even though that feast day is not celebrated because of its coincidence with Sunday, it is still **the World Day of Prayer for the sick**. In his recommendation for the celebration of this day, Pope Francis refers to the need of keeping company with those who are sick to give them active support and prayerful encouragement.

THE SEASON OF LENT begins on Wednesday. You will note that two Masses are timetabled, both with the imposition of ashes. The season of Lent is the third liturgical season of the year. It runs from Ash Wednesday through to Maundy Thursday. It is a time of prayer penance, fasting and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday itself is one of the two remaining days in the churches calendar for fasting and abstinence. The forty days of Lent reflect the forty days Jesus spent in prayer & fasting in the wilderness, being tempted betimes by the devil. Being a season of restraint, the Gloria is not sung at Mass; the joyful acclamation "alleluia" is not used; flowers do not decorate our church. Also music is more restrained and simply supportive. Of course, when we come to mid-Lent and Laetare Sunday, we ease back on the restraint a little. Please try to come to Mass to begin your Lenten journey with holy determination

SAINTS ALIVE **St Methodius (826? - 885)** was born in Thessalonica. With his brother Cyril he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. After his brother's death he went to Pannonia, where he was assiduous in the work of evangelization. In the complicated international politics of the time he suffered much from attacks by his enemies, but he was always supported by the Popes. He died on 6 April 885. **St Cyril (827? - 869)** was born in Thessalonica and was educated in Constantinople. With his brother Methodius he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. They were called back to Rome, where Cyril died on 14 February 869.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE we note the recent deaths of **Linda Griffin (66)**, erstwhile of St Charles church and parish, more recently of Whitfield house (and St Mary's church) in Glossop. May she rest in peace. Her funeral arrangements are still being planned.

Furthermore, please pray for **Graham Fogarty (49)**, erstwhile of Broadbottom, more recently Stalybridge. His funeral arrangements are indicated for early March. May he too rest in peace. May the relatives and friends of the deceased be comforted & supported, not least by our prayers.

THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS are made for **Jimmy Dickson RIP**, whose Requiem Mass is planned for Monday 19th of Feb, 9.30 at St Charles, prior to cremation at Stockport. **Larry Farrell's** funeral service is indicated for Tuesday 20th of Feb at 1pm at St Charles, prior to cremation at Dukinfield. May they rest in peace.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are diaried for Friday at 2.30 at St Charles. 'Stations' are a devotion of the church. They are not a 'liturgical' function' (led by the clergy). They may be led by any attentive Catholic at a convenient time. Please let me know if you wish to lead 'the Stations'

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES is arranged Mon 15th to Fri 19th July. Prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, with medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit

www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or email simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

INTER CARE, a small international charity based in Syston, Leicestershire, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Since 1974, the charity has provided £18.7 million of medical aid to rural mission-based health units across sub-Saharan Africa. Inter Care relies entirely on fundraising to support its mission. This Lent, please look to support Inter Care's work which provides high-quality medicines and medical supplies to health facilities run by the Catholic Dioceses across Africa. Email [Claudia Domin](mailto:Claudia.Domin@intercare.org.uk) fundraising@intercare.org.uk or visit www.intercare.org.uk

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS of Westminster offered prayers for King Charles III after Buckingham Palace announced on Monday that the king would step away from some public duties amid treatment for cancer. "I am saddened to learn that King Charles is now facing a time of treatment for cancer. On behalf of the entire Catholic Community in England and Wales, I offer His Majesty our warmest wishes and assurance of steadfast prayers for his full and speedy recovery. God bless the King".

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40: N Collins; £20 : A Carlton.

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/collection" 00510567. St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "Charles church/collection" 00269177.

THE QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK:

CATHOLIC FASTING RULES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN FRIDAYS Catholics age 14 and older do not eat meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday. Instead of meat many Catholics choose to eat fish. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics age 18 to 59 also limit the amount of food they eat. Only one full meal, and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal, are eaten. The best rule of thumb is to make sure your meals are smaller than what you would eat on a normal day - and to avoid snacks. Exemption is allowed for pregnant women and those who need regular meals for medical reasons. "Fasting" is the word used when the amount of food eaten is limited. "Abstinence" is when you completely give something up, like meat, for a set period. But enjoy your pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!

SIMONY is the act of selling church offices and roles or sacred things. It is named after Simon Magus, who is described in the Acts of the Apostles as having offered two disciples of Jesus payment in exchange for their empowering him to impart the power of the Holy Spirit to anyone on whom he would place his hands. The term extends to other forms of trafficking for money in "spiritual things".

THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH are as follows: 1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. 2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year. 3. Reception of Holy Communion at least once a year - ordinarily during the period of Easter Duties from Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. 4. Observance of the days of fast and abstinence. 5. Providing for the needs of the Church.

AND FINALLY After a journey of delay and some obfuscation from the Listed Building dept, a defibrillator has been fitted into the oratory at St Charles - directly in line with the statue of the Sacred Heart in the Holy Family chapel! I hope that by fervent intercession with latter, the former may never have to be used!