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The Month of July is devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday, 11 July 2021 Psalter Week 3

Saturday

5.00 p.m. (Totley) People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Eileen & Tom Harrington

11.15 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) St Henry

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Wednesday St Camillus de Lellis, priest

No Mass **No Mass**

Thursday St Bonaventure, bishop

No Mass

Friday Our Lady of Mount Carmel

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. Eduardo Ross

11.15 a.m. Harry & Minnie Richardson

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Pam McDonald, Doreen Wilde, Tony Faulkner, Danny Grant, Mary & David Gage, Franco Anobebe, Angela McKinney, David Hague, Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes, Katie Glackin, Neville Garratt, Michael Goodfellow, Pauline Collins, Sheila Ryan, Marie Lennox, Rae Goodlad, Linda Costello, Edward Keefe and Sr Emma Bechold.

Lately Dead: Fr Liam Smith

And let us remember in our prayers
Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

Sort Code: 40-41-07 Account Number: 01095153

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below. If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques MUST be made payable to: **'Woodseats R C Parish Account'**. The bank will not accept any variation.

We welcome Father John Metcalfe and Father Geoff Bottoms who will celebrate Masses for us this weekend.

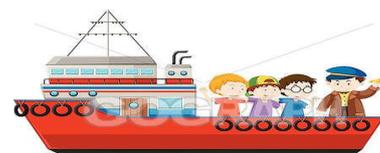
Note well! - There will be NO MASS as Meadowhead on Wednesday this week.

The Outreach Book Sale is definitely happening! This coming Saturday, 17th July 10am -12 noon at English Martyrs, Totley, car park in aid of our Parish Outreach partners. Come and browse through a choice of reading for your staycation!



Retiring Collection - There will be a collection SEA SUNDAY, TODAY.

Sea Sunday is when you are asked to encourage prayer and financial contributions to support the work of Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This mandatory second collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishermen in the UK and around the world.



In November 2012, Pope Benedict spoke at the Apostleship of the Sea's (Stella Maris as it was known until recently) 23rd World Congress at the Vatican.

"Today too the Church sails across the seas to bring the Gospel to all nations, and your presence in ports throughout the world, your daily visits to ships docked in these ports and the fraternal welcome you give to the crews whilst in port are a visible sign of your concern for those who are not able to receive ordinary pastoral care."

There is a QR code on the posters you can scan to make your donation.

Altar Servers

We would like to recruit some new Altar Servers. Anyone who has made their First Holy Communion can be a server. If your child is interested, please send your details to olstsheffield@btinternet.com and we will forward details of practices which will be arranged over the next few weeks.



Vacancies - There are various school vacancies throughout the diocese, both teaching and non-teaching. Please go the Diocese of Hallam website for further details.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email each week, please contact the office or email your address.

Caritas - Deaf Ministry - Signed Mass.



There will be a Signed Mass, Sunday, 11th July, St Marie's Cathedral 4.30pm. Celebrant: Fr Jim Clarke. No booking needed - stewards will ensure social distancing.



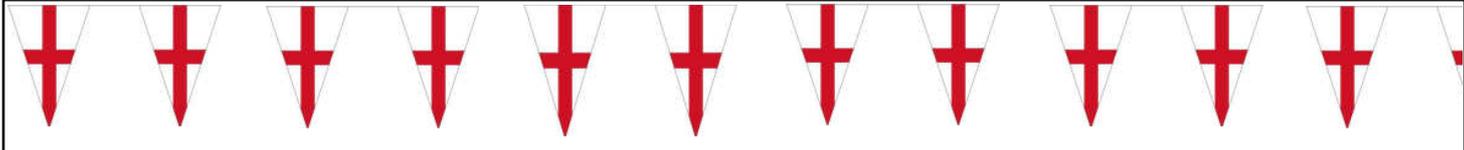
Abortion Act - This Monday, we fear that MPs may vote on whether to introduce abortion on demand for any reason. Go to our page ASAP to email your MP to oppose this measure. It's quick and easy.

EMAIL YOUR MP NOW—You will find a link on the parish website.

Dame Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand.

The amendment (NC55) would repeal Sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861. If passed, this would remove abortion from its current legal framework and introduce abortion on demand for any reason.

If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm, please let the parish secretary know (preferably in writing) so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.



GOOD LUCK ENGLAND!!!

(With apologies to our Italian friends!)

Weekly Newsletter: Feedback Wanted!! Since the start of the original lockdown we have succeeded in producing a newsletter every week without missing any - albeit for a while they were only available online.

With the lack of items it evolved and other content such as quizzes, jokes, poems meditations etc have found their way in on a regular basis.

Firstly, I would like to know if you like the current format and secondly, to let me know if there are other things you'd like included which may be of use or interest to other parishioners. Also, I would like your thoughts on the variation in fonts and colours—does it make it more appealing or just messy? If there is too much for printing, More pages can be included on the online version.

