



Sir Thomas More by
Hans Holbein the Younger

Famous last words

I cannot, therefore, mistrust the grace of God.

I will not mistrust him, Meg, though I shall feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear. I shall remember how St Peter at a blast of wind began to sink because of his lack of faith, and I shall do as he did: call upon Christ and pray to him for help. And then I trust he shall place his holy hand on me and in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning.

And if he permits me to play St Peter further and to fall to the ground and to swear and forswear, may God our Lord in his tender mercy keep me from this, and let me lose if it so happens, and never win thereby! Still, if this should happen, afterward I trust that in his goodness he will look on me with pity as he did upon St Peter and make me stand up again and confess the truth of my conscience afresh and endure here the shame

and harm of my own fault.

And finally, Margaret, I know this well: that without my fault he will not let me be lost. I shall, therefore, with good hope commit myself wholly to him. And if he permits me to perish for my faults, then I shall serve as praise for his justice. But in good faith, Meg, I trust that his tender pity shall keep my poor soul safe and make me commend his mercy.

And, therefore, my own good daughter, do not let your mind be troubled over anything that shall happen to me in this world. Nothing can come but what God wills. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however bad it may seem, it shall indeed be the best.

St Thomas More, last letter to his daughter, Margaret Roper

Loving Lord, you refresh us with your presence and you sustain us with your life-giving word. Show us how to lift the burden of others, especially those who lack the basic necessities of life, and to refresh them with humble care and service.  Amen.

St Thomas More

"Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child."

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (St Edith Stein)



All of us are in God's hands. So, let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another!

Pope Leo XIV



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Learn to build peace

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope...

As sacred scripture teaches, the earth is the Lord's and all of us dwell in it as "aliens and tenants". If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry.

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:1, 16

READINGS

Today:
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Monday:
2 Maccabees 12:43-45
Philippians 3:20-21
Luke 7:11-17

Tuesday:
Romans 12:5-16b
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday:
Romans 13:8-10
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday:
Romans 14:7-12
Luke 15:1-10

Friday:
Romans 15:14-21
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday:
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Luke 16:9-15

Next Sunday:
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22



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All Saints 2025

2nd November 2025

The Word This Week

"A huge number, impossible to count" – that is the picture this Solemnity creates. In every age there have been men and women who have followed the Lord faithfully, and who now rejoice in the Liturgy of Heaven, as they stand before the throne of the Lamb. These are the "anonymous" saints, whose names we don't remember  but even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own "journey of perfection". What does it take to be a saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beati-tudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit  these are not grand, public ways to sanctity. They are domestic, and homely, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. We sometimes exalt the "named" saints to the degree that we can feel they are distant from us. Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the many whose name we do not know, also prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.



Mass Times 2nd November 2025		
Sunday 2nd	Vigil - Saturday 1st Sunday Morning	4pm - Sick & Infirm Clergy 11am - Parish
Monday 3rd	Mass	9.30- Patrick Delaney (birthday memories)
Tuesday 4th	No Mas	10.30- Funeral Service for Sheila Stevenson
Wednesday 5th	Mass	9.30 - Tony Vann
Thursday 6th	Exposition Mass	6pm 6.30pm--Florence Appleton
Friday 7th	Mass	9.30- Tom Lally (RIP)
Saturday 8th	Vigil Mass	4pm-Parish
Sunday 9th	All Saints	11am - Pat Collins (LD)
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Please pray for the above intentions this week. Seven Day Candles have been lit at St Mary’s at these altars. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation.

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 2nd November 2025	
The Sanctuary	Deceased Members of the Parish.
Sacred Heart	Bereaved Families and Friends.
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon

Recent deaths in our Parish
The death has occurred of **Sheila Stevenson** Her Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 4th November at 10.30am. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary’s, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank
Sunday Morning; 9am St Joseph’s, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary’s, Denton

What’s coming up in our parish

November

Tuesday 11th November Sacramental Programme meeting (SJF Cohort) 3.30pm SJF School Hall

Tuesday 11th November Sacramental Programme meeting (StM Cohort) 6.30pm Parish Hall

Wednesday 12th November **Scripture Course** 6.30pm Parish Hall

Wednesday 19th November **Faith in Action** 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Parish Hall

Saturday November 29th 9.30am **CATHOLICISM COURSE** Parish Hall

December

Wednesday 3rd December **Scripture Course** 6.30pm in Parish Hall

Wednesday 17th December **Faith in Action** 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall

ADVENT Reconciliation Services

Tuesday 9th December. 7pm at **St Josephs,**

Wednesday 10th December 7pm **St Mary’s**

Thursday 11th December 7pm **Holy Family**



Scripture Course

Due to the interest in the Scripture course last year. We are putting on a new course .

It will be held on a Wednesday Evening from 6.30m in the Parish Hall. The dates are:

2025 12th November; 3rd December
2026 28th January; 11th February; 4th March; 1st April (Holy Week); 6th May; 11th June

Parish Christmas Raffle

There is a Christmas Hamper on display at the back of church for which raffle tickets will be sold after each Mass. Your support for this will raise much needed money for Church Funds.

Thank you for your support.



November Remembrance List -

Envelopes are at the back of each church to list those loved ones you wish to be remembered in the month of November.



Deceased Members of the Parish in the last 12 Months.

Mary Ryan; Michael Meaney; Tom Lally

Pam Slater; Geoffrey Parsons; Joan Hill

Irene Harrop; Sarah Smith; Mary Murray

Catherine Kirkham; Terence O’ Neill;

William Lister; John Hall; Richard Tarnowski

Bosiljka Mirjana Sijan; Pauline Cleary

Johanna Hassall; Frances Josephine Lewis

Kathleen Dovey; Winifred Holden

Marie Mulholland & Frank Mulholland

Patricia Farnworth; Adriana Robinson

Irene Oaks; Patricia Morrison

CATHOLICISM - JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AND DEEP INTO THE FAITH.A

once-monthly course that explores the rich beauty and truth of our Catholic faith. In a series of films, Bishop Robert Barron travels to many different locations showing how our faith is celebrated throughout the world.

9:00am - Refreshments - Course starts 9:30 - 11:00.

Saturday 29th November

Mass Intentions

We have no Masses left to offer in November. Once all the Masses in December have been allocated, we will them be passing any intentions to Fr Lawrence Gambella to offer on our behalf, until the start of the new year.

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CROWDS
POOR
HERITAGE
PURE

HILL
SPIRIT
HUNGER
HEART

HAPPY
GENTLE
MERCY
REWARD

New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6

As part of our young people's Faith in Action programme, from 22nd October 2025, **we will be offering a group for children in school years 4, 5 and 6.**

The group will take place monthly and be from 6:30pm until 7:30pm.

Our Faith in Action young people will run it (though there will be adult supervision as well) and it will consist of liturgy alongside games and activities.

There is a maximum of 20 places and this will be on a first come first serve basis. The dates are as follows: 19/11/25; 17/12/25; 21/01/26; 25/02/26; 18/03/26; 22/04/26; 20/05/26; 17/06/26

This is a lovely opportunity to allow our Faith in Action young people to develop their skills further as well as bringing the young of the Parish together.

If you are interested in your child attending or would like any further information please could you speak to Claire Cull after Sunday mass for a parental application form.

Mass Offerings :-

Tom Lally (RIP); Deceased Members of Mitchell Family; Sandra McCallak (LD)

Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)