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The Month of May is devoted to Our Lady

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Sunday 12th May 2024 Psalter Week 3

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Catherine Shepherd

11.15 a.m. James and Irene Styring

Monday Our Lady of Fatima

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) **ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday *Eastertide Feria*

10.00 a.m.

Thursday *Eastertide Feria*

No Mass

Friday *Eastertide Feria*

12.00 p.m. Kath Jarman

Saturday **St John I, Pope, Martyr**

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Totley

5.00 p.m. Jack Cooper

Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Joe O'Sullivan

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Pray for our sick:

Molly Upton, Sue Jarman,
Stephen Bingley, Pauline Souflas,
Helen Aulton, Anne Grayson,
Paul Smith, Teddy Howes, and
Father Michael O'Connor.

Responsorial Psalm: 102

R: The Lord has set his sway in
heaven.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for
5th May 2024 is £336.34. Thank you.

Come to Mass with no cash? You can make
weekly donations by card on the machines in
the porch or at the side door table. You can
gift-aid too! Please make use of this service if
you can.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish Rooms 6.45pm 20th May

Friday Lunch Club after Midday Mass

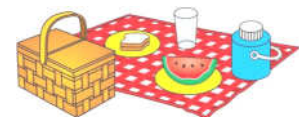
If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm or requires repair please let Liz Mason, Fr Stephen or Simon Jones know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.

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Mini-Vinnies THIS WEEKEND The next Mini-Vinnies will be this Sunday May 12th after 9.15 Mass in the Parish Rooms. At this meeting we will be organising our Knit and Natter Day which will be on Sunday May 26th. That day we will be knitting flowers for the St Wilfrid's Centre Flower Cascade, nattering and having a picnic (see article below).



Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 13th May. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link. All welcome to come and help with final preparations for . . .



Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings Saturday, 18th May 10am – 12 noon. So do look out your cake recipes, put any more books, cuttings /seedlings ready and /or make a date to meet friends at English Martyrs, Topley, to enjoy a coffee/tea in aid of Transport 17 and other Parish Outreach partners. Thank you.



WANTED: Cakes, Plants, Helpers please - all very welcome on the day but if you need help with transportation please contact Angela Wood 07947 731 262 or Paul Embley 07849 137 077. Many thanks for all contributions you can make.

Mini-Vinnies and St Wilfrid's Flower Cascade

St Wilfrid's Centre is holding a Summer Fayre and Wheelbarrow Competition on July 6th (See article on page 3), and wants to decorate the outside of the centre with a cascade of flowers. On Sunday, 26th May ,12-4pm Mini-Vinnies has a Knit and Natter Day in the Parish Rooms to knit flowers and would like as many parishioners as possible to join us. We would also be grateful for any donations of wool and needles in the box in the church porch . . . We will be giving out copies of the flower pattern this weekend.



Deacon Christian will be ordained on 22 June at St Marie's Cathedral. The service starts at 11am
He has been with our parish since he started his training or the priesthood. It would be a lovely gesture if we as a parish could buy him a gift as he commences his journey and life-long commitment to doing God's work.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for him, please give any donations to either Liz Mason or Fr Stephen or place it in an envelope, marked '**Gift for Christian**' and leave in in the sacristy or presbytery. Thank you.

Thank you for your donations to the retiring collection for the Priests Training Fund, which totalled £148.85.

IMPORTANT Facing the Future in our Diocese

We are being reminded once again of the ongoing discussions about the future shape and size of our diocese. You can still give your thoughts, based on the information and pastoral letter that we received on the first weekend in March using the feedback form that was given out then. Further copies are available in the porch.
Many thanks to those people who have already taken the time to respond with their thoughts and suggestions.

Celebrate 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark
14. Campaigner top-tip
Pair some Fairtrade wine with some chocolate. Did you know that lighter chocolate pairs well with lighter wines? Try out the Co-op for good value options for wine and chocs. *Lily in Belfast*

This Month's 100 Club Draw
1st Kath Embley
2nd Paul Embley
3rd Graham Smith

Grace Foodbank Our regular 3rd Sunday collection of Groceries in church for our local Foodbank here in S8 is this coming Sunday, 19th May. Or you can donate at any time at shops eg Sainsbury, Archer Rd. .We are currently shortest of: *Breakfast Cereal, Instant Mashed potato, Microwave rice , Tinned fish, UHT Milk, Laundry Powder/Capsules. Toilet Rolls, Biscuits. We don't have any surpluses at the moment and every single packet, tin or jar will be very gratefully received!* For updates to the list and other information please check out <https://gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk/> Thank you.



Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:
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This Sunday is World Communications Day when we are asked to reflect on the challenges and opportunities that modern means of communication offer the Church to communicate the gospel message. The theme this year is: *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*. In his analysis of the role of AI Pope Francis writes:

“Only by adopting a spiritual way of viewing reality, only by recovering a wisdom of the heart, can we confront and interpret the newness of our time and rediscover the path to a fully human communication... Wisdom of the heart is the virtue that enables us to integrate the whole and its parts, our decisions and their consequences, our nobility and our vulnerability, our past and our future, our individuality and our membership within a larger community.... Such wisdom cannot be sought from machines.”

For the full text of the Holy Father’s letter visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/>

On this day let us pray for all those in the Church who communicate the saving truth of the gospel, that they may be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious champions of the truth. **And for politicians** that they may communicate candidly with the electorate and have the courage to address controversial issues regarding human dignity and the common good of society. **And for campaigners and journalists** who put themselves in danger to bring to our attention wrongdoing and human suffering, that their efforts to humanise society may bear fruit and that they may be kept safe from harm

There is a retiring collection this weekend to help support the work of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference in forging positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people.

ST WILFRID’S CENTRE SUMMER FAYRE - SATURDAY 6th July 2024

Wheelbarrow Competition - Judging at the Summer Fayre Entries are welcome from organisations, schools (classes, years or schools), parishes, groups, individuals (adults and children) and families. The design theme is ‘St Wilfrid’s Centre: Supporting vulnerable, isolated and homeless people’ Wheelbarrows need to be delivered to St Wilfrid’s centre on Friday 5th July (1-4pm) or Saturday 6th July (9-10am).



For further details see the poster at the back of church.

FLOWER CASCADE Before our Summer Fayre and Wheelbarrow Competition on July 6 2024, we want to decorate the outside of the Centre with a cascade of flowers. Can you help by knitting a flower or two by the end of May 2024? Flowers can be made with any pattern and colour but you can find a suggested easy knitted pattern on our flyer. *(At the back of church)*

Sung Vigil Mass at St Marie’s Cathedral for Pentecost (Whitsun) - Saturday 18th May, 5.30pm: On Saturday 18th May, Sheffield Chamber Choir will sing the Vigil Mass for Pentecost at St Marie’s Cathedral. The setting will be the *Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo (Little Organ Mass)* by Franz Schubert, accompanied by string players from the West Riding Ensemble. All are most welcome.

CAFOD’s Sudan Crisis Appeal Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD’s Sudan Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD’s partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text Text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10.

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you’ll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don’t wish to hear more from us, please text CAFODSUDANNOINFO instead.

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>



Corpus Christi Procession Led by Bishop Ralph Heskett

3.00pm, Sunday 2nd June, Four Altars: Anglican Cathedral Grounds, Fargate, Tudor Square and Barkers Pool. Please gather outside St Marie’s Cathedral on Norfolk Row by 3.00pm. Stewards will be there to assist you.

2nd collections? As we have had so many 2nd collections in our church recently, and mindful of the financial difficulties many people face at present, we do not want to add to your pressures but instead we are raising awareness of the largely unreported dire situation in Sudan so you can respond directly via CAFOD if you are able to and/or uphold the people there with your prayers. Thank you.





Mass Setting - Mass of Christ the Saviour
 Gloria 1013; Holy, Holy 1014; Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017;
 Lamb of God 1019



Prayer for World Communications Day

O God,
 whose word is truth, and in whose light we see light,
 guide those who tell the story of our times
 through word and image.
 Make them seekers after truth
 and advocates of human dignity.
 Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
 and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
 awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
 and of longing for your peace.
 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

Our Lady of Fátima (*Feast Day this Monday*)

This feast commemorates the visions of Our Lady seen near Fátima in Portugal in 1917 by three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month from May to October, and by October huge crowds were gathering at the site of the visions and reporting visions and miraculous occurrences themselves.
 Pope John Paul II was devoted to Our Lady of Fátima and attributed his survival of an assassin's bullet on 13 May 1981 to her intervention. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who died in the great Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919-20, were beatified on 13 May 2000.

The story of the Apostle, Matthias

(*Feast Day this Tuesday 14 May*)
 During the days after the Ascension, Peter stood up in the midst of about 120 of Jesus's followers and said that, to fulfil the scriptural recommendation, another person should take the place of Judas amongst the Twelve. Someone who had accompanied the apostles during the whole time that Jesus had been present with them
 (*Acts 1:15-26*)
 They nominated two men: Matthias and Joseph Barsabbas. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven.
 Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament.

Prayer for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

God and Father,
 your Son, at his Ascension,
 promised the Holy Spirit to his apostles.
 They received abundant graces of wisdom
 from heaven.
 Grant us, also, we pray, the gifts of your Spirit.
 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.

This Week's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26*

Responsorial Psalm: 102

Second Reading: *1 John 4:11-16*

Gospel: *John 17:11-19*

**Next Week's Readings
 PENTECOST (Whitsun)**

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11*

Responsorial Psalm: 103

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13*

Gospel: *John 20:19-23*

This Week's Ministries 11/12 May 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	E Watson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	F Green, O Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, J McNally
Communion	5.00 p.m.	C Udall, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	P Ashby, R Portaluri, J Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, M Richardson, H Stones

Next Week's Ministries 18/19 May 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, D Fletcher
	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher, A Peacey
	11.15 a.m.	J-J Carter, M Pybus
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	R Gasser, B Ayanleke, S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, M Harrison, K O'Brien
Welcomers	9.15 p.m.	N Parsons
	11.15 p.m.	A Willcock