Please email Liz Mason at the parish office with your thoughts. The address is on the front of the newsletter. Thank you.

THE GOALIE WITH EXPANDING HANDS

Any crosses, any shots
I will simply stop the lot
I am always in demand
The goalie with expanding hands

Volleys, blasters, scissor kicks
I am safe between the sticks
All attacks I will withstand
The goalie with expanding hands

Free kicks or a penalty
No-one ever scores past me
Strong and bold and safe I'll stand
The goalie with expanding hands

Let their strikers be immense
I'm the last line of defence Alert,
on duty, all posts manned
The goalie with expanding hands

Palms as long as arms expand
Thumbs and fingers ready fanned
You may as well shoot in the stand
Not a chance! Understand?
Number one in all the land
Superhuman, super-spanned
In control and in command
I'm the man, I'm the man
The one and only goalie ... with my expanding hands

The Sick List - The sick list is becoming very long! If there you know of anyone who no longer needs to be on the list please let me know. Sometimes people are added and when a recovery has been made we are not informed. If they still need to be there that is absolutely fine!

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Saying for the Week!

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*Go build your worries a strong box
have every part strengthened with care;
when as strong as your efforts can make it,
enclose all your troubles right there.
Store in it all thoughts of failure,
and each bitter cup that you quaff,
lock all your heartache within it,
then sit on the lid and LAUGH!*

Anonymous

Saint Benedict (480 - 547)

11th July is the feast day of Saint Benedict. Born in Nursia, in Umbria, Benedict studied in Rome, but was unable to stomach the dissolute life of the city. He lived for three years as a hermit in a cave high in the mountains, but was gradually drawn towards a more communal form of monasticism. He organised various communities of monks and nuns, including the great monastery of Monte Cassino. He drew up a set of rules to guide the communal life of monasteries. Although this was not the first monastic rule ever, the Rule of St Benedict has proved so wise and balanced that it has served as the foundation of many other attempts at communal living - and not only in religious communities. The Rule of St Benedict recognises that people aim at perfection but often fall well short of it, and aims to be a "rule for beginners" in which even the least perfect and least able can grow in spiritual stature.

The theologian and the rainmaker

Just four days after the feast of Saint Benedict, on Thursday 15th July, we celebrate the feast of a great Franciscan, **Saint Bonaventure**. The 13th century Italian theologian and doctor of the Church was revered for both his holiness and his great knowledge. Chosen as minister general of the Order in 1257, he was God's instrument in bringing it back to a deeper love of the way of its founder, Saint Francis.

Bonaventure's feast usually takes precedence liturgically over an English saint whose feast day is also on 15th July and whose name is perhaps more familiar, **Saint Swithun**. As with many Anglo-Saxon saints, his story combines a handful of hard facts with many legends.

An adviser to King Alfred the Great's grandfather and father in the first half of the 9th century, Swithun was Bishop of Winchester for the last 10 years of his life. One legend claims that Swithun built the first stone bridge over the River Itchen that runs through Winchester. His most famous miracle tells of a simple act of human kindness to a poor woman. When crossing the bridge, she was jostled and dropped her basket of eggs. The saint took pity on her and made her broken eggs whole. Many miracles were recorded at his shrine in Winchester Cathedral during the middle ages - before it was destroyed during the Reformation.

One source claims that when Swithun died, he asked to be buried out of doors 'where the feet of ordinary men could pass over him.' This, and a possible mistranslation of a medieval text, may have given rise to the story that when the saint's bones were moved inside the Old Minster on his feast day in 971, a terrible storm broke out, lasting for 40 days and nights. Hence the popular belief that if it rains on 15th July, it will rain for 40 days. However wet some of our summers seem to be, meteorologists insist that their rainfall statistics do not support this theory.

Prayer for the Week

Prayer for Sea Sunday (today)

Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean, guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, work and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm, we will always look to Christ and say, "Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"

Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!

Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.

Pope Saint John Paul II

This Week's Readings Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Amos 7:12-15*

Responsorial Psalm: 84

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Gospel: *Mark 6:7-13*

Next Week's Readings Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

Responsorial Psalm: 22

Second Reading: *Ephesians 2:13-18*

Gospel: *Mark 6:30-34*

Readers

This Week's readers: 10th/11th July

5.00pm: G Wilkinson

9.15am: G Cort

11.15am: F Glaze

Next week's readers: 17th/18th July

5.00pm: D Fletcher

9.15am: S Davies

11.15am: M Richardson

At a couples' counselling meeting the speaker mentioned that couples are so disconnected that 85% of husbands don't even know their wives favourite flower

Mick turned to his wife and whispered:

"It's self-raising, isn't it?"