

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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



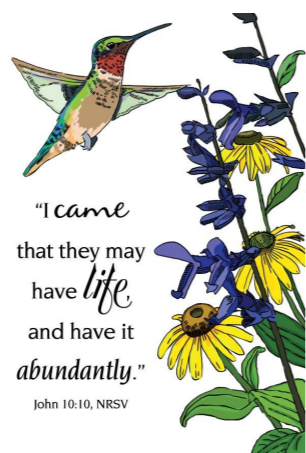
Confessions
Available after every weekday and
Saturday Vigil Mass or by advanced
booking.

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
30 minutes before Weekday Mass
Anointing of the sick
In cases of emergency only.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND THE THIEVES!!!

Dear Friends in Christ, it is fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**. It is so because every fourth Sunday of Easter we are presented with the Gospel of John chapter 10 for us to reflect on Jesus **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**. He calls Himself not just the shepherd but the **GOOD SHEPHERD**. The adjective 'good' differentiates Jesus from other shepherds. The **GOOD SHEPHERD** lays down His life for His sheep. He knows His sheep by their names and takes them out to feed. Hence, the book of Revelation says "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water" (Rev.7:17).

Again, the Psalmist says "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul" (Ps 23:1-3). He leads His sheep by example and protects His sheep against any external attack. Jesus uses the image of shepherd and sheep to describe our relationship with Him. In actual fact, Jesus is our Leader and Master who gave His life for us to have life and more so, life eternal. So, Jesus calls Himself the **Good Shepherd** while we are His sheep. Hence, the Psalmist says "We are His people, the sheep of his flock" (Ps. 100:3). The question today is, are you truly one of His sheep? How do we know if we are His sheep? Jesus says "My sheep hear my voice" (Jn 10:4). Listen, there are many voices in the world today, these voices are trying to convince us against our faith, against morality and against eternal life. Jesus calls this voice the voice of a thief. Thus, He says "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy" (Jn 10:10). However, there is only one voice that speaks to us for our good and welfare and this is the only voice that can make us have life and have it more abundantly. It is the voice of Christ. So, if you belong to His flock you must listen to His voice and His voice alone. Therefore, if you want to have life and have it abundantly you must follow Jesus who is the door to eternal life. He says "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture" (Jn 10:9). Let us try to be part of His sheep by



listening to His voice and not listening to the voice of thieves and brigands for they will lead us astray. Again, let us learn from the Good Shepherd who has come to give us life to also give life to other people by sacrificing what we have for the good of other people. I wish you a blessed Sunday!

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

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April Devotion: God the Spirit

4th Sunday of Easter, Yr. A

26th April 2026

Psalter Week 4



Saturday, 25th April,

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes –
John Nicholson (For healing)

Sunday, 26th April,

8.30am, St Anthony's – Edward Slowikowski RIP
9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes – God's favour and blessing on Janelle Amarachi Onyenagubom
11.00am, St. Theresa's – Ruth Pisarek (For healing)

Monday, 27th April, NO MASS

Easteride Weekday

Tuesday, 28th April, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Easteride Weekday – Special Intention (MM)

Wednesday 29th April, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor — Mt & Mrs Mathew RIP

Thursday 30th April, 11.00am, St. Theresa's

Easteride Weekday— Fr Jim Blount (For physical & spiritual protection)

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

St Joseph the Worker—November Memorial List

Saturday, 2nd May (First Saturday), 10.00am,

Our Lady of Lourdes (Preceded by Exposition, Rosary, and Confession at 9.30am)
St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor — Our Lady's Intentions

Next Weekend's Masses (5th Sunday of Easter Yr. A)

Saturday 2nd May

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

People of the Parishes

Sunday 3rd May

8.30am, St. Anthony's

Maureen Heraghty RIP

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Divine Protection, physical & spiritual healing for Consolata's children and grandchildren.

11.00am St. Theresa's

The Souls of Priests in Purgatory.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

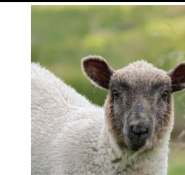
Our Lady of Lourdes: The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sponsor: The Parish

St. Anthony's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory
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St. Theresa's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory
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Sunday Readings:
1st Acts 2:2:14a,36-41.
2nd 1 Peter 2:20b-25.
Gospel John 10:1-10.



Responsorial Psalm: 23.
The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation John10:14.
Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly. On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: *So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you; we will stand with you until peace is restored.* Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan



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.



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.



Weekend Cash Collections 18th/19th April

Our Lady of Lourdes..... £304.08
St Anthony's..... £183.70
St Theresa's£389.89

Thank you.



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.

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40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION





Join us to celebrate 40 years of service to our communities

Wednesday 3rd June 12 noon

RSVP
Janet 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Buffet lunch
Music and more...

Support for St. Wilfrid's Centre
Chocolate biscuits and crisps for light lunches and snacks and they in special need of **tinned meat** for sandwiches.



Fundraising news at Our Lady of Lourdes (alongside photo) We had 9 fantastic prizes in our Easter raffle at where we raised **£266!** All prizes have been claimed, and if you didn't win this time, there will be another raffle later in the year to try your luck then.

Thanks to very generous donations, and increased attendance at our recent nearly new and jumble sale, we raised an amazing **£640.40**. Guaranteed bargains to be had and very positive feedback received. Keep an eye out for our Autumn event and bag your own bargains!

Our Summer Fayre is on **27 June** – please put the date in your diaries. More details to follow soon.

Fundraiser Update



Raffle Prizes



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

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 07838481106

Time to RE THINK ABORTION

(Let's Make Abortion Unthinkable)



Mother of God Church and Parish Centre

Abbeydale Road S7 1FL

Saturday 6th June 2026

10 am Mass for Life
11am Our Lady of Guadalupe Image
• talk and veneration in the Church

12 -12:30 pm Tea and coffee in the Parish Centre.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

12:30- 4pm **Re Think Abortion Interactive Training** (Parish Centre)
- led by Isabel Vaughan Spruce from March for Life
• A series of educational sessions to equip you to deal with real life scenarios.
• Learn to talk about abortion with those around you in a meaningful way.
• Clarify your own pro-life beliefs so you become more articulate and communicate them more effectively.



Book your **FREE** place (normally £25) on Eventbrite.

For more information contact: info@marchforlife.co.uk

Or phone: Isabel – 07773 501721 Ben -07885 505116

There will be a second collection next weekend after all Masses in aid of SPUC. (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.)

A Reflection for Vocations Sunday

Traditionally on the Fourth Sunday of Easter we celebrate Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday. It's a special day when we focus on the priesthood and celebrate those who have given their lives in service of Christian communities worldwide. We pray on Vocations Sunday to ask the Lord to send more men into his vineyard, his mission, so that the Eucharist be celebrated in our communities. The Lord continues to call many to serve in the priesthood, but we too must play our part in promoting, encouraging, and supporting vocations. While the number of priests has declined, now is the time to raise our voices in prayer to God. The priesthood continues to inspire, to challenge, and to humble us who are privileged to serve. And that is what priesthood invites us to do – to serve – so others would be raised up by our prayer and actions.

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

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