

***A great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun, and the  
moon beneath her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.***



#### **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.**

#### **THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

As we celebrate the Assumption of our Blessed Mother today, it is a reminder to each and everyone of us that we are destined to be in heaven someday provided we live our lives like that of Mary. Our Blessed Mother, at the end of her earthly life was assumed into heaven body and soul. Hence, on 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her life on earth, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory” This may sound ridiculous and gibberish to the common mind but from the theological point of view it sounds reasonable and appealing. This is so because God couldn’t have allowed the body that bore Him to decay in the earth. Hence, she is known as the Tabernacle of God. Again, she was conceived without original sin. Thus, she lived her life without sin. Since she was privileged not to participate in the original sin of Adam and Eve, could God have allowed the body of the Immaculate Conception decay in the earth? Never!!! Furthermore, she is the only woman blessed with the fullness of grace. Therefore, God couldn’t have allowed her body to decay in the earth. So, our faith teaches us that she was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. The preface of this feast articulates it well “For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church’s coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people; rightly you would not allow her to see the corruption of the tomb since from her own body she marvellously brought forth your Incarnate Son, the Author of all life” This feast raises our hope that our faith is not in vain. As our Blessed Mother was assumed into heaven body and soul, so shall we at the end of time provided we follow the footstep of our Blessed Mother and practice her virtues. Her great humility demonstrated in the Magnificat. “For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed”. Her life of purity and holiness. Hence, the Immaculate Conception. Her obedience and trust to the will of God. For she says “I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word”. Her patient endurance, she cherished to treasure things in her heart without complaining. Her heart of love, ever ready to share love with others as she visited Elizabeth her cousin sister and there was joy everywhere. We are called upon to emulate her qualities so that at the end we all she be with her before the presence of God eternally. I wish you a blessed Sunday!



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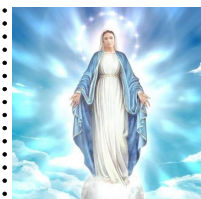
#### **St Theresa’s and Our Lady of Lourdes with St Anthony’s**

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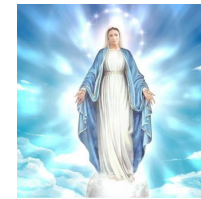


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**August Devotion : The Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Yr. A**  
**16th August 2026**  
**Psalter Week 4**



#### **Saturday, 15th August,**

##### **6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes –**

Divine Protection, Physical & Spiritual Healing  
for Consolata’s Children & Grandchildren

#### **Sunday, 16th August,**

##### **8.30am, St Anthony’s – People of the Parishes**

**9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes – Rafal Boratyn**  
(18th Birthday)

**11.00am, St. Theresa’s – Mary Ellis RIP**  
(Anniversary)

#### **Monday, 17th August, NO MASS**

Weekday

#### **Tuesday, 18th August, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes**

Weekday — Thanksgiving

#### **Wednesday 19th August, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes**

Weekday — Catherine & Albert Hunt RIP  
(100th Birthdays)

#### **Thursday 20th August, 11.00am, St Theresa’s**

St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor — Catherine (Marie)  
Garside RIP

#### **Friday, 21st August, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes**

St Pius X, Pope — November Memorial List

#### **Next Weekend’s Masses ((21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A)**

##### **Saturday 22nd August**

**6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Private Intention

##### **Sunday 23rd August**

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

**9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Agnes & Jacek Boratyn (Wedding  
Anniversary)

**11.00am St. Theresa’s**  
Liam Grant RIP



#### **Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** Marion Campbell  
RIP

**Sponsor:** The Mellor Family

**St. Anthony’s:** The Holy Souls in  
Purgatory

**Sponsor:** The Parish

**St. Theresa’s:** The Holy Souls in  
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**Sunday Readings:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 1 Corinthians 15:20-27.**  
**Gospel Luke 1:39-56.**

**Responsorial Psalm: 45.**  
***On your right stands the queen in  
gold of Ophir.***

**Gospel Acclamation.**  
***Alleluia, alleluia.***  
***Mary has been taken up into heaven; the  
host of angels rejoice.***  
***Alleluia.***





**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.

**REFRESHMENTS**



**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.

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED**



**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.



**Weekend Cash Collections 8th/9th August.**

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Our Lady of Lourdes..... | £368.90 |
| St Anthony's.....        | £156.15 |
| St Theresa's .....       | £258.53 |

**Weekend Cash Collections 1st/2nd August.**

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| Our Lady of Lourdes..... | £442.11 |
| St Anthony's.....        | £186.00 |
| St Theresa's .....       | £491.53 |



**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.**



**LOLOL/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.**

*Prayer LIST*

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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We find homilies on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven. In the light of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her saviour. God has done marvels to her, and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength, she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

**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)

**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)

**First Holy Communion at St Theresa's**

We are inviting registration for children who will be in Y4 and above in September 2026 for the preparation programme, where they will make their First Holy Communion in summer 2027. Forms are now available from St Theresa's Church and to be returned by 10<sup>th</sup> October to Mrs Cupitt.

**Registration for Sacramental preparation 2027**

Registration forms for First Holy Communion preparation at Our Lady of Lourdes are now available to collect. 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.

**Stop assisted suicide being legalised**

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September. Right To Life UK has launched an Easy Action tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.

**Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide:**

<https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

**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



**CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER**

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out [castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us](http://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

**QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER**

During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at [castleriggmanor.com/events](http://castleriggmanor.com/events) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

A huge "Thank you" to Margot for baking all the cakes and holding her Cake stall last Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes. She raised a fabulous £43.87 for parish funds. She did an amazing job and her cakes were really delicious. Margot, you are a star!

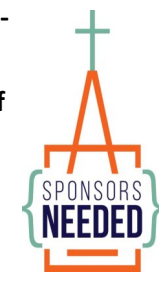
**THANK YOU Margot**



**Why not sponsor the printing of the bulletin for a month? There are Sponsorship slips available at each Church. The cost of sponsorship is £20 per month.**

**Thank you.**

**SPONSORS NEEDED**



**Winter Ball in Liverpool**

A group of young Catholics in Liverpool are organising a big Winter Ball on Sunday 29th November. The Winter Ball is aimed at young people aged 18–30.

WhatsApp announcements group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DkXxNeUxBShEywEoFQcu30>

The Winter Ball will have food, wine, music and dancing with a Scottish Ceilidh Band as well as a local jazz pianist.

You can also find out more on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/springdances/>



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**Autumn Retreat**



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