

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
Alleluia.**



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in our daily battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

✠ Our Lady of Lourdes R Pray for Us

✠ St. Theresa R Pray for Us

✠ St. Anthony R Pray for Us



Confessions

Available after every weekday and Saturday Vigil Mass or by advanced booking.

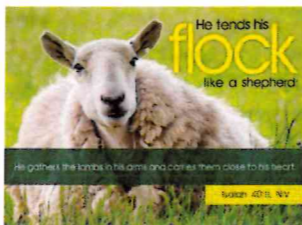
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
30 minutes before Weekday Mass**

**Anointing of the sick
In cases of emergency only.**

GOOD SHEPHERD AND A HIRED MAN

Dear Friends, it is the fourth Sunday of Easter otherwise known as the GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY. This is so because in all three years of the liturgical cycle we read part of chapter 10 of the gospel of John. Jesus calls Himself not just any kind of shepherd but the Good Shepherd. He says that "the Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep" (Jn.10:11). To lay down one's life for the sheep simply means giving out everything even one's life in order to give life to the other. Jesus demonstrated this on the cross by giving His life to give salvation to humanity. It is all about total sacrifice!!! Giving out to save the life of the other. The question today is, can I be like Christ the Good Shepherd? Can I sacrifice my money and feed the poor and the hungry? Can I be like Christ by sacrificing my precious time and visit the sick and lonely. Can I be like Christ by sacrificing my ego and apologise to him/her? Can I be like Jesus the Good Shepherd by forgiving and praying for him/her who wronged me? Can I be like Christ by loving others unconditionally? Jesus differentiates Himself from a hired man. A hired man runs away when a friend is in difficulty. A hired man is a fair weather friend. A hired man is selfish and self centred. A hired man stays with you as long as he/she is getting something from you, when it stops he/she runs away. A hired man laughs to you and gossips with you at the back. A hired man doesn't forgive easily. A hired man is hard hearted and judgemental. A hired man doesn't care about the welfare of the other. A hired man discriminates and hates others. A hired man is a bitter soul. Let us be like Christ the Good shepherd by sacrificing ourselves to give life to the other and not like a hired man who runs away from caring for others. Mother Teresa would say "Love demands sacrifice. But if we love until it hurts, God will give us His peace and joy. Suffering in itself is nothing; but suffering shared with Christ's Passion is a wonderful gift" Be a good shepherd!!!! I wish you a lovely Sunday!!!

FR BEDE



St Theresa's and Our Lady of Lourdes with St Anthony's

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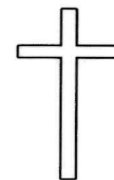
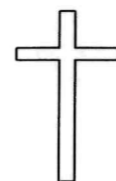
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April Devotion: God the Spirit

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B 21 April 2024

Psalter Week 4



Saturday, 20th April

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes – People of the Parishes

Sunday, 21st April,

8.30am, St Anthony's – Edward Slowikowski RIP

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes – Joyce Hannon RIP (Anniversary)

11.00am, St. Theresa's – Ann Garlick RIP (Anniversary)

Monday, 22nd April, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Easter Weekday – The Sick & Housebound of Our Parishes

Tuesday, 23rd April, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

St. George, Martyr – Persecuted Christians

Wednesday, 24th April, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Easter Weekday - Fr. Bede Prays for your good heart's desires.

Thursday, 25th April, 11.00am, St. Theresa's

St. Mark, Evangelist - John Watts (Sick)

Friday, 26th April, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Easter Weekday – November Memorial List

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday 27th April

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes
Private Intention

Sunday 28th April

8.30am, St. Anthony's
Pope Francis' Intentions

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes
People of the Parishes

11.00am St. Theresa's
The Holy Souls



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Lady of Lourdes: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish

St. Anthony's: The Pinder and Maresca Families

Sponsor: Catherine

St. Theresa's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish

Sunday Readings:

1st Acts 4:8-12.

2nd 1 John 3:1-2.

Gospel John 10:11-18.

Responsorial Psalm: 117

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.



This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the CORNERSTONE.
Am 9:11-12

"Embrace your life together in Love"

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment experiences all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and discover God's desire for their marriage.

The Marriage Encounter weekend and on-line experience are an opportunity to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from

a Marriage Encounter Experience.

Our next experience is:

Non-residential weekend at Hallam Pastoral Centre

22-23 June 2024

To find out more or book an experience:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/me-weekend-22th-23rd-june-2024-sheffield-hallam-pastoral-centre>

enquiries@wwme.org.uk

wwme.org.uk

Parish Social - Friday 10th May

Family quiz night including bingo and raffle. Friday 10th May at 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes church hall. Bring your own drinks and a food dish for the shared buffet table. Refreshments also available in the hall. £1 for adults, free for kids. Register your attendance from next weekend at the back of church and pay on the night. All welcome!



