

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance,
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 pow-
er 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* ✠ Pray for Us

✠ *St. Theresa* ✠ Pray for Us

✠ *St. Anthony* ✠ Pray for Us



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

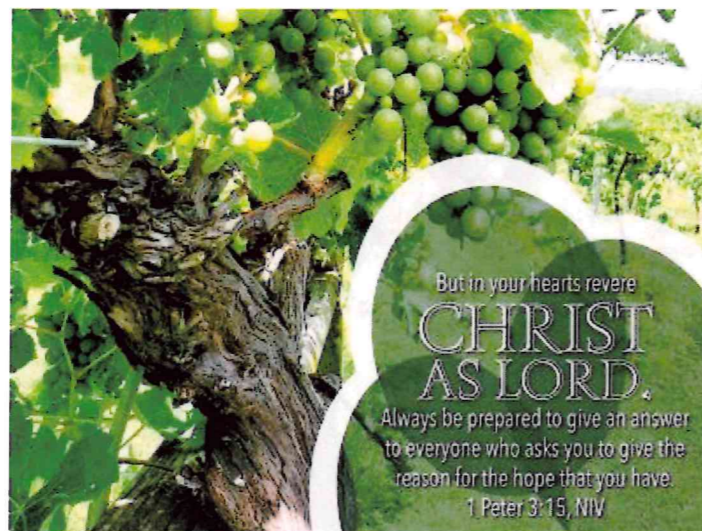
**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament**
30 minutes before Weekday Mass

Anointing of the sick
In cases of emergency only.

WE ARE EXPECTED TO BEAR PLENTY FRUITS!!!

Jesus on many occasions uses images to describe His relationship with us. Last Sunday, He called Himself the Good Shepherd while we are the Sheep. As a Good Shepherd lays down his life for his Sheep, so Jesus lays down His life for us to have life. Today in the Gospel, He calls Himself the Vine and we are the branches. As a branch cannot bear fruit without the vine so it is with us. We cannot do nothing without Christ. Thus, Jesus says "As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me" (Jn.15:4) So, since we are the branches, we are expected to bear fruit and the only way to bear fruit is by staying with the Vine. Just as Jesus said in John 6:57 that "whoever eats me will also draw life from me" so it is that "whoever remains in me, with me in him bears fruit in plenty" (Jn.15:5). We are expected to bear plenty fruits of love, peace, joy, holiness, forgiveness, humility, patience, gentleness, trustfulness, kindness, charity, compassion and self-control. The only way we can bear fruit is to be attached to Christ. We get attached to Christ through the Word and Sacraments and also through prayers and acts of charity. When we detach ourselves from Christ surely, we are not going to bear any fruit, for He says "cut off from me you can do nothing" (Jn.15:5). It will be quite unfortunate if we as Christians fail to bear plenty fruits. Listen to Jesus as He warns those who refuse to bear fruit, He says "Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away-he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire and they are burnt" (Jn.15:6). It is only when we the branches remain in Christ the Vine that we can leave in peace and in the fear of the Lord as the early Christians in the first reading did and also understand that love is not just mere words or talk but something real and active. Therefore, let us all be good and healthy branches attached to the True Vine the Christ so that we can bear plenty fruits and as such make eternal life at the end. I wish you a blessed Sunday!!!

FR BEDE

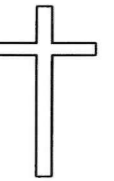


St Theresa's and Our Lady of Lourdes with St Anthony's

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April Devotion: God the Spirit, May Devotion: Our Lady

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B 28 April 2024

Psalter Week 1

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

Monday, 29th April, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor – The Sick & Housebound of Our Parishes

Tuesday, 30th April, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Easter Weekday – Mr & Mrs Mathew RIP

Wednesday, 1st May, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

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

Thursday, 2nd May, 11.00am, St. Theresa's

St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor - Fr. Jim Blount (For Spiritual & Physical Protection)

Friday, 3rd May, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Ss. Philip and James, Apostles – November Memorial List

