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The Month of May is devoted to Our Lady

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

Sunday 22 May 2022 Psalter Week 2

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. John Walton

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Breege Byrne

Monday *Eastertide Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Eastertide Feria*

10.00 a.m. Kath Jarman

Wednesday St Bede the Venerable, priest

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Thursday **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

9.30 a.m. Nina Nordmann

7.30 p.m. Dead List

Friday ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

12.00 p.m. Kath Jarman

Saturday *Eastertide Feria*

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Molly Sladden

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Ron Crabbe

**Saturday
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am**

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Fr Michael O'Connor,
Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes and
David Gage.

Responsorial Psalm: 66

R. Let the people's praise you, O God;
Let all the people's praise you.

Registered Charity No 512021

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish rooms 8-9pm 23rd May

Tuesday Exploring Faith 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday Rainbows 6.15pm (Parish Rooms)

Brownies 6.15pm (Hall)

Thursday Church Play Group 9.30am -11.00am

Friday Lunch Club follows Mass at noon.



Next Thursday, 26th May is the Ascension of the Lord - a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.30am (with juniors from St Thomas attending), and 7.30pm.



**Corpus Christi Procession is back!!
Led by Bishop Ralph Heskett.
3.00pm, Sunday 19th June**



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

A Jubilee Celebration - Next week on Thursday, 26th May, St Thomas of Canterbury are holding a Jubilee Picnic in the school grounds, between 12-2pm. All parishioners are invited and welcome to join them! Please do come along!

Football - Want to start playing 5-aside football? OLST are wanting to put a team together. Please contact Michael Doherty on 07969180430.



New Hallam News Project

Since the last edition of Hallam News, the communications group wants to thank you all for the warm welcome to Catalina. And is encouraging everyone to contribute with ideas. At this stage of the project we are welcoming all the ideas. *How do you dream of the new Hallam News? What kind of news would it have? Which topics or subjects would the articles talk about?*, etc.

If answers to these questions pop in your mind, please get in touch with Catalina Cacua at communications@hallam-diocese.com and join the team to make this project go forward and be the voice of everyone in the diocese.

Next week at 9.15 Mass the children will crown Mary as Queen of the May.

Hallam Walsingham Diocesan Pilgrimage

Saturday 23 July 2022 Coaches leave Pond Hill at 7.30 a.m. £18 adults, £12 students/children, Procession along the Holy Mile, Mass of Sunday. Contact Joseph Durham 07939 152558 joseph.durham52@gmail.com or Francesca Flynn, 0114 2686247

Lunch Club has restarted and going well but there's still room for more members! If you, or anyone you know who would like to come please contact Kath Young (01142375102).



"Synodal journey: next steps"

Would your parish or group like to spend some time on retreat together, reflecting on the synod responses from the parish and discerning the way ahead? Here are two opportunities available:

1. An 'away' retreat. Loreto Spirituality Centre Llandudno will host a "Synodal journey: Next Steps retreat" from August 4-7. If a group from your parish are interested in going away together for a few days (one to four days available) please get in touch. Closing date for booking is Monday 30 May 2022 in order to secure a place at the retreat house.

2. A retreat in daily life. If your parish would prefer to meet weekly for 6 weeks for an hour and a half each week, to reflect and discern your next steps, either in person or online, and would like support with this (materials, facilitators, check-ins), do get in touch at formationandmission@hallam-diocese.com

Laudato Si' Week is being celebrated during 22nd – 29th May to remind us to celebrate and be responsible for creation. It was started in response to Pope Francis' **Laudato Si' Encyclical** / letter to the world in 2015. In it he calls for dialogue and action concerning the care of what he calls "our common home", and he urges all of us to take seriously our duty to the natural environment, to animals and to people.

<http://visnews-en.blogspot.com/2015/06/overview-of-encyclical-laudato-si.html>

The Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) was formed as a result of the Encyclical. Under the umbrella of the Encyclical, it aims to activate the world's 1.2 billion Catholics to tackle the climate and environmental crises. To educate about and enable participation in this undertaking, LSM also initiated an online Course. Find out more at <https://laudatosimovement.org/>

SVP Collections: The SVP will resume their collections after Mass on the last Sunday of the month.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email each week, please contact the office with your email your address.

If you notice anything on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm, please let the parish secretary know (preferably in writing) so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.

Padley Pilgrimage 2022 : Sunday 10 July



This year's Interdiocesan Pilgrimage in honour of the Padley Martyrs, Blessed Robert Ludlam and Blessed Nicholas Garlick is on Sunday 10 July.

The preacher will be Rt. Rev. John Arnold, Bishop of Salford.

Assemble 3pm at Grindleford Station for procession to the chapel. Mass commences at 3.30pm.

Pilgrims are welcome to arrive early and picnic in the grounds.

