

*Turn your ear. O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you,
my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to
you all the day long.*



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

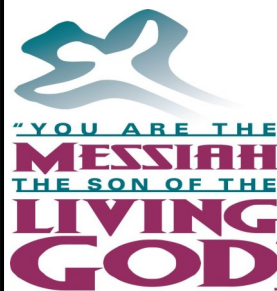
Available after every weekday and
Saturday Vigil Mass or by advanced
booking.

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
30 minutes before Weekday Mass

Anointing of the sick
In cases of emergency only.

"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"

While Jesus was carrying out His earthly ministry, the Bible says that "He went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). As He was going about doing good many people were following Him. I am sure many people in the crowd were there seeking for signs and wonders because they saw Jesus as a miracle worker; some others were seeking to identify themselves with Jesus whom they thought to be a powerful man from the human reckoning. Of course, people like to identify themselves with Celebrities. Funnily enough, there were those in the crowd who didn't even know why they were there. They were there simply because they saw others and joined. To be fair to some people in the crowd, there were those who were genuinely seeking for Jesus for salvation. So, they were following Him because they admired His teachings and were eager to learn more from Him. Interestingly, at the middle of His ministry, He stopped and put this thought-provoking question to His disciples: "WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT THE SON OF MAN IS?" I guess the disciples thought that Jesus wanted to test His popularity by asking them this question. Hence, they likened Jesus with prominent personalities like Elijah, John the Baptist and Prophets. However, Jesus asked this question to know if these people following Him truly knew Him. He now looked straight at His disciples and asked them "BUT WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?" It could be possible that the disciples themselves didn't even know. But Peter saved the situation in his usual impetuosity by answering "YOU ARE THE CHRIST" In response to his answer, Jesus bestowed him the keys to the kingdom of God and even promised to build His Church on the profession of Peter. Today, Jesus is still asking us the same question: "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?" Have you truly discovered who Jesus is? Do you go to Church because you seek for signs and wonders? Do you go to Church because others are going? Do you go to Church because you were born and bred in the Church? Do you go to Church because you long to meet with your friends and chat with them? Do you go to Church because you hold a very important position in the church and as such you derive joy in commanding others? Do you go to Church because you have truly discovered who Jesus is? You will cherish and enjoy your faith when you truly discover who Jesus is to you personally. When you discover Him, He will just like Peter give you the keys to the kingdom of God. Take note, the keys here are not for control, power and authority but for reconciliation, peace and unity. The keys will enable you to open the doors for reconciliation and forgiveness and shut the doors for hatred and anger. The keys will enable you to open the doors for peace and harmony and shut the doors for division, hatred and discrimination. So, it is very important to discover who Jesus is. We can discover Him through prayers, reading the Word of God and meditating on it, through the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist and also through our fellow human beings more especially the poor and the Less privileged. I wish you a blessed Sunday!



Matthew 16:16, NRSV

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

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August Devotion : The Immaculate Heart of Mary

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

23rd August 2026

Psalter Week 1



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

Monday, 24th August, NO MASS

St Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday, 25th August, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday — The Sick & Housebound of Our Parishes

Wednesday 26th August, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday—Fr Bede prays for your good hearts desires

Thursday 27th August, 11.00am, St Theresa's

St Monica — Catherine McGinty RIP (Birthday)

Friday, 28th August, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor — November Memorial List

Next Weekend's Masses (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A)

Saturday 29th August

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

People of the Parishes

Sunday 30th August

8.30am, St. Anthony's

Maureen Heraghty RIP

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Janet Oates RIP

11.00am St. Theresa's

Fred & Mary Dawson RIP



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Lady of Lourdes: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish

St. Anthony's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

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St. Theresa's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

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Sunday Readings:
1st Isaiah 22:15,19-23.
2nd Romans 11:33-36.
Gospel Matthew 16:13-20.

Responsorial Psalm: 138.

*O LORD, your merciful love is
eternal, discard not the work of your hands.*

Gospel Acclamation, Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

*You are Peter, and on this rock I will
build my Church, and the gates of hell
shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.*



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.

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

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.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes.....	£354.61
St Anthony's.....	£174.10
St Theresa's	£287.94

St. Theresa's—Debi Stringer
LOLO—Tessa Taylor

St John Fisher School news:
www.st-johnfisher.org
 St Theresa's School news:
www.st-theresas-sheffield.co.uk

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Every little bit helps our churches.

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For a Gift Aid form at St Theresa's please see Madeleine. For Our Lady of Lourdes and St Anthony's, please email the parish office.

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It is fast approaching Saturday 5th September! Have you booked your place on the coach?

The 2026 annual March for Life's theme is #ABORTIONHURTSTHEFAMILY If you haven't witnessed for life before in London, please consider coming this year. It is a very powerful and uplifting experience.

To book a space on the coach, please call 07368297872 or email 40dforlsheffield@gmail.com

£100: No. 136
£40: No. 82
£20 No. 152

Congratulations to all winners!

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 10th October to Mrs Cupitt.

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.

Only 12 MPs need to switch for the assisted suicide Bill to be defeated on 11 September.

A face-to-face meeting can make a real difference to how your MP votes. Right To Life UK's simple tool lets you request a meeting in just 30 seconds and gives you everything you need to prepare, including a short video guide.

Please ask your MP today for a meeting and urge them to vote NO to assisted suicide:

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

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
For bookings at St Theresa's Hall please
contact Debi on 07577897291

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
or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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.

Bishop Marcus Stock

Invites couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year to a

Celebration Mass for Married Life

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026,
12:30 PM

at St Marie's Cathedral
Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JB



Complete the application form at the back of Church or use this QR code
Further details from: formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com
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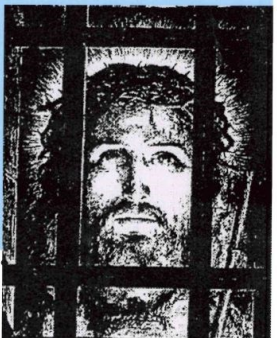


*Thank God for the last half decade of growth.
We now ask God to help the next half decade.*

Prisons

A Vincentian Vision for the Future

Conference



Venue
St Michael's, Wombwell,
(Part of the Parish of Corpus Christi)
Barnsley S73 0HQ

10th October, 2026, 10.00am to 4.00pm

Concelebrated Mass at Noon.

Tea, Coffee & Soft Drinks available all day.
Bring your own packed Lunch.

*Step Free Access and Accessible Toilets.
Large Free Car Park.*

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