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The Month of May is dedicated to Our Lady



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
Sunday, 18th May 2025



Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Mary and Patrick Murphy

11.15 a.m. Oliver Wragg

Monday St Dunstan

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) St Bernadine of Siena, priest

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday St Christopher Magallanes

10.00 a.m.

Thursday St Rita of Cascia, religious

No Mass

Friday *Easter Feria*

12.00 p.m.

Saturday *Easter Feria*

10.45 a.m.

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Kath Jarman

11.15 a.m. Hilary Wragg

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: Anne McPhee, Philomena McNally, Oliver Wragg, Pauline Souflas, Pat Durkin, Sue Jarman, Stephen Bingley, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Molly Upton, Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Sheila Hurst, and Paul Smith.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 6.45pm SVP Meeting

Wednesday 6.15pm Rainbows
7.15pm Brownies

Friday 12.30 Lunch Club follows Mass

Sunday 9.15am Children's Liturgy

Responsorial Psalm: 145

R: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 11th May 2025 is £372.91. 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

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.

Quote attributed to Pope Leo XIV

“ Brothers, sisters...I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God.

I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine.

And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something:

God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith.

I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything.

I'm asking you not to close the door.

Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others.

That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies...

come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack.

No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers.

He needs brothers.

And you, yes, you...are one of them."

Funeral arrangements.

Sheila Nixon - Requiem Mass, Tuesday, 27th May, 10.00am. at Our Lady and StThomas.

Patricia McGuone - Reception into church at 6.00pm Tuesday, 3rd June. Requiem Mass, 10.00am Wednesday, 4th June at 10.00am at Our Lady and StThomas.

Eucharistic Ministers - A Reminder there is a meeting for all ministers - old and new - on Friday, 30th May at 7.00 pm.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

1. Bring flowers of the rarest,
bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.
*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. (2)*
2. Their lady they name thee,
their mistress proclaim thee.
Oh grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.
O Mary we crown thee. . .
3. Sing gaily in chorus,
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth.
O Mary we crown thee. . .

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

This Tuesday, 20 May, marks the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales.

All abuse is an affront to human dignity and to the image and likeness of God, in which we are made. This year's focus is on the theme of "The Empty Chair". Many of us are saddened by reducing numbers in our churches. This is happening for a wide variety of reasons, but our thoughts are on those who are not there because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being here.

They may be the families or friends of survivors. They may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by "The Empty Chair".

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/national-day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2025/>

YOUTH MINISTRY JOB OPPORTUNITY // CASTLERIGG MANOR

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat Centre in the Lake District run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary, as well as accommodation and food provided. Anyone interested can contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) -Discerning God's Call in your life 23rd - 25th May, Liverpool
The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

Diocesan Mass with Anointing of the Sick – Saturday 31st May 2025

Bishop Ralph will celebrate this Mass for the Jubilee of People with Disabilities at 12 noon at St Peter-in-Chains Church, Chequer Road, Doncaster DN1 2AA. All are welcome to attend, and a particular invitation is extended to anyone living with a disability, their family members, and anyone who supports people with disabilities. There is no requirement to notify attendance – please just come along on the day.

Are churches losing faith in low income communities?

Churches across Sheffield are being asked to take a long hard look at the support they provide for low income communities.

Sheffield branch of Church Action on Poverty (CAP) is responding to research showing churches are more likely to close in low income areas than in better off ones by organising an evening conference asking the question: “Are churches losing faith in low income communities?”

The conference takes place at the Broomhall Centre, Broomspring Lane, Sheffield, on Thursday May 29, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm Admission is free and there is no need to book.

For more information about the event, please contact Briony Broome. E-mail: briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk. Tel: 07801 532 954.

□ Research carried out by CAP in the North West showed three out of every five churches closed by the Church of England between 2010 and 2020 were in deprived areas, while half the Methodist and Baptist churches and two out of five Roman Catholic churches that closed were in deprived areas.

□ Speakers at the conference will include: Niall Cooper, CEO for Church Action on Poverty; The Rev Lucy Sablan, who has been working in Arbourthorne and is now Rector of the Manor and Nick Waterfield, a pioneering Methodist minister and community worker in the Parson Cross community.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions and light refreshments will be available.



Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings -Many thanks for all your support for this event. The proceeds of the day will be shared between Transport 17 and our other Parish Outreach partners. Some remaining plants are available outside both churches (South patio at OLS) Please help yourselves and give a donation either to an Outreach member or via the Give to Live collection, for our Outreach Partners. Thank you.

Thought for the Week

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***The more we genuinely
care about others,
the greater our own
happiness and inner peace***

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Pilgrimage to Roche Abbey - Saturday 14 June 2025 – 4.00 pm

This Mass is open to all parishes within the diocese. Parking is very limited at the Abbey, but it is hoped that there will be a shuttle bus from the top road down into the Abbey. If you intend to be there on the day, would you kindly email stmmaltby@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

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



Creation Mass, Gloria 489, Holy Holy 490, Memorial acclamations 491-493, Amen 494 and Lamb of God 495.



Prayer for Victims of Abuse

God of expansive and unconditional love,
You offer so much to those whom you have created and
whom you love with an everlasting love.
We are conscious of how many do not know this -
whose experiences in our Church have been hurtful and
damaging.

We are aware of the many empty chairs where your
people should be - and acknowledge that we have not
always shown your hospitality, or made our Church the
safe haven it should be.

But we bring this knowledge into your mercy, trusting
that, with our willingness and with your grace, we can
be among those who follow Jesus' example, embracing
the weary - the heavy-burdened - and those in need of
rest and strength for their souls.

May you be present to those most in need of knowing
this love. Amen

This coming Wednesday, 21 May, is the Feast
Day of Saint Cristóbal Magallanes and
Companions. Cristóbal and his 24 companion
martyrs lived under a very anti-Catholic
government in Mexico in the 1920's and 30's.
Churches, schools, and seminaries were closed;
foreign clergy were expelled. Cristóbal
established a clandestine seminary at Totatiche,
Jalisco. He and the other priests were forced to
minister secretly to Catholics during the
presidency of Plutarco Calles (1924- 28). They
did not die as a single group but over 22 years
between 1915 and 1937 in eight Mexican
states. They were beatified in 1992 and
canonised eight years later.

Pied Beauty By Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things -
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced -
fold, fallow, and plough;

And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.
All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Since it is from you, God our Father,
that redemption comes to us,
your adopted children,
look with favour on the family you love,
give true freedom to us and to all
who believe in Christ, and bring us
all alike to our eternal heritage.
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 Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 14:21b-27*

Responsorial Psalm: 145

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:1-5a*

Gospel: *John 13:31-33a, 34-35*

Next Week's Readings Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29*

Responsorial Psalm: 67

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

Gospel: *John 14:23-29*

This Week's Ministries 17/18 May 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	J Carter, R Portaluri
	11.15 a.m.	M Pybus, J McNally
Communion	5.00 p.m.	K Durkin, J Brook
	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher, B Ayanleke, M Mahon
	11.15 a.m.	P Orkamfat, H Stones, E Williamson

Next Week's Ministries 24/25 May 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	C Perryman, S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	I Paterson, A Willcock
Communion	5.00 p.m.	S Davey, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons, C Parsons, P Ashby
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, P Corkell, M Harrison
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock