

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell
in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to
his people.**



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

Confession
Absolution

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.

WHAT ACTUALLY GIVES TRUE HAPPINESS?!!!

Many people in the world today are in pursuit of wealth and material things at the detriment of every other thing as the only thing that can guarantee them true happiness. To people like this Jesus asks “What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? (Mt 16:26). But what actually gives true happiness? Elon Musk, who happens to be the world’s richest man with an estimated net worth of \$662 billion, questions the power of money to make life happier. Despite his wealth, he supports the idea that money doesn’t guarantee happiness. In a post on X on 5th February 2026, he says, “whoever said ‘money can’t buy happiness’ really knew what they were talking about” He rather advises

people to focus on building useful products and services, saying that money should be a by product of creating values. It takes wisdom to understand that money is good but does not guarantee true happiness. Little wonder, Solomon did not choose riches when God asked him to make an offer, rather he chose wisdom and understanding to differentiate between good and bad. God was pleased with him for not asking for riches or material things, but wisdom and so God granted him his heart desire and more so added him riches and long life. Hence Jesus advises “Seek you first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and every other thing shall be added unto you” (Mt 6:33). It was this kingdom of God that a man found hidden in a field in the parable of today and covered it up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, a merchant found this treasure and went and sold all that he had and bought it. St Paul says, “For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him” (Phil 3:8). This man in the parable found this treasure and he was full of joy, and he sacrificed all he had in order to secure this treasure which is the kingdom of God. In other words, true happiness lies in discovering the kingdom of God. St Paul says that “the kingdom of God is about righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Rom 14:17). So, if you want true happiness seek you first the kingdom of God which is about righteousness, peace and Joy which the Holy Spirit gives. When you discover this true happiness, it has to of course radiate through you. Let others feel the joy in you through which they can be drawn closer to God.

Have you truly discovered this great treasure??? I wish you a blessed Sunday!

FR BEDE

**SO IT WILL BE AT THE
END OF THE AGE. THE
ANGELS WILL COME OUT
AND SEPARATE THE EVIL
FROM THE RIGHTEOUS.**

M A T T H E W 13:49

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

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July Devotion : The Precious Blood of Jesus

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

26h July 2026

Psalter Week 1



Saturday, 25th July,

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes –
Mary Nicholson RIP (Anniversary)

Sunday, 26th July,

8.30am, St Anthony’s – November Memorial List

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes – Tatenda Mudzamiri (Special Intention)

11.00am, St. Theresa’s – The Aimua Family (For continued guidance and protection).

Monday, 27th July, NO MASS
Weekday

Tuesday, 28th July, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekday — Jameel Frances RIP

Wednesday 29th July, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes
Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus — Fr Bede prays for your good hearts desires

Thursday 30th July, 11.00pm, St. Theresa’s
Weekday— Molly Dempsey

Friday, 31st July, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes
St Ignatius Loyola, Priest — November Memorial List

Next Weekend’s Masses (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. A)

Saturday 1st August

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes
November Memorial List

Sunday 2nd August

8.30am, St. Anthony’s
People of the Parishes

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes
SVP Beneficiaries

11.00am St. Theresa’s
Ron Ashworth RIP



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
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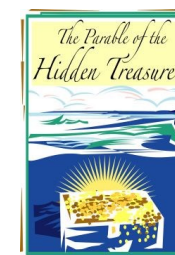
Sunday Readings:
1st 1 Kings 3:5-6a,7-12.
2nd Romans 8:28-30.
Gospel Matthew 13:44-52.

Responsorial Psalm: 119.
O LORD, how I love your law!

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.



Registration for Sacramental preparation 2027
Registration forms for **First Holy Communion** preparation at Our Lady of Lourdes will be available to collect from the first weekend in August. These are for children in Y3 or above and the celebration will be in Summer 2027. **Confirmation** forms for Our Lady of Lourdes and St Theresa's for children in Y6 and above will be available to collect from September. For all registrations, due to increased costs, the fee for each child will be **£20** for the programme. If you have any questions, please speak to Sal Robinson-Oates or email the parish office.



Confirmation at St Theresa's
We celebrated 17 young people from our parish making their Confirmation on 17 July with Fr Bede. It was a wonderful occasion, and I would like to thank the following people who supported Fr Bede and I on the day; Debi and Margaret who helped with the refreshments, Christopher and the choir for the excellent music, the altar servers and those who made the beautiful flower displays. Thank you all for your support. Sal Robinson-

Weekend Cash Collections 18th/19th July.

Our Lady of Lourdes.....	£401.40
St Anthony's.....	£132.00
St Theresa's	£314.41

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

HALLAM AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PRESENTS

CATHOLIC YOUTH HANGOUT

THEME: IDENTITY

WONDERFULLY CREATED, FULLY ALIVE AND FLOURISHING IN COMMUNITY
(Psalm 139, John 10:10 & Hebrews 10:24-25)

ACTS 9:15-16 God's call to Saul/Paul

JEREMIAH 1:4-5 God's call to Jeremiah

Featuring:

- GOOD VIBES
- REAL TALK
- THEMED DISCUSSION
- MOVIE
- BENEDICTION
- REFRESHMENTS (ALL FREE)

DATE: 7TH AUGUST 2026

TIME: 12:00NOON - 5:00PM

VENUE: MOTHER OF GOD PARISH, SHEFFIELD

POSTCODE: S7 1DX

ADMISSION IS FREE BUT SCAN THE CODE FOR REGISTRATION

The Venezuela Appeal raised **£1537.43**
Thank you so much for your generosity.

The collection for Bishop Ralph's retirement **£272.81**
Thank you.

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.

The Food Festival at St Theresa's last Saturday was a resounding success. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event where delicious food from all over the world was enjoyed along with fabulous entertainment. We were blessed that the sun was shining for us and it was truly a celebration of our amazing multi cultural Church family. We were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor and our local Councillors, Elle Dodd of Norfolk Park and Laura Moynahan of Manor & Castle. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a success and to all who came along on the day.

'We just want to thank all our parishioners for their support towards our food and cultural festival. As part of the fundraising for the gazebo, we made *£529* through raffle ticket sales and donations by parishioners. On the day itself, we made an additional *£1768.05* after deducting expenses. All of this will go towards our fundraising for the hall. Please claim your raffle ticket prices at the back of church if you haven't done so yet. Thank you once again for your support and God bless you.'

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