

*I am the salvation of the people
says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their
Lord for ever.*



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.

MY WAYS ARE NOT YOUR WAYS!!!

One of the biggest mistakes we make as human beings is trying to use our limited human calculation to define God. That is why many of us get angry at God and perhaps lose their faith when their human calculation about God doesn't go their way. For instance, we often think that the more effort we put the more reward we get. This is why you hear some people in their disappointment say that despite all their effort God abandoned them. But God makes us to understand that our human calculation cannot fathom the depth of God. Hence, God says in the first reading of today through the mouth of His Prophet Isaiah that "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (Is. 55:8). Know this and know peace! Today in the Gospel Jesus uses the parable of the Landowner to drive home this fact. He went out in the morning to employ labourers into his vineyard and agreed with them for a denarius a day. He did the same at the third hour, sixth hour, ninth hour and about the eleventh hour, this time around saying to them that 'whatever is right I will give you'. Surprising and embarrassing to those who came earlier all of them received the same wage. They felt they were unfairly and unjustly treated because they worked all day while those who worked for an hour received the same wage. Surely human calculation and logic will see it as an unjust and unfair treatment to those who came earlier. This is why many people get disappointed with God. So, God is using this medium to make us learn some lessons about Him:

1. God's ways are always different from ours. He lives in eternity while we live in time. Therefore, we should always learn how to be patient with Him because He sees what we cannot see and knows what we cannot know. Therefore, don't get disappointed with Him when it doesn't go your way. Just be patient and trust His process.
2. The Landowner in the parable embraced mercy and compassion by extending his generosity to the other workers who had no one to employ them. A call for mercy and compassion!
3. Do all you can to reject envy and unhealthy competition. Those who came earlier in the parable were angry at the master for giving them the same wage as those who worked only for an hour. So, they were comparing themselves with others instead of appreciating their own gift. Listen, God's grace is not a reward for human merit but a gift freely given. So, be happy with other people's gift and not be envious of the other. It is a cancer of the soul. Do not begrudge God's generosity.
4. Shun spirit of entitlement. Those that came earlier expected more from the employer despite the fact that they agreed on a fair wage. Spirit of entitlement is bad, run away from it. Appreciate God's gift and be happy.
5. Don't judge. Those who came earlier spent time judging those who came later. Don't judge. Allow God to be the judge.
6. Finally, be humble over what you have got. It is not by merit but by grace.

I wish you a holy and blessed Sunday! FR BEDE

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

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September Devotion: The Seven Sorrows of Mary

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A

20th September 2026

Psalter Week 1



Saturday, 19th September,

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes –
Florence Roberts RIP (Anniversary)

Sunday, 20th September,

8.30am, St Anthony's—Special Intention (MM)

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes – Michael
Robinson RIP (Anniversary)

11.00am, St. Theresa's – Special thanks-
giving, family success & protection (Aimua
family)

Monday, 21st September, NO MASS

St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

Tuesday, 22nd September, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday — Special Intention (MM)

Wednesday 23rd September, 7.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest—Fr
Bede prays for your good hearts
desires

**Thursday 24th September, 12 noon, St
Theresa's**
Requiem Mass For Catherine Millward RIP
Our Lady of Walsingham

Friday, 25th September, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday — November Memorial List

Next Weekend's Masses (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A)

Saturday 26th September

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

Julie & Steven Heenan

Sunday 27th September

8.30am, St. Anthony's

Maureen Heraghty RIP

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Eileen & Stephen Riley RIP

11.00am St. Theresa's

Joseph McGinty RIP



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

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

St. Anthony's: Sylvia Waller RIP
Sponsor: The Tandy Family

St. Theresa's: The Holy Souls in
Purgatory
Sponsor: The Parish



Sunday Readings:
1st Isaiah 55:6-9.
2nd Philippians 1:20c-24,27a.
Gospel Matthew 20:1-16.

Responsorial Psalm: 145.
***The LORD is close to all
who call him.***

Gospel Acclamation, Cf. Acts 16:14b.
Alleluia, alleluia.

***Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may
pay attention to the words of your Son.***
Alleluia.



JUMBLE SALE & NEARLY NEW

SAT 24 OCT 11AM-1PM



Entrance

(including a free tea or coffee)

Free entry for kids accompanied by an adult

CLOTHES
HOMEWARE
BRIC-A-BRAC
BOOKS

TOYS
KITCHENWARE
REFRESHMENTS
...AND MORE

**Springwater Community Centre
Hackenthorpe**

at Our Lady of Lourdes Church next to
St. John Fisher School

Registered Charity No. 512021

Please note there will be no tea
and coffee in the Parish Hall at
Our Lady of Lourdes after Mass
this Sunday.



