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| **Church of St Francis of Assisi**  277 Sandygate Road, Sheffield S10 5SD  Telephone 0114 263 0383  Email: [stfrancisrcsheffield@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisrcsheffield@gmail.com)  Website: [www.stfrancisrc-sheffield.org.uk](http://www.stfrancisrc-sheffield.org.uk)  Registered Charity No. 512021  Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Thornton  Parish Deacon: Stephen Parker | **THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS**  **Sunday 5th OCTOBER 2025**  Year C - Psalter week 3  (People of the Parish) |

**SUNDAY MASS** is at 11am each week. There is also Mass each weekday, normally at 10am. There is no Mass on Saturday.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (**CONFESSION**) is available on request. Contact Fr Kevin.

A basket will be passed around during Mass for the **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**. Alternatively, you can make your offertory donation directly to:

* Account name: Diocese of Hallam St Francis Sheffield
* Sort Code: 40-41-07.
* Account Number: 21094343

If you are able to Gift Aid your offering, please contact Edmund King at [edmundking42@gmail.com](mailto:edmundking42@gmail.com).

The **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION** for October is collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

**PLEASE PRAY** for Ann Bright, Kathleen Campbell, Colette Connolly, Jean Fahy, Olwyn Heyes, Brian H, JH, Paul Spragg and Veronica Sowerby, who are sick, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** (all at 10am)

Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday 8th

Thursday 9th St John Henry Newman

Friday 10th

Today is our **PARISH DAY**. It is the day after the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Please bring food to share after Mass and a donation for the S2 Foodbank. It is a great opportunity to meet people from church. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be around.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY** was on Friday 3rd October. By donating, you can stand alongside farmers like Waré as they build a better future for their children. Envelopes are available today. There is a basket in the narthex for your donations or you can give online at <https://cafod.org.uk/envelope>.

Today, we **WELCOME ORLANDO** to the Church family by Baptism. Please keep him and his parents Remo and Stacey in your prayers as he begins his Christian journey.

The September edition of the **ST FRANCIS CHRONICLE** is now available. Paper copies are available in church. You can also read it online at [www.stfrancisrc-sheffield.org.uk/newsletter/](http://www.stfrancisrc-sheffield.org.uk/newsletter/).

There are blank **READING, WELCOMING AND TEA/COFFEE ROTAS** for October to December in the narthex. Please sign up. If you've not been involved before, please feel free to give it a try. If you are a new volunteer, please add your email address.

**CHURCH FLOWERS.** Fresh flowers in church enhance our weekly worship. We need new recruits to help with the flower arrangements, otherwise we may have to switch to artificial flowers. No experience is needed and support will be given. For more information, contact Paula Goodfellow-Coates on [paulagoodfellow@btinternet.com](mailto:paulagoodfellow@btinternet.com).

The Live Simply campaign is asking us to consider the issue of **GIRL'S EDUCATION** - globally there continue to be significant inequalities between boys and girls in accessing and completing education. There is more information in the narthex and at [www.stfrancisrc-sheffield.org.uk/livesimply/](http://www.stfrancisrc-sheffield.org.uk/livesimply/).

The **40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL** in Sheffield began on Wednesday 24th September. If you would like to get involved in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please contact Rachel on 07368 297872.

St Vincent’s Church will be holding a **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 11th October.

If you got married or celebrated a significant wedding anniversary during 2025, Bishop Ralph invites you to a Mass in thanksgiving for the **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** at 12 noon on Saturday 11th October at St Peter’s, Doncaster. If you would like to attend, complete the form at <http://bit.ly/3VgVZt7>.

**INTRODUCTION TO ACCOMPANIMENT**. These sessions begin on Saturday 11th October and will help participants to deepen their understanding and practice of Spiritual Conversation. If you would like to attend, complete the form at <http://bit.ly/4nA950S>.

