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The Month of May is devoted to Our Lady

PENTECOST SUNDAY (WHITSUN)

Sunday 19th May 2024 Psalter Week 4

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Jack Cooper

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Joe O'Sullivan

Monday MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) Ss Christopher Magallanes, priest & Companions, martyrs

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday St Rita of Cascia, religious

10.00 a.m.

Thursday OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

No Mass

Friday *Feria*

12.00 p.m.

Saturday St Bede the Venerable, priest

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Totley

5.00 p.m.

Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. O'Brien/Lewis Family

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Pray for our sick:

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

Responsorial Psalm: 103

R: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 12th May 2024 is £244.00. 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 3rd June

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.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 24 - 26 May 2024

Location: 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.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

A series of online workshops looking at the principles and practice of Ignatian Discernment. Open to young adults (20s and 30s).

In these workshop we will consider what Ignatian spirituality teaches us about clarifying our choices, ways of listening to God's Spirit in our lives and discerning the way forward.

To register please email: FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com

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.

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.

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Celebrate 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark
15. Deck the halls with (recycled) bunting

Using recycled cotton, Linlithgow Fairtrade Partnership made beautiful bunting with local youth groups. But you can use any materials to make some Fairtrade-themed bunting – it's a great conversation starter, brightens up any space, and crafting is a great way to bring people together.

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

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Diocese of Hallam Survey - Do you consider yourself to have a disability? Do you care for someone with a disability? Please complete this short Survey about Inclusion and Welcome in the Diocese of Hallam.

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



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)*

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.

Laudato Si' Week 19 -26 May

This year marks the ninth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical to every person living on this planet. *Seeds of Hope* is the chosen theme of the week-long Laudato Si' celebration. We are invited to be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, and to be rooted in the Christian virtues of faith, hope and love.

Faith, hope and love form part of the moral compass for Christians. Faith connects our intellect and our heart and fuels us to act for God in our daily lives. Hope builds our inner strength and perseverance as we work towards futures which more closely reflect God's plan for the creation. The virtue of love calls us into relationship with one another, all of creation and with our God.

Laudato Si' Week is an invitation to pay attention to the expressions of faith, hope and love in our world and in our daily living. A brief reflection based on a direct quote from Pope Francis' letter will be provided for each of the seven days. For more information visit <https://laudatosiweek.org/>



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.



Free Wellbeing Course for Parents

Online – Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm starting 8th May
A free six-week course for a happier and more relaxed you.
Join us to explore;

How to take care of yourself as a parent and improve your wellbeing

- 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 our life.

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

For more information and to book in please contact Janet Kent on 07927657462 or email:

jkent@hallam-diocese.com





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



Pentecost Sunday - The birthday of the Church

The name “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word meaning “fiftieth.” Like Easter, it is tied to a Jewish feast. 49 days (7 weeks, or “a week of weeks”) after the second day of Passover, the Jews celebrated the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot).

Shavuot was a very good time for the Holy Spirit to come down and inspire the Apostles to preach to all nations because, being a pilgrimage festival, it was an occasion when Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims from many countries.

Passover celebrates the freeing of the Jews from slavery, and the parallel with the Jews is exact. We are freed from the slavery of death and sin by Easter; with the Apostles, we spend some time under the tutelage of the risen Jesus; and when he has left, the Spirit comes down on us and we become a Church.

We associate birthdays with gifts. On this, the birthday of the Church, we give thanks to God for his gift to us of the Holy Spirit. More importantly, as we reflect on the words of St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, “the particular way the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose”, we are reminded to recognise and to use the particular gifts we have received, in the service of Christ’s body, the Church, and of all of God’s creation.

Prayer for Pentecost Sunday

Lord God, who by the mystery of today’s great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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
 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*

**Next Week’s Readings
 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40*

Responsorial Psalm: 32

Second Reading: *Romans 8:14-17*

Gospel: *Matthew 28:16-20*

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, to be marked on the Thursday after Pentecost Sunday, was celebrated for the first time in England and Wales in 2018. It was instituted to honour Jesus Christ, who serves humankind as High Priest, mediator of God’s saving graces. It is also a day on which we celebrate the sacramental participation in Christ’s ministry by those ordained as bishops and priests in the Church for the service of God’s people.

Prayer for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Loving Mary Mother of the Church, guide us in the footsteps of your obedience and trust, that we may embrace our role in the Church with humility and grow in unity and love. Pray for us in our trials and doubts, and lead us closer to your Son, Jesus, the source of grace and salvation. Amen.

This Week’s Ministries 18/19 May 2024

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| 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 |

Next Week’s Ministries 25/26 May 2024

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| Readers | 5.00 p.m. | A Southeran, E Watson |
| | 9.15 a.m. | R Portaluri, L Grady |
| | 11.15 a.m. | J McNally, A Willcock |
| Communion | 5.00 p.m. | V Coomer, S Davey |
| | 9.15 a.m. | C Farragher, H Grady, M Mahon |
| | 11.15 a.m. | M Richardson, W Williamson, P Corkell |
| Welcomers | 9.15 p.m. | S Jones |
| | 11.15 p.m. | A Willcock |