Director of Religious Education Required for September 2024

Salary: L5 - 7 (£52,074 - £54,816).

If you would like to discuss the role further please contact Mrs R Hobkirk, Assistant Headteacher by email to r.hobkirk@allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk or by calling the school on 0114 2724851.

Please visit school website for an application form www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies

There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend (27th/28th April) in aid of the Priests Training Fund.

Weekend Cash Collections 13th/14th April.

Our Lady of Lourdes..... £345.75

St Anthony's..... £213.50

St Theresa's£339.20

Thank you.



Thank you to those who organised and bought tickets for the Easter raffle at St. Anthony's which raised £58.00.

Safeguarding Representatives

St. Theresa's—Debi Stringer

LOL—Tessa Taylor

These QR Codes can be used to make an offering using your smartphone. Simply scan the relevant QR code and follow the on screen instructions.

LOL/St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's



Please pray for all the elderly, the sick and the housebound of our three churches including those named below.

Rita O'Hara, Clare Roberts, Jennie Heenan, Caitlin Rose Goss, Beryl Stafford, Jean Grove, Liliana Poole, Jean White, Shirley Foster, Ellen Taylor, Sean Kilcoyne, Gerry O'Rourke, Avis Hurst, Christine Kelly, Gloria Andrews, Chena Drakesmith, Marj Hall, Melvin Hanlon, John Carroll, Joan Hill, Claire Lawson, Patricia Foster, Christopher Browne, Mr. Shannon, Margaret Betson, Paul Manning, Annabel Taylor, Philomena Walker, Lesley Osborne, Gail Hook, Josie Logan, Elizabeth Dodson, Gemma Thomas, David Dowling, Fr. David Stafford.

Please pray for the repose of the recently deceased souls & those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Free Wellbeing Course for Parents Online – Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm starting 8th May

A free six-week course for a happier and more relaxed you.

Join us to explore:

How to take care of yourself as a parent and improve your wellbeing

- **Emotional Self-care** – Emotional self-care allows us to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.
- **Thinking about putting your own needs first** - building your resilience.
- **Being more assertive and setting boundaries** – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.
- **Stress and relaxation techniques** – learning new skills for a more relaxed you.
- **Build resilience and recover from trauma** – To move forward in our life.

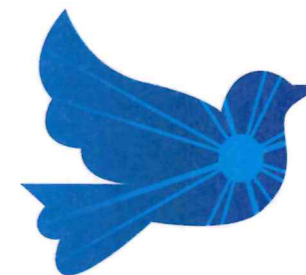
Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

For more information and to book in please contact Janet Kent on 07927657462

or email jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Please remember to put mobile phones on "Silent" before entering the Church.

Thank you.



Who was St. George?

George, whose name in Greek means "farmer," was born to a Christian family in Cappadocia around the year 280.

After moving to Palestine, he joined the army of Diocletian. When the emperor issued the edict of persecution against Christians in 303, George gave all his belongings to the poor and, in front of Diocletian himself, tore the document apart and professed his faith in Christ.

For this he suffered terrible torture and was eventually beheaded. Shortly after his death, a basilica was erected over the place of his burial in Lydda (modern-day Lod, in Israel). His relics are still visible today.



School News
St John Fisher School news: www.st-johnfisher.org
St Theresa's School news: www.st-theresas-sheffield.co.uk



Planning a Celebration?

Why not book one of the Parish Halls? For bookings at Our Lady of Lourdes please contact Mark on 07852164838 or via email

lol.churchhallbookings@gmail.com

For bookings at St Theresa's Hall please contact Debi on 07577897291

Support for St Wilfrid's Centre
Tinned ham and sugar, also chocolate biscuits and crisps for light lunches and snacks.
Thank you for your support.

Foodbank

Thank you for your recent donations. The current shortage for the foodbank is cereal, dry spaghetti and teabags. Any other donations also gratefully accepted. Where possible, please bring your donations in a carrier bag to make it easier for me to transport them. Thanks Sal.



St Theresa's Nursery

Places are filling up fast for our nursery in September 2024, please ensure you are on our waiting list if you would like your child to attend. Children can join us the term after their third birthday for either 15 or 30 hours free childcare. 30 hours free childcare is only available to working parents.

We have all day places available (8.30am-3.10pm) and mornings or afternoons. We can also offer provision from 8.00am with our breakfast club.

Please contact the school office on 0114 2397251 or admin@st-theresas.sheffield.sch.uk for an application form or for further information.