

***Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call on you.***



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.

"GET BEHIND ME, SATAN!"

In the Gospel of last Sunday Peter professed Jesus as "THE CHRIST, SON OF THE LIVING GOD". Jesus praised him for answering correctly and even promised to build His Church upon the profession of Peter. Even though Peter got the answer correctly, Jesus warned them "not to tell anyone that he was the Christ" (Mt 16:20) why? Simply because, Peter got the answer, but he meant exactly opposite of what he answered. He thought about the Christ as someone who would use His power to fight and conquer all the kingdoms and be in charge while His disciples will be His ministers. Little wonder they all got disappointed when Jesus revealed His real self to them. He made them to understand that His Christ is the one that will save humanity not by violence but through the cross. The suffering Messiah!!! This was unacceptable by the disciples and that was why Peter started there and then to remonstrate with Him. But Jesus turned and said to Peter "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man" (Mt 16:23). The mission of Christ was to go to Jerusalem and sacrifice His life in order to save humanity from sin and eternal damnation. The devil wanted to use Peter to distract Christ from fulfilling His mission. Remember that the mission of Christ is our mission as well. We are created to sacrifice our lives to better the lives of other people and at the end make eternal life. Bear in mind that the devil can use anyone or anything to tempt you away from this mission. But just like Christ always be ready to command the devil to get behind you. It is not going to be easy for you. You can encounter difficulties, trials, hatred, disappointments and persecutions forcing you to drop your mission. Therefore, Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Mt 16:24). Some people abandon their faith in moments of trials and temptations not understanding that trials and temptations are part of our cross. Remember, your faith is tested in difficult times not when things are moving smoothly. So, three things are expected of us by Christ: Renunciation of self, carrying of cross and following Him. Therefore, notwithstanding difficulties, sufferings, tribulations and persecutions, don't



give up your faith, for it is through the way of the cross that salvation is rest assured. When that thought of losing your faith comes to you because of disappointments and problems of life, just like Jesus, always tell the devil 'GET BEHIND ME'. I wish you a blessed Sunday!!! FR BEDE

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

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August Devotion : The Immaculate Heart of Mary **September Devotion: The Seven Sorrows of Mary**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

30th August 2026, Psalter Week 2



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

Monday, 31st August, NO MASS
Weekday

Tuesday, 1st September, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday — The Sick & Housebound of Our Parishes

Wednesday 2nd September, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday—Fr Bede prays for your good hearts desires

Thursday 3rd September, 11.00am, St Theresa's

St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor — Denise Lindley RIP

Friday, 4th September, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday — Olivia (Birthday)

Saturday, 5th September (First Saturday), 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes (Preceded by Exposition, Rosary, and Confession at 9.30am)

Weekday — Our Lady's Intentions

Next Weekend's Masses (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A)

Saturday 5th September

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes
Wladyslaw Domanski RIP (Anniversary)

Sunday 6th September

8.30am, St. Anthony's
Mary Wingfield RIP (Anniversary)

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes
Agnes Boratyn (Birthday)

11.00am St. Theresa's
Desmond Knight RIP (Birthday)



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 Jeremiah 20:7-9.
2nd Romans 12:1-2.
Gospel Matthew 16:21-27.

Responsorial Psalm: 63.
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God..

Gospel Acclamation, Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.



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.

Weekend Cash Collections 22nd/23rd August.

Our Lady of Lourdes.....	£337.80
St Anthony's.....	£184.00
St Theresa's	£407.73



School News

St John Fisher School news:
www.st-johnfisher.org

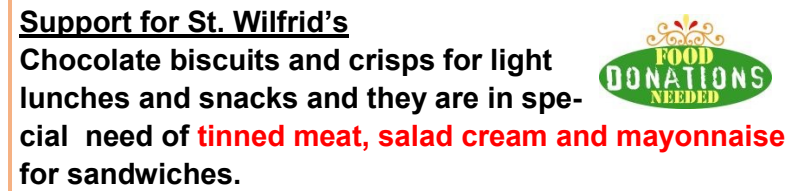
St Theresa's School news:
www.st-theresas-sheffield.co.uk

The diagram illustrates the flow of offerings. On the left, a QR code is associated with OLOL/St. Anthony's, with a blue arrow pointing towards the center. On the right, a QR code is associated with St. Theresa's, with a blue arrow pointing towards the center. In the center is a logo for **WAYS TO GIVE**, featuring two hands clasped together with three hearts above them.

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., Isobel Wragg

Please pray for the repose of the recently deceased souls & those whose anniversaries occur about this time.



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

The bulletin for September has been sponsored by Cody Barker. Thank you.

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
or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk



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

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

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

