

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.



An Act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,

and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

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 ✠ 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.**

THE INESTIMABLE MERCY OF GOD!!!

Dear friends in Christ, as we are still basking in the joy of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I wish to welcome you to the second Sunday of Easter also known as DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. As an ocean is deep and big even more is the mercy of God. His mercy is inestimable, immeasurable, incomparable and unquantifiable. Sometimes many of us run away from God with the impression that their sins cannot be forgiven again; some shy away from confession because to them they can't be repeating the same sin all the time; many even carry the burden of their past mistakes and as such stop going to church because they think that their sins are bigger than God. But the truth is that God is bigger than our sins. No matter how far someone has gone, God is always ready to forgive when we turn back to Him with trust. There is no sin God cannot forgive provided the sinner acknowledges his or her sins and asks for forgiveness. Little wonder Jesus says, "come to me all you who are burdened and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). Easter season calls for a deeper reflection on the love of God to humanity. Imagine Christ dying for my sins on the cross. He sacrificed everything for my sake. What a love! As if that was not enough, while dying on the cross one of the soldiers pierced His side with a lance and there came out water and blood. Water symbolises cleansing and grace. While the blood symbolises the Holy Eucharist. Through Baptism we are cleansed of our sins and through the Holy Eucharist our sins are forgiven. Hence, St Peter says "by His wounds we are healed" (1 Peter 2:24). So, today the Church reminds and convinces us beyond reasonable doubt that God never grows tired in forgiving us of our sins, we are rather the ones who grow tired of asking. We can see the mercy of God in action in the Gospel of today. Despite the fact that His disciples disappointed Him by running away in moments of His agony, yet He was able to visit them after His resurrection and instead of scolding them, He rather gave them the gift of peace. Jesus says to them "PEACE BE WITH YOU". This is Divine Mercy in action! Through St Faustina Kowalska, Jesus reminds us that His mercy is bigger than our sins. Therefore, we should not be afraid to approach Him in trust and humility. I encourage you to believe and not doubt like Thomas. If you believe and approach His throne of mercy with trust and humility surely you will receive His unconditional forgiveness. As we celebrate Divine Mercy of God today, let us as well learn how to show mercy to others for He says, "Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate" (Lk 6:36). Again, let us learn how to forgive others. If Jesus can show me mercy by forgiving me my sins why can't I forgive others. Finally, let us learn how to approach Him with trust and humility and ask for forgiveness for surely, He will forgive. Hence, we pray to Jesus today and say "FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD."

I wish you a blessed Easter! FR BEDE

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

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April Devotion: God the Spirit

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter), Yr. A

12th April 2026

Psalter Week 2



Saturday, 11th April,

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes – SVP Beneficiaries

Sunday, 12th April,

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

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes – Margaret Kerr RIP (100th Birthday)

11.00am, St. Theresa's – Michael Staniland RIP (14th Anniversary)

Monday, 13th April, NO MASS

Eastertide Weekday

Tuesday, 14th April, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Eastertide Weekday –Divine Protection and Physical & Spiritual Protection for Consolata's Children & Grandchildren

Wednesday 15th April, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

Eastertide Weekday— The Sick & Housebound of Our Parishes

Thursday 16th April, 11.00am, St. Theresa's

Eastertide Weekday— Chinedu Ezuruike and Iheanyi Izuka (Birthday Thanks)

Friday, 17th April, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Eastertide Weekday—November Memorial List

Next Weekend's Masses (3rd Sunday of Easter Yr. A)

Saturday 18th April

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

Rita Thompson (100th Birthday)

Sunday 19th April

8.30am, St. Anthony's

Special Intention (MM)

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Joyce Hannon RIP (Anniversary)

11.00am St. Theresa's

Victoria Ogbuakanne (70th Birthday)



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Lady of Lourdes: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish



St. Anthony's: Margaret Sarson (nee Smyth) RIP

Sponsor: Brenda Stainrod

St. Theresa's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish

Sunday Readings:

1st Acts 2:42-47.

2nd 1 Peter 1:3-9.

Gospel John 20:19-31.



Responsorial Psalm: 118.

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29.

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina – nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.



Divine Mercy Sunday – 12th April 2026



**Our Lady of Lourdes
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament from**

2.00pm

**Confessions 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Chaplet and prayers at 3.00pm**

Support for St. Wilfrid's Centre

Tinned ham, chocolate biscuits and crisps for light lunches and snacks



Foodbank Donations
Our parish make regular donations to the Gleadless Foodbank. Please consider adding non-perishable grocery items to your shopping to donate in the box at the back of each church. Tinned vegetables, cereal, noodles, tinned meat or fish, snacks, UHT milk or juice, squash, lunch box drinks. All of these gratefully received. Thank you.



**St Anthony's Jumble Sale is on
Saturday 25th April at 11.00am Do come
along and grab a bargain.
Put the date in your diary
now!**



Safeguarding Representatives
St. Theresa's—Debi Stringer
OLOL—Tessa Taylor



School News

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

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



**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.**

OLOL/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, Sean Kilcoyne, Avis Hurst, 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, John Nicholson, Philomena Walker, Lesley Osborne, Gail Hook, Elizabeth Dodson, Gemma Thomas, David Dowling, Fr. David Stafford, Tessa Taylor.



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

Parish Social - Family Quiz Night
Friday, 24th April, 7pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
The evening includes a general knowledge quiz, picture quizzes, children's quiz, Bingo, raffle and lots of prizes! Please bring your own drinks and a food dish for the shared buffet table.

Refreshments will also be available to purchase.

Entry: £1 for adults, FREE for kids.

Please register your attendance at the back of church and pay on the night. All welcome!



CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT
Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY
Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com >> join the team

Tea and Coffee at Our Lady of Lourdes
Tea and coffee is available in the church hall after Sunday mass most weeks of the year, so please join us for a drink and a chat as a parish community. If you would like to join our volunteers to serve refreshments, please see Sal to add your name to the list.



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 olol.churchhallbookings@gmail.com
For bookings at St Theresa's Hall please contact Debi on 075778 97291



Leeds, Middlesbrough & Hallam Consultation 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
As you will be aware, the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed me Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough and of the Diocese of Hallam, in addition to my ministry as the Bishop of Leeds. In entrusting me with this responsibility, the Holy Father has also invited the faithful of the dioceses of Middlesbrough, Hallam and Leeds to undertake an important task: to explore the possibility of how our three dioceses can work together in close collaboration with a view to a possible future union as one diocesan family, so that we may be better placed to carry forward the mission of the Church in our region. As well as the consultation meetings taking place across our dioceses, there is also an opportunity for all of the clergy, religious and lay faithful in all three dioceses to contribute to this consultation, either individually or as a parish group, by completing the online questionnaire. I encourage the faithful within our dioceses to devote time and prayerful reflection upon these questions before offering a response, so that the Holy Spirit may guide us through this important process of consultation and discernment.

To assist in this, prayer resources and a presentation have been made available below to help ensure that this period of reflection is fruitful. I kindly ask that responses be submitted through the online questionnaire no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026.

The link to the questionnaire can be found here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/fDJRiRxJ25>

Please see link below to access:

Consultation Presentation
<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Consultation-Presentation-Leeds-Middlesbrough-Hallam.pdf>

Thank you for the time and prayer you can offer to this important task, which has been entrusted to us by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV. With every blessing and the assurance of my prayers, I remain,
Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,

+ Marcus

Bishop of Leeds
Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough
Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam

The bulletin for April has been sponsored anonymously. Thank you.