

*Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*



**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.

**BE CHILDLIKE BUT NOT CHILDISH!!!**

In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 18 verse 1 to 3, the disciples of Jesus came to Him and asked Him 'who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'. To their greatest surprise, Jesus brought a little child and said to them "In all truth I tell you, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven". Again, in Matthew chapter 19 verse 13 to 15 where people brought little children to Jesus for Him to lay His hands on them and pray for them but His disciples scolded them and Jesus said "Let the little children alone, and do not stop them from coming to me; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs". Then, in the Gospel of today from Matthew chapter 11 verse 25 to 30 Jesus declared "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will". Now, from these three different passages, can you connect the relationship between children and heaven? It simply means that if you truly want to make heaven you have to be childlike and not childish. Jesus thanks God for revealing these things to little children and not to the wise and learned. What are these things Jesus is talking about if I may ask? These things are nothing but the qualities of little children: love, forgiveness, happiness, compassion, generosity, obedience, honesty, loyalty, respect, purity, truth and trust. So, if you want to make heaven you have to possess these qualities and put them into practice. These things were not revealed to the wise and learned because they are proud and cannot be childlike but rather childish. The wise and learned possess childish qualities which are pride, hatred, unforgiveness, gossip, anger, greed, selfishness, discrimination, lack of faith, dishonesty and unreliability. Those who are childlike listen to the voice of Jesus which says "come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" The childlike go to Jesus in moments of difficulty and anxiety just like a little child will go to her Mum with every trust for comfort but the wise and learned instead of trusting Jesus will depend on their power and intelligence which will never give them comfort and fulfilment. Little wonder the wise and learned crash in moments of difficulty because they trust in their powers and not in the powers of Jesus. Therefore, learn to be childlike by possessing the qualities of little children so as to be part of those who make eternal life. I wish you a blessed Sunday!



FR BEDE

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

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**July Devotion : The Precious Blood of Jesus**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

5th July 2026

Psalter Week 2



**Saturday, 4th July,**

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes – Michelle Valentine RIP

**Sunday, 5th July,**

8.30am, St Anthony's – Joan & Jack Goodwin RIP

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes – Jacek Boratyn—God's Blessings on his Birthday

11.00am, St. Theresa's – Thanksgiving to God and praying for His blessings (The Daudus Family)

**Monday, 6th July, NO MASS**  
Weekday

**Tuesday, 7th July, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Weekday — SVP Beneficiaries

**Wednesday 8th July, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Weekday— Praying for Lee's son-in-law's family who have lost everything in the earthquake in Venezuela

**Thursday 9th July, 11.00pm, St. Theresa's**  
Weekday— Fr Jim Blount (For Spiritual & Physical Protection)

**Friday, 10th July, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Weekday— November Memorial List

**Next Weekend's Masses (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A)**

Saturday 11th July  
6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

Julie & Steven Heenan

Sunday 12th July  
8.30am, St. Anthony's

Steven Marklew RIP

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes  
Michael Skelton RIP (2nd Anniversary)

11.00am St. Theresa's  
Alan Millward RIP (18th Anniversary)



**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

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

**St. Anthony's:** Joan & Jack Goodwin RIP  
Sponsor: The Goodwin Family

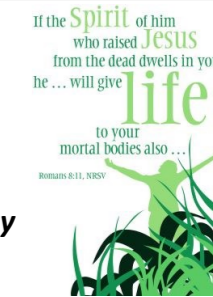
**St. Theresa's:** The Holy Souls in Purgatory  
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Sunday Readings:  
1<sup>st</sup> Zechariah 9:9-10.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Romans 8:9,11-13.  
Gospel Matthew 11:25-30.

Responsorial Psalm: 145.  
*I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Matthew 11:25.  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*  
*I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.*  
*Alleluia.*





Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated First Holy Communion and Confirmation two weeks ago with lovely masses in both days. The children were all brilliant on each occasion and all looked their very best. None of this is possible without those who help me out. Lee in church, Bernie and Julia with the flowers, Mark in the hall, Renate, Yvonne, Jackie and Marie with refreshments, Jamie and Jack on the altar and Rafal and the fabulous choir supporting the music. Thank you all! Sal Robinson-Oates

## Our Lady of Lourdes Summer Fair: A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Summer Fair at Our Lady of Lourdes such a wonderful success.

We are extremely grateful for the generous donations, time, expertise and support given by so many Parishioners and Friends. Thank you also to everyone who came along on the day — it was a great day for all involved. **Together, we raised £1,600.79 net.** Thank you all for your fantastic support! **Review Meeting:** A review meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8 July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Your feedback would be very much appreciated, and all are welcome.



**Support for St. Wilfrid's**  
Chocolate biscuits and crisps for light lunches and snacks and they are in special need of **tinned meat, salad cream and mayonnaise for sandwiches.**

**Bishop Ralph will celebrate his final Mass in the Diocese this Friday, 10th July 2026 at 11.30am in St. Marie's Cathedral. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend for Bishop Ralph's retirement.**

### Weekend Cash Collections 27th/28th June

Our Lady of Lourdes..... £312.88  
St Anthony's..... £153.00  
St Theresa's .....£344.97

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



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.**

Following the recent earthquake in Venezuela the family of Lee's son-in-law have lost absolutely everything. If you are able to help, donations can be made using the GoFundMe link below:

<https://gofund.me/74b2d609b>

There is also a basket and QR Code available at the back of Church for donations.

CAFOD have also launched an emergency appeal. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: [cafod.org.uk/Venezuela](http://cafod.org.uk/Venezuela) or call 0300 999 0030 .



Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult and dangerous conditions. Conflicts around the world are increasing risks to their safety. Many also face abandonment by employers, long separations from family, stress, and poor mental health.



STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris is the maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Its chaplains and ship visitors provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world.

Sea Sunday this year is on Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea, and for the ministry of Stella Maris. Please join in Sea Sunday in your parish this year and pray for seafarers, fishers, and their families. You can find out more about this year's Sea Sunday by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday) Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need so you can donate by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. Thank you.

**Hospital Chaplaincy:** When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, it is essential that they are recorded as Catholic on their medical records AND that the Catholic Chaplain, Fr Andrew, or Sr Anne is notified on the Chaplaincy Office number 01142715485 or Chaplaincy email on [sth.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:sth.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

### 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.



**Stop assisted suicide being brought back**  
Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. **Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here:** <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>

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### 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 (especially potatoes), jam, cereal, noodles, tinned meat or fish, snacks, UHT milk or juice, squash, lunch box drinks.** All of these gratefully received. Thank you.



### Our Lady of Lourdes 100 Club—June 2026

**Winner:- No. 61**  
**Congratulations!**



### 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](mailto:lol.churchhallbookings@gmail.com)  
For bookings at St Theresa's Hall please contact Debi on 07577897291



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