Rehearsals for the **PARISH PANTOMIME** will take place at 7:20pm on Friday evenings starting on 17th October with dress rehearsal on Thursday 27th November and performances on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November. Last call for anyone who wants to be part of the show. Please contact Clare Byrne and Una Moran at [stfrancispanto@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancispanto@gmail.com) or [spoonamoran@gmail.com](mailto:spoonamoran@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

St Vincent’s Church are holding an **AUTUMN SERENADE** concert at 7:30pm on Friday 17th October in aid of the St Justin Society. Tickets are £10 including refreshments. Contact Steve Foley on 07711 326212 for tickets or more information.

St Marie’s Cathedral are running a **JOURNEY IN FAITH** course for those who want to become Catholic, for adult Catholics who have not been Confirmed, and for Catholics who want to learn more about the faith. Registration will take place at 3:30pm on Saturday 18th October.

There will be a day on **LECTIO DIVINA** from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 1st November at St Francis led by Deacon Stephen Parker. The day will be a gentle introduction to exploring lectio to enrich your spiritual life using scripture, music and art. Bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. All are welcome. For more information contact Stephen on [gurric@sky.com](mailto:gurric@sky.com).

There will be a meeting to continue the development of a range of **PASTORAL MINISTRIES** for the Diocese. at 7pm on Friday 7th November at the Hallam Pastoral Centre. Anyone interested in synodality is welcome but they suggest taking the 4-week course at [www.youtube.com/@School-for-Synodality](http://www.youtube.com/@School-for-Synodality), beforehand. Contact [formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com) for more information.

Bishop Ralph will celebrate our final Jubilee Mass this holy year for those who serve others across the diocese. Everyone who volunteers their time in service to others is invited to a Mass of **THANKSGIVING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS** at 11am on Saturday 15th November at Immaculate Conception Church, Rotherham. The National Jubilee Icon will also be on display. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

The September edition of the **HALLAM BRIDGE** is available at <https://hallam-diocese.com/hallam-bridge-september-2025-031/>.

St Wilfrid’s Centre needs a **WELFARE WORKER** to facilitate the Women’s Group. For a job description and application form, visit [www.stwilfridscentre.org](http://www.stwilfridscentre.org).

The **MASS READINGS** for 27th Sunday are:

* Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4
* Psalm 95
* 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
* Luke 17: 5-10

**SCRIPTURE NOTE** (for 27th Sunday)

The two sections of this Gospel reading appear at first sight to be entirely separate, the first about faith, the second about the reward of service; but they do fit together. The faith required consists not in reciting a creed but in hanging on by one’s finger-tips, through thick and thin, to God’s power and will to save. In nothing else is there any hope, not in my own power or ability. That is why, in the second section, we have no right to expect any sort of reward as our due from God. The value of our work in itself is secondary to our admission of helplessness and our trust in God’s to save us. However, not all parables should be taken as allegories. The severe master here is not necessarily God, any more than the master who in another parable praises his crooked steward. When we hear the unyielding command of the master to the slave to expect nothing and to set about serving at supper, we cannot forget that at the Last Supper it was Jesus who put on his apron and washed his disciples’ feet. We may be unworthy slaves, but Our Lord’s action at the Last Supper gives us confidence that our Master ministers to us.

How do I best serve God and others?

**REFLECTION** Towards the beautiful gate

I must be filled with joy if my feet are on the right road and my face set towards the gate which is called beautiful, though I may fall many times in the mire and often in the mist go astray. Far off, like a perfect pearl, one can see the City of God. It is so wonderful that it seems as if a child could reach it in a summer’s day. And so a child could. But with me and such as me it is different. One can realise a thing in a single moment, but one loses it in the long hours that follow with leaden feet. We think in terms of eternity, but we move slowly through time.

*Oscar Wilde*

**PARISH PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, pour down on our Church your Holy Spirit, the fire of your love. Give us the courage, the wisdom and the faith to be salt for the earth and light for the world.

Help us to build warm and welcoming communities of faith in our families, our neighbourhoods, our Parish. May we carry the Good News by word and action into all our environments, especially those which are hostile and hurting.

Together with Mary, the first evangeliser we entrust all our efforts into the care of the Divine Spirit, who fills and renews the face of the earth.

Amen.