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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday, 23rd August 2026 Psalter Week 1

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Mick Dowling ✝

11.15 a.m. Soledad Ross ✝

Monday ST BARTHOLEMEW,
APOSTLE

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *St Louis*
St Joseph of Calasanz

10.00 a.m. Elizabeth Watson ✝

Wednesday *Bl Dominic of the Mother of God,*
priest

10.00 a.m. Susan Willcock ✝

Thursday *St Monica*

No Mass

Friday St Augustine, Bishop

12.00 p.m. Joe and Phil McNally

Saturday The Passion of St John the Baptist

10.45 a.m. Sr M Heldisa (Edith) Penha de
Souza ✝

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. Brenda Charles ✝

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: 138

R: O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for
16th August 2026 was £313.63. 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

Registered Charity No 512021

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, there 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

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!



SVP Summer Party - Saturday, 5th September 2-5pm.

The SVP are holding their Summer Party in the Parish Hall for senior members of the parish and anyone else who'd like to come along. It will be an afternoon with music, refreshments and plenty of conversation.

To assist with catering, if you would like to go please contact any of the following: **Ralph Dickins** on 07913979217 or email rdickins123@gmail.com

Frances Green on 07850048271 or email francesmgreen@hotmail.co.uk

For anyone who May require transport please contact **Andy Tucker** on 07817540640 or email andytucker@sky.com

If anyone can help out by baking a cake please contact **Marie Halladay** on 0114 2740252, mobile 07563606748.



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress, Adoremus 2026, which will take place on Saturday 10th October 2026 in London.

Adoremus is the Bishops invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. It will bring together bishops, clergy, religious and lay faithful from across England and Wales for a day of prayer, catechesis, pilgrimage and worship centred on the Eucharist. Parishes throughout the country are also encouraged to participate locally and unite themselves spiritually with the national gathering.

To assist with diocesan planning and transport arrangements, parishioners wishing to attend should register their interest by emailing contact@hallam-diocese.com no later than 31 st August 2026. The Diocese of Hallam intends to coordinate travel for delegates and provide a subsidy towards transportation costs. As a result, delegates will be asked to contribute towards travel, with the Diocese covering part of the cost.

Further details regarding transport arrangements and the delegate contribution will be communicated once numbers have been confirmed.

This occasion offers a valuable opportunity for our people to deepen their Eucharistic faith and to represent the Diocese of Hallam at this important national gathering.

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.

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

Parish Outreach: Partner of the Month. The Besom In Sheffield is a faith-based ministry encouraging people to consider what life is like for those living with poverty and living on the margins. In that respect it is not a social action group but a discipleship organisation. It focuses on those who can give rather than those in need although the net result is that the poor are helped more. It believes that an understanding of God's heart for the poor is central to our faith. If people are moved by the Holy Spirit to want to give but they are not sure how then they can help them. They encourage people to share their time, skills, money or things, with people living in dire situations.

Examples of giving; Money - either for running costs or items for recipients. Often people will have a certain situation in mind i.e. people fleeing domestic violence or seeking asylum. If that is the case then they will ensure that the money is spent in line with the givers wishes. Things - They collect and deliver household items from teaspoons to washing machines. The only stipulation is that items must be new or in nearly new condition because they want people to know that God loves them and so they want them to have the best. They receive referrals from various organisations such as Shelter, Women's Refuges, Social Services and similar organisations and visit the recipient with the worker at their clients property to undertake an assessment. This enables them to build a relationship with the referrer as well as the recipient.

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.

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

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.



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

Thought for the Week

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*What's right
isn't always popular.
What's popular
isn't always right.*
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August's Goodbye By Mary Ann King

The Autumn night awaits as August burns a final, grand farewell. In emerald lace she flows across the hillsides then she turns to make her exit with a sultry grace. Her hair is sunlight, flames of golden strands that fill a cloudless sky with summer bliss. The sage and flowers burst within her hands and Earth arises to her molten kiss. Then Autumn blows a whisper on the wind, a secret sent adrift, a gentle sigh. She paints the days anew, her hues transcend the summer's green as August says good bye. The seasons blend, the fields of sage give in and Autumn's colours sweep the Earth again.



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



This Saturday, 29 August, is the feast day of the Passion (the Beheading) of St John the Baptist. The event is described in the Gospels of Matthew (14: 3-12) and Mark (6: 17-29). Herodias, the wife of King Herod Antipas told her daughter - named as Salome by the Jewish historian Josephus - to require of Herod the head of John as the unspecified gift he had sworn to give her. Herodias hated John for having criticised her marriage to Herod as she had previously been married to his brother Philip. With great reluctance, bound by his oath, Herod complied. It is a measure of the importance of John the Baptist that we celebrate both his birth (in June) and his death in August. John the Baptist pointed the way to Christ. His life and death were a giving over of self for God and for other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. He challenges us to embrace the essence of Christianity- total dependence on the God the Father, in Christ.

Prayer for the Feast of the Passion of St John the Baptist (Saturday 29th)

God our Father, you appointed Saint John the Baptist to be the herald of the birth and death of Christ your Son. Grant that, as he died a martyr for justice and truth, so we also may courageously bear witness to your word. 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

On Friday, 28 August, we celebrate the feast of **St Augustine of Hippo**. Born in 354 at Thagaste (in modern Algeria), as a young man he led an unsettled life both in the philosophy he professed and in his moral behaviour – much to the grief of his mother Saint Monica (whose feast day is on Thursday). In the year 387 he was converted and received baptism from the future Saint Ambrose. He returned to his native country and led the life of an ascetic before being made Bishop of Hippo (current Annaba in Algeria). For 34 years he was an exemplary bishop to his flock, teaching his people by his sermons and writings, striving to combat the errors of the time and to make the faith understood. His most famous works are Confessions, City of God and On the Trinity. During his early dissolute life, **St Monica** was unceasing in her efforts and in her prayers to God for Augustine's conversion. She strengthened her faith by prayer and was outstanding in virtue. Her prayers and her example also won her husband and mother-in-law over to Christianity. She died in Ostia in 387, the year of her son's conversion and Baptism.

Prayer for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, by your grace we are made one in mind and heart.

Give us a love for what you command and a longing for what you promise, so that, amid this world's changes, our hearts may be set on the world of lasting joy. 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
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*

**Next Week's Readings
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

Responsorial Psalm: 63

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2*

Gospel: *Matthew 16:21-22*

This 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

Next Week's Ministries 29/30 August 2026

Readers	5.00p.m.	A Southeran, H Simmerson
	9.15a.m.	D Winter, C Perryman
	11.15a.m.	M Paterson, B Jones
Communion	5.00p.m.	J Brook. V Coomer
	9.15a.m.	A Tucker, A Tucker, R Gasser
	11.15a.m.	K O'Brien, S Campos, H Stones
Welcomers	9.15a.m.	S Jones
	11.15a.m.	H Stones, S Campos