

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, 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*

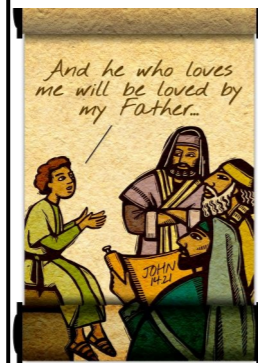


Confessions
Available after every weekday and
Saturday Vigil Mass or by advanced
booking.

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

THE PROMISE OF CHRIST IS FOR THOSE WHO LOVE!!!

Dear Friends, it is the 6th Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel of last Sunday Jesus told His disciples not to let their hearts be troubled because He was going to the Father. He encouraged them to trust in God and also trust in Him. In continuation, He promises them in the Gospel of today that He will never leave them orphan. He says, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him" (Jn 14:16-17). Listen, this promise is not for everyone but only for those who love God and keep His commandments. Jesus summarised the commandments of God into love of God and love of neighbour. That means you cannot love God without loving your fellow human being. Thus, Jesus calls us to the vocation of love. He says, "This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12). It is an obligation for each and every one of us to love as Christ Himself loves us. Thus, St John says "Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love" (1 Jn.4:8). What is the love of Christ like? St John gives an answer to that by saying that "God's love for us when He sent His Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away" (1 Jn 4:9). So, Christ loved us by sacrificing His life in order to save us from sin and death and therefore, we are called upon to love like Christ. If we fail to love, it simply means we have woefully failed in being like God. Love does not hate; love does not discriminate; love does not keep malice; love does not gossip; love does not backbite. "Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited, it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offence or store up grievances. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing but finds its joy in the truth. It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes" (1 Cor.13:4-7). Therefore, to love one another is not a platitude but a prescription, not a counsel but a command. In other words, to love one another is not an option it is an obligation. So, can I sacrifice my money to give life to the poor and less privileged? Can I sacrifice my ego and apologise to him/he? Can I sacrifice my time and visit the sick, lonely and unloved? Vima Dasan would say "When we are selfish and refuse to love, we build a wall around ourselves and condemn ourselves to a winter of loneliness and bitterness. But, when we love and care, the wall falls down and we experience a springtime of joy and peace". Hence, Jesus says "What I command you is to love one another" (Jn 15:9). Do you want to receive the Spirit of Helper and Truth promised us by Christ? If the answer is yes, then love God by loving your fellow human beings. Let love lead!!! I wish you a blessed Sunday!!!



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May Devotion: Our Lady
6th Sunday of Easter, Yr. A
10th May 2026
Psalter Week 2



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)

Monday, 11th May, NO MASS
Eastertide Weekday

Tuesday, 12th May, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Eastertide Weekday – The Sick & Housebound of Our Parishes

Wednesday 13th May, Eastertide Weekday

Vigil Mass for The Ascension of Our Lord,
Holy Day of Obligation 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes—For our Diocese



Thursday 14th May, The Ascension of Our Lord

9.00am, St. Anthony's—Pope Leo's Intentions
11.00am, St. Theresa's—June Clay (Healing)

Friday, 15th May, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Eastertide Weekday—November Memorial List

Saturday 16th May, 10.30am, St. Theresa's First Holy Communion

Eastertide Weekday—First Communion Children and their families

Next Weekend's Masses (7th Sunday of Easter Yr. A)

Saturday 16th May

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes
Reece Edgar (Birthday)

Sunday 17th May

8.30am, St. Anthony's
People of the Parishes
9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes
Clara & Nicholas Sequeira (Intentions)
11.00am St. Theresa's
November Memorial List



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

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



St. Anthony's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sponsor: The Parish



St. Theresa's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sponsor: The Parish

Sunday Readings:
1st Acts 8:5-8,14-17.
2nd 1 Peter 3:15-18.
Gospel John 14:15-21.



Make a joyful noise
unto God, all ye lands.
Psalms 66:1, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: 66.
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23.
Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. 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.



A big THANKYOU to everyone who attended the Quiz Night at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, 24th April. We had lots of fun and congratulations again to all the winners. See you next year!



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 2nd/3rd May
Our Lady of Lourdes..... £366.00
St Anthony's..... £188.00
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
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



The Gospel Delivery Project – volunteers needed!
Candida Calvert, from St Marie's Cathedral, is looking for 10 local volunteers to help deliver a gift of the Gospel of St Mark to over 2,200 homes in our local area, during the month of June. This will be done in conjunction with the other churches in Hackenthorpe / Birley area. There are 2 roles: the first is to deliver Postcards and Prayers during the last week of May; the second is as a Doorstep Deliverer, delivering the Gospels (2 hours per week) during the month of June. Full training will be given for both roles.

To find out more, please speak to Candida after the 10am Mass this Tuesday (12th May), or after the 7pm Mass on Wednesday (13th May). Alternatively, you can send her an email to: Candida.calvert@stmariecathedral.org

Children's Mass – Our Lady of Lourdes
The next Children's Mass will be on 17 May. If any children would like to sing in the choir, please speak to Jacek. There will be a rehearsal on Friday 15 May at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.



St Theresa's 200 Club
Winners April Draw
£100: No. 179
£40: No. 110
£20 No. 142



Our Lady of Lourdes 100 Club
April Winner
No. 28
Congratulations!

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.



SUMMER FAIR WITH FUN & GAMES
Our Lady of Lourdes Saturday, 27th June, 2-4pm
We are once again looking for volunteers to man stall and help on the day. The list of stalls is available at the back of church for you to add your name. A list of items for the popular bottle stall and items for refreshments we require are also 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. If you have any questions, please speak to Renate



Prayer on the Feast of the Ascension
Lord Jesus, you became man and came to live among us. For love of us, you suffered and died for us. Because you are God, you conquered death and rose on the third day. Today you return to your Father and our Father, but you promised to remain with us until the end of time, and to send us the Holy Spirit. We rejoice and thank you, Lord Jesus. Come Holy Spirit, purify and transform us, kindle within us the fire of your love. Amen.



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

THE GREAT ADVENTURE
Your Journey Through the Bible
Psalms - School of Prayer
Psalms: The School of Prayer is an eleven-session study that explores how the Psalms teach us to pray and respond to God with faith and trust. At the heart of Scripture are the Psalms, prayers inspired by the Holy Spirit, sung by Israel, and prayed by Christ and our Blessed Mother. **These sacred hymns invite us into a personal dialogue with God.** In this study, we will explore the Psalms and discover how these ancient prayers express every human emotion while pointing to the life and mission of Jesus. In this study we aim to deepen our life of prayer and meditation and application to our lives today. Group sessions are each Thursday at 6:30 in Our Lady of Lourdes Community Hall. You're very welcome! for more information
Contact- Sam - hargreaves.sam08@gmail.com
Laurie - petch.laurie@gmail.com

Time to RE THINK ABORTION
(Let's Make Abortion Unthinkable)
Mother of God Church and Parish Centre
Abbeyle 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



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
For bookings at St Theresa's Hall please contact Debi on 07838481106



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.



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