WELCOMERS NEEDED - As you can see from the weekly duty rotas in the newsletter, there are frequent gaps in the rota for Welcomers.

We have none for Totley, few at 11.15 and even fewer for 9.15 Masses. If you are able to arrive 15-20 minutes before the start of Mass to give out hymn books and newsletters and welcome parishioners as they arrive for Mass ***please, please*** consider volunteering. The more who offer, the less frequently your turn comes around.

You will be added to the rota and you are always given the opportunity to say which dates you are unavailable. If you can help please let Liz Mason or Fr Stephen know . Thank you.

Thought for the Week

If you accept that Jesus is the revelation and the manifestation of the Father, then you are a follower of Christ and so a Christian.

George Basil Hume (1923 – 1999)

Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings Thank you for your support yesterday. More details next week . . . but look out for more plants available outside church today.

FLAME 2023 - Wembley Arena is to host the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales! FLAME – CYMFed

FLAME has been going now since 2012 and each time it gets bigger, we had almost 10,000 young people there in 2019.

It is on 4th March 2023 and tickets have been purchased on behalf of the Hallam Diocese for our young people so **PLEASE do not book your tickets** through the main site as we have them here in Hallam already.

Who goes? Usually parishes in England and Wales choose to take groups such as confirmation, altar servers or youth groups. The suggested age is 13+ as there is a lot of sitting involved listening and engaging with music and speakers. The cost per person is likely to be £30.

If you are interested please contact Sue McDonald Director of Youth Ministry - Hallam Diocese, 07717014488 .

Vocations Weekend for young women, Theme: Discernment and Vocation 27-29 May 2022 Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God.

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 lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Home from Home Hallam are preparing to welcome a Syrian family to a new home in Sheffield in the middle of June. For an update on our progress (and a request for help with finding an NHS dentist and in providing a laptop computer) please read the newsletter on the Diocesan website: (<https://hallam-diocese.com/caritas/home-from-home/>).

Christianity goes global

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the story of the growth of the church reaches an important point. Many Gentiles (non-Jews) had accepted Christianity as a result of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas. But the question then arose: how much of the law and tradition of Moses should be imposed on these Gentile converts? The answer - after much prayer and discussion - was the bare minimum. They must abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from the meat of strangled animals and from marriage within certain degrees of kinship. And so, instead of becoming simply another Jewish sect, Christianity was on its way to becoming a global religion.

The Feast of the Ascension

This Thursday the sequence of the daily first readings taking us through Acts breaks off (it resumes on Friday), as we go back to its very start for the account of Our Lord's Ascension to heaven. Generally acknowledged as having been written by St Luke, Acts is a natural continuation of the Gospel of Luke (which he refers to in the first sentence of Acts as his "earlier work"). He begins with a brief recap of the Gospel, before moving on to a summary of the conversations of Jesus with the apostles during the forty days after his resurrection. We then have a final appearance during which he promises to send them the Holy Spirit, a power that will enable them to be his witnesses. The word of salvation will go forth from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. The passage concludes with the description of the Ascension with which we are more familiar - through works of art - than the more understated descriptions we find in the Gospels. The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus's life on earth and the start of the Church's mission.

Ascension By John Donne

Salute the last and everlasting day,
Joy at th' uprising of this Sun, and Son,
Ye whose true tears, or tribulation
Have purely wash'd, or burnt your drossy clay.
Behold, the Highest, parting hence away,
Lightens the dark clouds, which He treads upon;
Nor doth He by ascending show alone,
But first He, and He first enters the way.
O strong Ram, which hast batter'd heaven for me!
Mild Lamb, which with Thy Blood hast mark'd the path!
Bright Torch, which shinest, that I the way may see!
O, with Thy own Blood quench Thy own just wrath;
And if Thy Holy Spirit my Muse did raise,
Deign at my hands this crown of prayer and praise.

Prayer for the Week

Prayer for Ascension Thursday

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who believe
that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer,
ascended this day to the heavens,
may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

This week's ministries:

Readers:

5.00pm: A Southeran, E Watson

9.15am: S Farragher, C Perryman

11.15am: M Pybus, J McNally

Communion:

9.15am: M Mahon

11.15am: M Chisholm

Next week's ministries for 28/29 May

Readers	5.00 p.m.	G Higgins, D Fletcher
	9.15 a.m.	A Peacey, C Farragher
	11.15 p.m.	M Richardson, F Glaze
Communion	9.15 a.m.	P Ashby
	11.15 a.m.	K O'Brien
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, H Stones

This Week's Readings Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Responsorial Psalm: 66

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

Gospel: *John 15:9-7*

Next Week's Readings Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading: *Acts 7:55-60*

Responsorial Psalm: 96

Second Reading: *Apocalypse 12:12-14, 16-17, 20*

Gospel: *John 13:31-35*

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'Before our son goes to university he's taking a gap year to try to renew his passport