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

Twentieth Sunday of the Year (C)
Sunday, 17th August 2025

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Henryk

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Marshall Ross

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) St John Eudes, priest

No Mass

Wednesday St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

No Mass

Thursday St Pius X, pope

No Mass

Friday Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Saturday St Rose of Lima

No Mass

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Susan Willcock

11.15 a.m. Rodolfo Santos

Saturday, 24th August

No Exposition or Confessions

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: 40

R: Lord, make haste to help me!

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 10th August 2025: £347.91 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!

Registered Charity No 512021

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 6.45pm SVP Meeting

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.

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.

Please note there are no Masses next week or on Saturday morning. Nor will there be any confessions or Exposition.

Pauline Souflas Funeral - The requiem for Pauline Souflas will be on Tuesday, 26th August at 1.00pm, followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood.

Grace Foodbank -many thanks for your ongoing support, both in church today and in store.



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.

Threads through the Cross Thursday 7 August 9am - Monday 22 September 2025 5pm at Sheffield Cathedral Church Street Sheffield S1 1HA. Textile artist **Jacqui Parkinson**'s extraordinary exhibition tells the story of **Jesus' life, death, and resurrection** through **18 enormous textile panels** (3 x 3m and 3 x 2m). Bright, bold, and rich with symbolism, the panels invite visitors to reflect on the journey to the cross and beyond, asking: *What did Jesus go through? And why? What happened next?* Experience this **powerful blend of faith, art, and storytelling** in the heart of Sheffield. **Free to visit.**



Recently, Oliver Wragg (youngest son of Hilary and Peter Wragg) was diagnosed with a brain tumour and is receiving treatment. The family are doing everything they can to make sure Oliver is surrounded by comfort and care, and that his wife Anne and his children Henry, Charlotte, Isabelle, and Alice have time together to make special memories.

A Gofundme page has been created to support the family. Link: <https://gofund.me/8508584a> Any support, a donation, a kind message, a prayer or sharing the fundraising page will help. Thank You.

Free Wellbeing Course for Women - A free four -week course for a happier and more relaxed you. Starting for six weekly sessions from Thursday 28th August at 6.30-7.30pm online.

Join us to explore;

- Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.
- Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience.
- Being more assertive and setting boundaries – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.
- Stress and relaxation techniques – learning new skills for a more relaxed you.
- Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in your life.

Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

To book a place or find out for information contact Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

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.

TODAY - ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS AND A PICNIC - The Hallam African Catholic Community (HACC) cordially invites you to its annual family thanksgiving Mass and picnic scheduled for: Date: Sunday, 17th August 2025. Time: 2 pm Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hillsborough. Picnic celebration at the Hillsborough Park follows immediately after the Mass.

This year's celebration is our way of participating in the "Diocesan Jubilee Year of the Pilgrims of Hope". We, therefore, welcome everyone across the diocese for this celebration.

Personal Column

Congratulations to Luke Grady who is off to university in Hull to study Geography, and to everyone else on their A Level results who are now embarking on the next stage of their life - whatever it may be.

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.
Email address: safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com

GIVE TO LIVE GIVE TO LIVE GIVE TO LIVE
100 Club JULY 2025 Draw

1st prize Di Lewis
2nd prize Claire Parsons
3rd prize Thomas O'Brien

If you're not in it, you can't win it!
Contact Barbara:- b_rich54@hotmail.com

I WILL HAVE APPLICATION FORMS
AVAILABLE AFTER
ALL THREE MASSES THIS WEEKEND
GIVE TO LIVE GIVE TO LIVE GIVE TO LIVE

Baptism Preparation - There is now a change to baptism preparation in the parish.

From now on Fr Clement will do the preparation with parents. There will be a session on the last Thursday of any month for those wishing to have their children baptised the following month.

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.

"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>.



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.

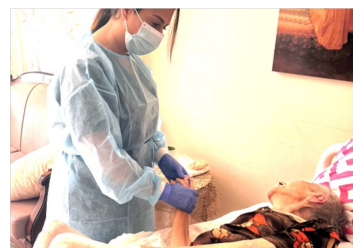
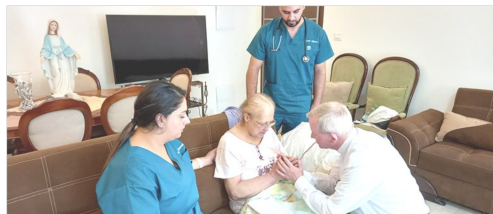
Before the service began, palliative care simply wasn't available – leaving many to face terminal illness without the dignity or comfort of appropriate care. Unable to fund a dedicated hospice facility, the Trust instead developed a home-based care model. A solid operational structure was quickly established 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 or go to the parish website.



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



This coming Wednesday, 20 August, is the **Feast Day of St Bernard of Clairvaux**. In the year 1111, aged 20, Bernard joined the monastic community of Cîteaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot.

The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light. Bernard's life in the Church produced far-reaching results. He was an adviser to popes, defender of the faith, healer of a schism, reviver of the Cistercian Order, scripture scholar, theologian, and eloquent preacher. In all this he relied on many hours of prayer and contemplation to give him strength and direction. His life was also characterised by a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. His sermons and books about Mary are still the standard of Marian theology.

His leading role in promoting the disastrous Second Crusade to the Holy Land weighed heavily on Bernard, and this burden possibly hastened his death on August 20th, 1153.

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

“Love, serve and honour Mary with all your heart, and you will gain and possess entirely the heart of the Heavenly Father. He will love you and bless you abundantly, and she will repeat, after her Divine Son, “For the Father Himself loveth you, because you have loved me.”

Saint John Eudes

This Friday 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. We remember that the Blessed Virgin reigns in heaven together with her Son. She reigns 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.

**I had a joke about a boomerang.
I'm sure it'll come back to me!!!**

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

Lord God,
you have prepared for those who love you
what no eye has seen, no ear has heard.
Fill our hearts with your love,
so that, loving you above all and in all,
we may attain your promises
which the heart of man has not conceived
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
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*

**Next Week's Readings
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

First Reading: *Isaiah 66:18-21*

Responsorial Psalm: *117*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

Gospel: *Luke 13:22-30*

This Week's Ministries 16/17 August 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	S Jones, S Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	M Paterson, I Paterson
Communion	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

Next Week's Ministries 23/24 August 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, D Fletcher
	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri, D Winter
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, M Pybus
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	S Jones, A Tucker, A Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	M Harrison, K O'Brien, S Campos
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	L Hanaghan
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, H Stones