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 2nd March 2025; Eighth Sunday of the Year



Saturday	1st	5.00pm	Edith Monaghan James Tucker	
Sunday	2nd	9.00am 11.00am	Ann Weston Ann Umoren	Eighth Sunday of the Year
Monday	3rd	9.30am	Blanche Watson	St Katherine Drexel
Tuesday	4th	9.30am	Jimmy Connelly (St Patrick's)	St Casimir
Wednesday	5th	9.15am 10.30am	Janet Roynane St Patrick's Tony Murphy St Catherine's	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday	6th	9.30 am	Dead List (St Patrick's)	St Colette
Friday	7th	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross (SC) Richard & Gary T. Curtis	Sts Perpetua & Felicity
Saturday	8th	10.00am 5.00pm	Dead List Myrtle Middleton	St John of God
Sunday	9th	9.00am 11.00am	Peter Wilson Joan Ojczyk	First Sunday of Lent

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP: Ann Weston (St Catherine's)

Elom Family (St Patrick's)

SACRED HEART LAMP: Butler Family (St Catherine's)

Gregory A. (St Patrick's)

SICK: Pope Francis; Tony-Craig Murphy; Eileen Mc Kermit; Eileen O'Shea; Bernadette Donnelly; Zoe Darwin (Beal)

ANNIVERSARIES: Edmund McGlone; Mary Deakin; Michael Ord; Danny Mulcrone; Norman Wade; James Walsh
 Jimmy Connelly; Myrtle Middleton; David Hinchcliffe' Sybil Nelson; Florence Lomas; P. Sievwright; Kathleen Cook;

SEASON OF LENT: 5 Feb. Ash Wednesday. Day of Fast and Abstinence

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom;
 He saved me because he delighted in me.

Collect: Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns....

First Reading:

A reading from the Book of Sirach

22: 4-7

"Do not praise a man before you hear him reason"

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE:

Psalm 92: 2-16.

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High,
 To proclaim your loving mercy in the morning, and your truth in the watches of the night. **R/**

The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar
 Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. **R/**

Still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green
 To proclaim that the Lord is upright. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R/**

Second Reading: A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

15: 54-58

"He gave us the victory through Jesus Christ."

Brethren: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

Acclamation. . Alleluia, alleluia! You shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia

GOSPEL: **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke** **6. 39-45**
“Out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks”

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. “Why do you see the speck in your brother’s eye but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye. For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and an evil person out of his evil person out of his evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: Save us Saviour of the World, for by your Cross and Resurrection. You have set us free

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name
Of the Lord Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by the same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal I Through Christ

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: St Catherine's £617.61. & £133.21. St Patrick's £240.05 Thank you

GIFT AID: If anyone wishes to pay their **GIFT AID** by standing order. The details are as follows:

For St Patrick's Church **Sort Code 404107 Account Number 52191059** (Diocese of Hallam St Patrick's)

St Catherine's Church **Sort Code 404107 Account Number 21094335** (Diocese of Hallam St Catherine's)

Deacon A Crowley: He has a weekly online meeting. On Monday evenings at 7.30pm to look at the readings for the coming Sunday, to be better prepared when they hear the readings on Sunday. On Wednesday evening they meet at 7.30pm for Evening Prayer - For more details contact Deacon Andrew on stpatlanetop@gmail.com

LAMPS: Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart Lamps 2025 (St Patrick's) available for Year 2025.

Please write your loved ones names down. **£5.00 per slot.** When you pay **please write Paid on the sheet**

RESTORATION FUND & SECOND COLLECTION: Kindly put your donations into the Restoration Fund Box which is at the back of the Church at St Catherine's. The amounts received will help pay off the loan taken from the Diocese to refurbish the Church. In December we paid **£5000.00.** This was sent to the Diocese from the amounts received from the Second Collection and the Restoration Box. Thanks to everyone for your generosity. May God bless you and your families.

HOLY COMMUNION: If anyone who is ill or house bound wishes to receive Holy Communion, please get in touch with Fr. Albert either by phone or email.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Last Sunday, 23 February Bishop Ralph confirmed 5 of our young boys and girls at St Catherine's. It was indeed a great occasion. The Liturgy was very meaningful. All the Confirmandi took an active part. I thank Bishop Ralph for consenting to lead the celebrations; to the parents and sponsors who supported their wards and notably to Sean O'Brien who helped prepare the candidates for this great Sacrament. May God bless all of them.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER: Father who art in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken within us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into industrious cultivators of evangelical seeds, May humanity and the cosmos rise, while waiting confidently for the new heavens and the new earth, when the powers of Evil have been defeated, and your glory will be manifested forever. By the grace of the jubilee, revive in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the longing for celestial goods, and pour over the whole world joy and peace of our Redeemer, Blessed God, to you forever be praise and glory forever. Amen.

Calling all overwhelmed and busy parents! Come join us for a faith-filled weekend at St Vincent's Mission Hub! Mike and Alicia Hernon, of the famous Messy Family Project, are coming all the way from the USA, to lead couples during an exclusive workshop, on the Four Disciplines of a Family! The main event is on Saturday 15th March (11-3pm) (Childcare is available on a pre booking basis only). There will also be a Date Night for married couples on Friday March 14, (7:30-9:30pm) with cheese and wine and a talk from Mike and Alicia, on How to Keep Your Love Alive. The evening will end with Eucharistic Adoration. <https://stvincentsmissionhub.org/events-and-info>