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**The Month of August is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (C)**

**Sunday, 10th August 2025**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. Pat Durkin and Alan Farnell

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. Laura Henderson

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

**Monday** St Clare, virgin

No Mass

**Tuesday (Totley)** St Jane Frances Chantel, religious

10.00 a.m. Frank Gledden

**Wednesday** St Pontian, pope, and Hippolytus, martyrs.

10.00 a.m. Chris and Jill Finnegan

**Thursday** St Maximillian Kolbe, priest, martyr.

No Mass

**Friday** THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10.00 a.m. **M/Head** Ron Mason

7.30 p.m. **Totley** People of the Parish

**Saturday** St Stephen of Hungary

10.45 a.m. Eamon Anthony Conway

**Next Week's Masses**

**Saturday - Totley**

5.00 p.m. Henryk

**Sunday - Meadowhead**

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Marshall Ross

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.00am – 10.40am

**Rosary - 10.00am**

**Sacrament of Confession**

Saturday 10.00am -10.40am

**Pray for our sick:** Philomena McNally, Anne McPhee, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Paul Smith, Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley, Molly Upton, Oliver Wragg, Sheila Hurst, and Sue Jarman.

**Lately dead:** Pauline Souflas RIP

**Responsorial Psalm: 33**

**R:** *Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage*

**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total for 3rd August 2025: £268.11 Thank you.

**Come to Mass with no cash?** You can donate by card on the machines in the porch and by the side door. You can gift-aid too!

**Events for the Coming Week**

**Monday** 6.45pm SVP Meeting

**If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm or requires repair, please let Liz Mason, Fr Clement or Simon Jones, tel. 07808283807 know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.**

**This Friday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 10.00 a.m. at Meadowhead at 7.30 p.m. at Totley.**

**“Northern Pilgrimage of Hope”—English Catholic History Association Pilgrimage:** Registration is now open for “The Northern Pilgrimage of Hope – St Mark’s Way”, which will start on **Saturday 6 September** at St Anne’s Cathedral (Leeds), calling in at St Marie’s Cathedral on the Monday and Padley Chapel on the Tuesday, and finishing at St Barnabas Cathedral (Nottingham) on Saturday 13 September. Walkers are invited to join the whole walk, or just parts of it. For more information, please visit <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/national-jubilee-pilgrimage-of-hope>.

**Join this year’s March for Life in London - HUMANRIGHTS4ALL**

The Right to Life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. **On Saturday 6th September**, pro-lifers will witness for the unborn. Events start at 10:30am with the march at 1:30pm. If you would like to join the coach that is travelling from Sheffield, please contact Rachel (07368) 297872.

**The Pope’s Prayer Intention for August For mutual coexistence** - Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

**Physiotherapy home visits:** Carmel Gabriel (née Wood) is available for physiotherapy appointments in the comfort of your own home. Please contact for prices and availability: 07851126589

**Diocesan Jubilee Mass for Altar Servers - Saturday 20 September, Holy Rood (Barnsley)**

You are invited to a Mass of thanksgiving on Saturday 20th September, 10.30am, at Holy Rood Church, Barnsley (S70 1AX), which Bishop Ralph will celebrate. Altar servers to bring alb/cincture or cassock/cotta and their Guild of St Stephen medal, if enrolled. Please arrive by 10.00am for vesting in the church hall. There will be refreshments after the Mass. The national Honorary President of the Guild of St Stephen will also be in attendance.

**Grace Foodbank** Our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday collection of Groceries in church for our local Foodbank here in S8 is this coming Sunday, 17 August. Or you can donate at any time at shops e.g. Sainsbury, Archer Rd. .We are currently shortest of tinned pasta, breakfast cereal, tinned fish, biscuits, coffee, rice, soup, shampoo. We have no surpluses and are grateful for every tin and packet that you can donate. For updates to the list and other information e.g how to donate money, please check out <https://gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk/> Thank you.



