

*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*



**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*

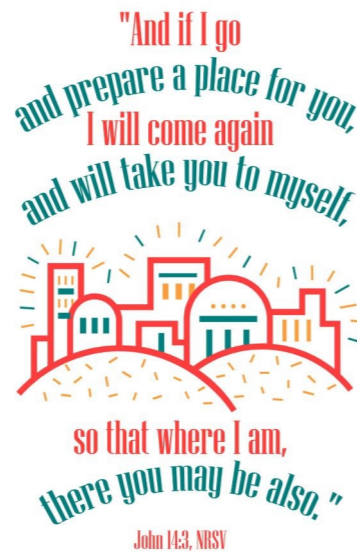


**Confessions**  
**Available after every weekday and**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass or by advanced**  
**booking.**

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

“LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED”!!!

Dear Friends in Christ, I wish to welcome you to the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Just a reminder that we are still basking in the joy of the resurrection of Christ. Have you experienced bidding farewell to a family member or a close friend travelling out for a long period of time before? It is always full of emotions and sadness, isn't it? Exactly the feelings of the disciples of Jesus after Jesus told them that He will be with them only a little longer. They were distressed and troubled. Ordinarily, they wouldn't have loved Jesus to leave them just as we would love our family member or close friend to stay instead of leaving. Such is life! Full of ups and downs; sometimes sweet and some other times bitter. The world may remain bewildering, suffering of course, will not disappear; mystery certainly will not evaporate; fear of the unknown will always be staring at us in the face. All these can make our hearts get troubled. Is there anything troubling your heart at the moment? your job? lack of money? Your marriage? Family issues? Sickness or anything terrifying you? Listen to the reassuring voice of Jesus “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me” (Jn 14:1). This calls for great trust. Jesus is more or else asking us to be confident and trust Him for He knows everything about our fears and anxieties. Hence, He says “I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THEE LIFE” (Jn 14:6). Listen, He didn't say He knows the way but He says He is the way. Again, He didn't say He says the truth but He says He is the truth. He didn't say He gives life but He says He is life. In other words, Jesus is the way, He is the truth and He is the life. Therefore, if you follow Him who is the way, you will know the truth and you will have life and have it abundantly. If you believe and trust Him you will never get lost because He is with us to walk along with us in our difficult moments. So, there is no cause for alarm! No need to panic!! Not necessary to trouble our hearts!!! He has promised us that He will be with us always. Believe and trust Him! I wish you a blessed Sunday! FR BEDE



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

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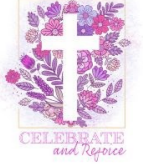


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**May Devotion: Our Lady**  
**5th Sunday of Easter, Yr. A**  
**3rd May 2026**  
**Psalter Week 1**



**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.

**Monday, 4th May, NO MASS**

The English Martyrs

**Tuesday, 5th May, 10.00am, Our Lady of**  
**Lourdes**

Eastertide Weekday – The Sick & Housebound  
of Our Parishes

**Wednesday 6th May, 7.00pm, Our Lady of**  
**Lourdes**

Eastertide Weekday — SVP Beneficiaries

**Thursday 7th May, 11.00am, St. Theresa's**

Eastertide Weekday— Ron Ashworth RIP

**Friday, 8th May, 10.00am, Our Lady of**  
**Lourdes**

Eastertide Weekday—November Memorial List

**Next Weekend's Masses (6th Sunday of Easter**  
**Yr. A)**

**Saturday 9th May**

**6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
World Peace

**Sunday 10th May**

**8.30am, St. Anthony's**  
November Memorial List

**9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
People of the Parishes

**11.00am St. Theresa's**  
Canon O'Donnell RIP (Anniversary)



**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

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



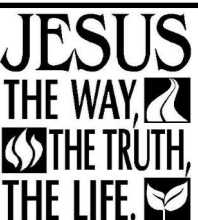
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**Sunday Readings:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Acts 6:1-7.  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1 Peter 2:4-9.  
Gospel John 14:1-12.

**Responsorial Psalm: 33.**  
*May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O LORD.*

**Gospel Acclamation John 14:6.**  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*  
*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says  
the Lord. No one comes to the Father  
except through 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."*



**Tea and Coffee at Our Lady of Lourdes** Refreshments  
 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.

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

**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.



**Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam Diocesan Consultation 2026**  
 Pope Leo has invited Bishop Marcus to explore with all the faithful in the dioceses of Hallam, Leeds and Middlesbrough how our three dioceses can work together in close collaboration, with a view to a possible future union as one diocesan family. As part of this, St Marie's and the other parishes are hosting parish forums on Sunday 10th May, to which all are welcome and encouraged to attend:  
 • St Marie's: 2.00pm, in Houlden Hall;  
 • St Oswald's: after the 9.15am Mass;  
 • Holy Family: after the 10.30am Mass;  
 • Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows (Slovaks): after the 3.00pm Mass  
 A letter from Bishop Marcus, with more information about the consultation as well as an online questionnaire, can be found at <https://hallam-diocese.com/leeds-middlesborough-hallam-consultation-2026/>.

**There is a Holy Hour for Life (Adoration) at Mother of God Church (Abbeydale Rd, S7 1DX) on the last Saturday of the month, after the 10.00am Mass.**

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make St. Anthony's Jumble Sale another great success and to all those who came along and supported the event. It raised a fantastic £638.85.



**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.



**Weekend Cash Collections 25th/26th April**  
 Our Lady of Lourdes..... £390.32  
 St Anthony's..... £186.30  
 St Theresa's .....£341.31  
 Thank you.

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



**School News**  
 St John Fisher School news: [www.st-johnfisher.org](http://www.st-johnfisher.org)  
 St Theresa's School news: [www.st-theresas-sheffield.co.uk](http://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.**



**CARMEL CARE**

**40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Join us to celebrate 40 years of service to our communities

Wednesday 3rd June 12 noon

Buffet lunch  
 Music and more...

**RSVP**  
 Janet 07927657462 [jkent@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:jkent@hallam-diocese.com)

**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](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)  
 Or phone: Isabel – 07773 501721 Ben -07885 505116

**PUZZLE**

**KNOW THE WAY**

Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (John 14:5, NIV).

Directions: To read Jesus' reply, shade in the letters that contain an asterisk (\*) and write them in order on the blanks below.

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**Westminster assisted suicide Bill has fallen**  
 The assisted suicide Bill has failed to pass all stages in the House of Lords. This means that Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has fallen and will not become law!  
 This is a major milestone, but the battle is not over. Assisted suicide campaigners have said they are going to try to bring the Bill back in the next parliamentary session and use the Parliament Acts to bypass the Lords.  
**To find out more about this significant milestone and what comes next, visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/LeadbeaterBillFalls>**

**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](mailto:olol.churchhallbookings@gmail.com)  
 For bookings at St Theresa's Hall please contact Debi on 07838481106

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