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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A)

16th August 2026 Psalter Week 4

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Ron Mason ✝

11.15 a.m. Teresa Moffett ✝

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Hilliard Family

Wednesday *St John Eudes, priest*

10.00 a.m. Lisa Bluff

Thursday St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Friday St Pius X, pope

12.00 p.m. Marshall Ross ✝

Saturday The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.45 a.m. Sr Marta Parafiniuk ✝

Next week's Masses

Totley - Saturday

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Meadowhead - Sunday

9.15 a.m. Mick Dowling ✝

11.15 a.m. Soledad 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: Isabelle Wragg, Tom O'Brien, Norah Chisholm, Dermot Glackin, Paul Smith, Anne & John Grayson, Anne McPhee, Philomena McNally, Helen Aulton, Sue Jarman, and Stephen Bingley.

Responsorial Psalm: 45

R: On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 9th August 2026 was £346.22. Thank you.

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

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 6.45pm SVP Meeting 24th August

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

Angela Holman and Helen Simmerson

Email address: safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com

This Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady, Mother and Queen. Pius XII established this feast in 1954. The doctrine of the Assumption was promulgated in 1951. As was normal for the greater feasts, this celebration was echoed throughout the following week afterwards, and the memorial of Our Lady, Mother and Queen, marks the conclusion of that period of celebration. Mary reigns in heaven together with her Son, not because she is in any way equal to God but because she is the mother of Christ the King. Her privileges come from her willingly agreeing to become the Mother of God and make our redemption possible.

St Peter In Chains, Doncaster is hosting a 'Day of Prayer' on the 24th October, promoting the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster.

The day begins with Adoration and Benediction at 10.00am during which confessions will be available and is followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. Reflections will be given during the afternoon and the day ends with the rosary led by the ***Irish singer Dana***, departures by 3.00pm.

A nine week novena in preparation for the day begins on the 22nd August asking Our Lady of Doncaster and the four beatified martyrs of the Diocese of Hallam (Blesseds Nicolas Garlik, Robert Ludlum, John Anne, William Richardson) to intercede for us.

Please advise people to book in advance, for bookings and further information please contact: hailfulofgrace2026@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation - 7.30pm Thursday, 27th August

27th August is the last Thursday of the month, therefore, here will be a baptism preparation session in church for those wishing to have their baby baptised in the following month.

NOTE: It is important that Fr Clement is already aware of your intentions and that you have already met with him.

Join March for Life UK in London on Saturday 5th September for the annual march, the 'Pro-Life Family Summit' and 'Youth Summit.' Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise life from conception and that abortion hurts the family to the very core. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk



Winter Ball for Catholic Youth age 18-30 - Dance the night away at this year's first Winter Ball! Join us at Location: Liverpool TBA on Sunday 29th of November 2026 from 4pm.

Follow our Instagram: @springdances Join our WhatsApp group: Winter Ball. We'll have: - Wine, Buffet of food with cheese, Fresh fruit platters / Fruit punch displays, Sweet treats table (cupcakes, pastries, chocolate), Crowd games, Scottish Ceilidh Dancing, Late Night- Piano. Winter-themed décor and lighting.

Please fill out the form available on the link. We will be accepting cash

and bank transfers so please see directions for how to go about paying. Tickets will be £30 for one ticket and £50 for two tickets for pre-order. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for £40 each. If you have any questions or money is an issue, please reach out to Clark (+447895989711). Bring a friend, we can't wait to see you there!



Youth Group - back in September!

Before we restart in September, we want to hear from our young people about what they'd like the youth group to be. If you have anyone aged 11-18 at home, please have a chat with them and fill in this short survey by scanning this QR code.

What should we do? When works best? What else would they like to see for young people in our parish? It all helps — and it only takes a couple of minutes. Thank you!



RCIA - Journey In Faith Programme 2026 - 2027

Please note, Journey in Faith is taking a break for the summer. The next meeting will be **on 3rd September**.



Papal visit to Lourdes 24th - 29th September 2026. Limited places. Interested? Contact Tangey Tours at sales@tangney-tours.com or ring 01732 886666. Website www.tangney-tours.com

If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm or requires repair, please let Simon Jones (phone 07808283807), Fr Clement or Liz Mason know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly. Please ensure you always use the handrail when ascending and descending the steps outside church and the parish rooms.

NEW Joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi

Leeds Walsingham Way is a NEW Joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/> ALL welcome to join for Mass: Camino begins Saturday 12 September with 8am Pilgrims' Mass at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield; 8am Sunday Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam; Tuesday 15 September 8am Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, followed by walk to Padley Martyrs' Chapel.