LOLO 100 Club

July winner: No. 10

August Winner: NO. 22

Congratulations!



Weekend Cash Collections 12th/13th September.

Our Lady of Lourdes..... £359.14

St Anthony's..... £246.30

St Theresa's£494.31



Support for St. Wilfrid's

Chocolate biscuits and crisps for light
lunches and snacks and they are in special
need of **tinned meat (especially ham), tinned custard, biscuits
and jam (especially strawberry).** Thank you.



Safeguarding Representatives

St. Theresa's—Debi Stringer

LOLO—Tessa Taylor



School News

St John Fisher School news:

www.st-johnfisher.org

St Theresa's School news:

www.st-theresas-sheffield.co.uk



**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.**

LOLO/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., Isobel Wragg

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



**November Memorial List
2026—2027**

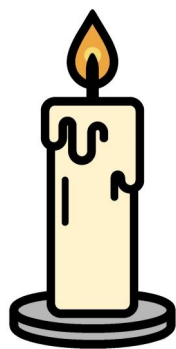
Masses are offered throughout the whole
year for all those
mentioned in the

November Memorial List.

These names are displayed in all
3 churches starting in
November 2026.

Slips are available at the back of the church
for you to complete. Please return these
with your donation of £20 or more for each completed slip by
Sunday 25th October 2026.

Many Thanks.



Family Games Night

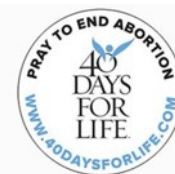
Our annual Family Games Night is back! Friday 2nd
October. Beetle Drive, Playing Card Bingo and more,
with prizes for each game. Suitable for all ages. £1
entry for the evening, children under 5 are free.
Raffle with great prizes, tea and coffee available, and
a shared buffet table – please bring something to
add to the feast. Bring friends and family or come
alone – all games are played as individuals. Open to



all three churches. Please
sign up at the back of church
in Our Lady of Lourdes,
message Sal Robinson-Oates
or email the parish office.

Pray to end abortion in Sheffield: The

40 Days for Life in Sheffield begins on
Wednesday 23rd September. Join
other Christians in praying for an end
to abortion in our community. Come
and unite in a peaceful witness for the
sanctity of human life. If you would like to join, please call
07368297872.



**CAFOD
FAMILY
FAST DAY**

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this
Harvest**

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is coming
up on Friday 2 October.
Please donate to our **Family Fast
Day** parish collection. Put your faith
into action and share the Lord's

love by supporting our global neighbours experi-
encing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift
can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay
in school by helping communities and schools pro-
vide nourishing meals, improve access to water and
grow food in school gardens.
Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online
at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

**Registration for Sacramental
preparation 2027**

The registration forms for Confirma-
tion will be available to collect from
the weekend of 26/27th September.
For all registrations, due to in-
creased 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.



Marriage Help - Communication failure is a major cause of
marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille
helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a
programme to help married couples work through conflicts
more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and
hope. **Bookings close 18th Sept.** www.Retrouvaille.org.uk +44
7887 296 983

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

The Flame of Love devotion starts at Our
Lady of Lourdes on Monday 21st September
at 7pm.

Please do come along and experience this
beautiful devotion.



We are delighted to invite you to attend the All Saints
Catholic High School Year 6 Open Evening on Monday 21
September, from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to attend
the Headteacher's presentation, taking place at either
4.00pm or 5.00pm. There will also be curriculum presenta-
tions available at 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

In addition, you will be able to tour the school and visit a
variety of departments, giving you the chance to meet staff
and students and learn more about life at All Saints Catholic
High School. Please note that parking in the surrounding
area is very limited.

If you are unable to attend in person or would prefer to ex-
plore what All Saints has to offer virtually, please visit our
Year 6 into Year 7 webpage at [https://
www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/year-6-into-year-7/](https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/year-6-into-year-7/) or scan
the QR code displayed on the poster in the church porch.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school and shar-
ing what makes All Saints such a special place to learn and
grow.

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

**SVP National Prisons Meeting. All Welcome. Come
and see how the SVP are taking the Gospel Message to
prisoners and their families. St Michael and the
Angels Catholic Church, Wombwell Barnsley. S73
0HQ 10th October 2026, 10am - 4pm, packed lunch
needed but tea and coffee are provided**

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