**Wanted: as from September 2025 - a regular volunteer for the Friday Lunch club to join an existing team.** Duties are to help put out and set tables; serve soup, tea/coffee and cakes, and clear up afterwards. Commitment is for approximately three hours (11-2pm) once every four weeks. Please text Claire on 07990766022 if you can help. Thank you.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** - Hurt by Abortion? Abortion impacts families and the wider community. Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat is a life-affirming charity that offers a healing ministry to anyone hurt by abortion. Please consider supporting the work of Rachel’s Vineyard UK by donating to Rachel's Vineyard Birmingham, Sort Code: 30-96-28; Account No: 2467 4268.

**The Bethlehem Ball 15th November, 2025**

**The Bethlehem Ball** - Last year’s ball was a huge success and a very enjoyable evening. This year it will be held at the Royal Victoria in Sheffield on Saturday, 15th November. It is a Dinner and Dance in a lovely venue and the tickets at £45 each. (This is the first increase in over 10 years and is due to the cost of the venue) Again, we will be dancing to the **Grand Plan** - who were terrific last year.

If you would like to celebrate with us and help make this another great evening please contact **Liz Mason**, 07971463720; **Cathal Farragher**, 07432512739; or **Joe McNally** 07891072858.

**Raffle Tickets** - From this weekend you can buy or sell raffle tickets for the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust. A first prize of £500 can be won. Please buy or sell as many tickets as possible to help with the success of the evening. They can be found in envelopes at the back of church. Tickets are £1 each, £5 for a book. Your support is very much appreciated.



**Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.  
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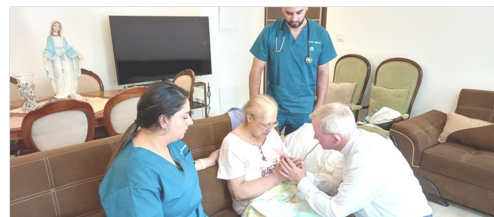


## A Milestone for Hospice Care in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

**August 1st 2025 marked the second anniversary of the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust's Hospice at Home service** – the only licensed palliative care provider in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT). The initiative was launched on 1 August 2023 in response to an urgent request from the Christian community in Bethlehem, a city with the highest reported

incidence of cancer in the OPT. Alarming, 7 out of every 10 cancer diagnoses in the region come too late for curative treatment.

Before the service began, palliative care simply wasn't available – leaving many to face terminal illness without the dignity or comfort of appropriate care. Unable to fund a dedicated hospice facility, the Trust instead developed a home-based care model. A solid operational structure was quickly established in Bethlehem, including an Operations Board supported by Clinical and Financial Governance Committees. Licenses were obtained, medical staff were recruited and trained, and the service officially launched.



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Just two months after opening, however, the socio-economic and security environment deteriorated significantly. The OPT essentially shut down—tourism halted, businesses closed, and already high poverty levels worsened. In a region where nearly 30% of people survive on less than £1.34 a day, unemployment soared. Restrictions on movement added another layer of difficulty to delivering healthcare.

Despite these immense challenges, the Hospice at Home service persisted. Beginning with just 11 patients, the team of dedicated nurses have since made over **3,200 home visits**, caring for **227 patients** and supporting their families during their most difficult times. Now entering its third year, the service is currently supporting 95 patients and continues to build compassionate communities across the Bethlehem Governorate. But the need is still far greater than the service's current capacity.

*"We know there are many more suffering without access to palliative care – not just in Bethlehem, but throughout the OPT," a spokesperson for the Trust said. "We urgently need financial support to expand our services and reach those who are still going without care."*



**The Trust extends heartfelt thanks to its many donors for their continued and generous support.**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY - You can make a donation to:**

**CAF Bank, Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account no. 00032686**

For more information and other ways to donate, including the BCHT Lottery, go to the website [bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org](https://bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org) or go to the parish website.