Notifications of events from The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

The Traditional Roman Rite study weekend, 11 - 13 September 2026 Join us in the beautiful setting of Stonyhurst to explore the key elements of the Roman Church's liturgical tradition. The weekend is intended to offer a deeper understanding of both the Traditional Rite specifically as well as of the New Rite of the Mass, which draws principally on the same heritage of the Church's worship over the centuries.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-traditional-roman-rite-study-weekend/>

Ancient Byzantine Iconography course, 12 - 18 October 2026 A seven-day course writing an icon in the ancient Byzantine style, using the liquid egg tempera technique. The course leads the student through each step of writing an icon of their own, providing theological explanations and practical demonstrations. Our October course is for those with some experience: please register your interest for an opportunity to book onto the next novice course. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/ancient-byzantine-iconography-course/>



BETHLEHEM BALL - RAFFLE TICKETS

The Bethlehem Ball fundraising evening is on Saturday, 14th November at the Crown Plaza Victoria Hotel.

As part of our fundraising, there is a raffle, which raises a large part of the total monies. Tickets are available in envelopes at the back of church. Each envelope has five books of 5 tickets.

Tickets are £1 each. If you can please take an envelope and either sell or buy as many of the tickets as you can. Anything you can sell will be very much appreciated and every penny will go the **BETHLEHEM CARE & HOSPICE TRUST**. First prize **£500**.

Parish Bank Details (for making payments to the parish)

Account Name: Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish, Account Number: 01095153, Sort Code: 40-41-07

If you wish to write a cheque, it should be made payable to: *Woodseats RC Parish Account*. Thank you.

Celebration of Married Life - On Saturday 19th September, Bishop Marcus will preside at a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at St Marie's Cathedral at 12:30pm for couples and their families celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversary jubilees this calendar year. Newly married couples are also welcome to come. During the liturgy, there will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form at <https://hallam-diocese.com/celebration-of-married-life/>

Further details from: formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com, or Tel: 0114 256 6410

Grace Foodbank -

Many thanks for your ongoing support, both in church today and in store.



Thought for the Week

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*Most people are
about as happy
as they make up
their minds to be.*

Abraham Lincoln
~

Seek Abundant Grace By Catherine Pulsifer

In August's time, when golden rays descend,
The season's warmth upon creation spreads,
We turn our hearts to One who guides our way,
With steadfast faith, we humbly kneel and pray.

Oh sovereign God, our Shepherd ever near,
Your boundless love dispels our every fear.
In this month, may righteousness embrace,
As we seek your abundant grace.

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 Ihunnia** is notified. The Chaplaincy Office number is 0114 2715485 or email the chaplaincy at sth.chaplaincy@nhs.net



Mass of Christ the Saviour
Gloria 1013 Holy, Holy, Holy 1014
Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017 Amen 1018 Lamb of God 1019



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The commemoration of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Dormition, or falling asleep, as it was known in the East) is known as the Assumption because of the centuries-old tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. On 1 November 1950 Pope Pius XII, formally and infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the doctrine of the universal Church.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. But Revelation, chapter 12, speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both the Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. In 1 Corinthians Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification.

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption

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.

This Week's Readings

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading: *Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab*

Responsorial Psalm: 45

Second Reading: *Corinthians 15:20-27*

Gospel: *Luke 1:39-56*

A Prayer for Victims of Wildfires

Most Merciful God, at this time of great suffering, we entrust all victims of wildfires to you. Comfort them, fill them with your grace, and provide for their needs. We entrust all who have died to your merciful heart.

Give wisdom and prudence to those managing these disasters. Give courage and resolve to those on the front lines. Keep them safe and successful in their efforts.

From this tragedy and chaos, bring hope and peace. Turn sorrow into compassion. Turn confusion into faith. Turn despair into divine hope.

We place all our trust in you, Most Merciful God, knowing that you will bring forth new life and healing from the ashes of this trial. May your name be glorified now and forever.

From: mycatholiclife/catholic-prayers/prayer-for-the-wildfire-victims/

Next Week's Readings

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First Reading: *Isaiah 22:15, 19-23*

Responsorial Psalm: 138

Second Reading: *Romans 11:33-36*

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*

This Week's Ministries 15/16 August 2026

Readers	5.00p.m.	D Hilliard, A Southeran
	9.15a.m.	A Peacey, L Grady
	11.15a.m.	S Morrissey, I Paterson
Communion	5.00p.m.	V Coomer, K Durkin
	9.15a.m.	H Grady, D Winter, B Ayanleke
	11.15a.m.	H Stones, S Campos, K O'Brien

Next Week's Ministries 22/23 August 2026

Readers	5.00p.m.	V Coomer, D Hilliard
	9.15a.m.	M Eames, J Bourne
	11.15a.m.	W Jones, M Pybus
Communion	5.00p.m.	C Udall, S Davey
	9.15a.m.	P Ashby, R Portaluri, M Mahon
	11.15a.m.	J McNally, M Harrison, E Williamson
Welcomers	9.15a.m.	Volunteer needed
	11.15a.m.	E Williamson

**"If you see a worthy person -
endeavour to emulate him.
If you see an unworthy person -
examine your inner self."**