Saturday 4th May (First Saturday), 10.00am, St. Theresa's, (Preceded by Exposition, Rosary, and Confession at 9.30am)

The English Martyrs – Our Lady's Intentions

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday 4th May

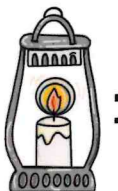
6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes
Julie Heenan (Sick)

Sunday 5th May

8.30am, St. Anthony's
Special Intention (MM)

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes
People of the Parishes

11.00am St. Theresa's
Cerys Knight (For Healing)



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Lady of Lourdes: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish

St. Anthony's: Margaret Sarson RIP

Sponsor: Brenda Stainrod

St. Theresa's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish

Sunday Readings:

1st Acts 9:26-31.
2nd 1 John 3:18 -24.
Gospel John 15:1-8.

Responsorial Psalm: 21

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.



**PRAISE
AND
THANKSGIVING**

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enquiries@wwme.org.uk

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

Weekend Cash Collections 20th/21st April.

Our Lady of Lourdes..... £351.41

St Anthony's..... £221.00

St Theresa's£356.54

Thank you.



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.

LOLO/St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's



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 at the back of church and pay on the night. All welcome!



The next Social & Fundraising meeting will be on Tuesday, 30th April, 7pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall meeting room. All welcome!

The 200 Club Needs You!

There are currently some numbers available for the 200 Club at St. Theresa's. This is a very good way to support St. Theresa's funds. For a cost of only 50p per number per week you will be entered into the monthly draw. You can have more than one number if you wish.

School News

St John Fisher School news: www.st-johnfisher.org

St Theresa's School news: www.st-theresas-sheffield.co.uk

Safeguarding Representatives

St. Theresa's—Debi Stringer

LOLO—Tessa Taylor

SUMMER FAIR WITH FUN & GAMES

Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, 22nd June, 2 - 4pm



We are finalising the stalls at a meeting on the 30th April, 7pm, Parish Hall Meeting Room. Please come along, share your ideas and help us plan the event.

A list of items for the popular bottle stall and items for refreshments we require are at the back of church. Donations pledged will help us raise funds for our Parish.

We are already welcoming other donations for stalls: Books, toys, jewellery, toiletries, summer holiday items, new and nearly new items.

Thank you for all your support. It is so much appreciated.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

The people of Sudan need our help urgently. We are launching an [emergency appeal](#) for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster.

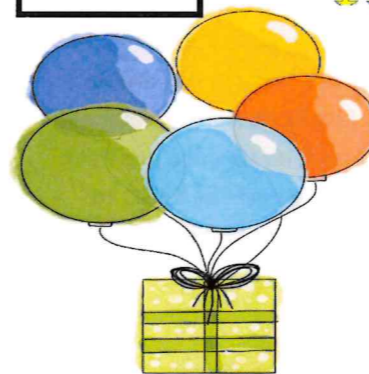
"At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory." Telley Sadia, CAFOD's country representative for Sudan

But the Church and our local partners are still there. Please, stand with them today. Let us, as Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Swarbrick wrote recently to Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla, Archbishop of Juba and president of the Sudanese Bishops' Conference, 'extend to you the prayerful support of the Church in England and Wales and... express our solidarity with you in your current circumstances of profound distress. We have heard your cry in your recent statement, in which you reminded the international community of the need for support to bring about an end to the civil conflict and allow for immediate humanitarian access to alleviate hunger across Sudan.'

Next weekend after all Masses we will hold a second collection to support CAFOD's emergency appeal.

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.



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

Thank You!

A huge "Thank you" to all those who worked so hard to make St. Anthony's Jumble Sale a great success once again, raising a fantastic £588.15. Thank you also to everyone who supported the event.

Foodbank

Thank you to all three churches, who continue to support the foodbank. I am taking regular donations to Handsworth. The current ask is for pasta and pasta sauce so if you can spare any, please bring them and any other donations into the boxes at the back of each of our churches. I am also grateful for any food being brought in carrier bags – the foodbank can then use these to give out to their customers. Thank you.



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.

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.