### **Fundraising campaign: Leo + Assistance Dog = Hope**

Many of you will know **the Craggs family**, who are parishioners here at Meadowhead. Beth writes below about a fundraising campaign for an assistance dog for their son, Leo

"Hi there, we're the Craggs family. We're raising money to train an autism assistance dog for our son, Leo. Some of you might remember Leo from his time at St Thomas' Preschool. Leo has multiple genetic conditions, including a rare profile of autism that means that his nervous system is in near-constant distress.

About two years ago he had a complete breakdown because of the cumulative pressures of daily life and since then he's been unable to attend school, and barely able to leave the house. But autism assistance dogs have been life-changing for children like Leo: they help to calm the nervous system, and can restore confidence and independence. He was selected for a dog out of a huge pool of applicants by a charity that subsidises the training and helps find a good match. The whole programme costs £22,000 in total, but they only ask families to find £14,000 of that.

We launched a fundraising campaign on Leo's birthday last week - it's been amazing to see the support and the encouraging messages pour in. Leo has been so uplifted to see how many people care and want to help him recover. If you'd like to know more, please email me - [Beth.Craggs@icloud.com](mailto:Beth.Craggs@icloud.com), or visit the campaign page on the Tree of Hope charity website: <https://www.treeofhope.org.uk/get-involved/childrens-campaigns/leo-plus-assistance-dog-hope/> (or use this QR code)."







**Christ the Saviour, Gloria 1013, Holy Holy 1014,  
Memorial acclamation 1016-1017, Amen 1018, Lamb of God 1019.**



**Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

God our Father,  
you crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary on the day of her  
Assumption with a glory beyond compare.  
You had looked on her lowliness and had made her the mother  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Only-begotten Son.  
Grant that, by her prayers, we may be saved by the mystery of  
your redemption, and share with her in the glory of eternal life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and  
ever. Amen

**Prayer for the Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

Almighty, ever-living God,  
we confidently call you Father as well as Lord.  
Renew your Spirit in our hearts:  
make us ever more perfectly your children,  
so that we may enter upon the inheritance  
you have promised us.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Tomorrow, 11 August, we celebrate the **Feast of St Clare**.  
Inspired by Francis of Assisi, she became the first abbess of the  
order of the Poor Clares at San Damiano in Assisi in 1215.

The emphasis of the order was on gospel poverty. They  
possessed no property, even in common, subsisting on daily  
contributions. Clare's influence was such that popes,  
cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her. A well-known  
story tells of how she had the Blessed Sacrament placed on the  
walls of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens.  
To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The  
Saracens fled. The 41 years of Clare's religious life are  
scenarios of sanctity: a resolve to lead the simple, literal gospel  
life; courageous resistance to the ever-present pressure to dilute  
the ideal; passion for poverty and humility; an ardent life of  
prayer; and a generous concern for her sisters.

**This Week's Readings  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 18:6-9*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 33

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 11:1-2, 18-19*

**Gospel:** *Luke 12:32-48*

**Next Week's Readings  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10:*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 40

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 12:1-4*

**Gospel:** *Luke 12:49-53*

**A Prayer for Summertime**

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we  
thank you for the gift of summertime, the days  
of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us:  
the multi-coloured flowers, the deep blue of the  
sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of  
children at play, people strolling in parks,  
families gathered around picnic tables and the  
more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape  
of nature and people, open our hearts to receive  
all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the  
Divine Artist. Help us to realise and appreciate  
that you are labouring to keep all in existence.  
Warm our souls with the awareness of your  
presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen  
our awareness of your love so that we may  
share this with others and enjoy a summertime  
of re-creation. **Amen**

**This Week's Ministries 9/10 August 2025**

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	L Grady, O Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	M Pybus, A Willcock
<b>Communion</b>	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	R Gasser, D Winter, H Grady
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, S Campos, P Orkamfat

**Next Week's Ministries 16/17 August 2025**

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	S Jones, S Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	M Paterson, I Paterson
<b>Communion</b>	5.00 p.m.	C Udall, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher, B Ayanleke, J Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	H Stones, P Corkell, E Williamson
<b>Welcomers</b>	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson