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**The Month of May is devoted to Our Lady**



**PENTECOST SUNDAY (WHITSUN)  
Sunday, 23 May 2012 Psalter Week 4**



**Saturday**

7.00 p.m. Confirmation Mass for  
confirmandi and their families



**Sunday**

10.00 a.m. **Maureen & Reinhold Gasser  
50th Wedding Anniversary**

**Monday** Mary, Mother of the Church

No Mass

**Tuesday** St Bede the Venerable, priest

No Mass Dead List

**Wednesday** St Philip Neri, priest

10.00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Thursday** **JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL  
HIGH PRIEST**

No Mass

**Friday** *Feria*

No Mass

**Next week's Masses**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Saturday**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday**

10.00 a.m. Sheila Fuller

***Please Pray for:***

**Our sick:** Angela McKinney, Mary & David Gage, David Hague, Teddy Howes, Katie Glackin, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Sr Emma Bechold, Michael Goodfellow, Pauline Collins, Sheila Ryan, Marie Lennox, Rae Goodlad, Linda Costello, and Edward Keefe.

**Lately dead:** Lucia Fojut **RIP**

**And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.**

**Weekly Offertories** – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

**Sort Code: 40-41-07 Account Number: 01095153**

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

**Anyone wishing** to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

**Sunday Collections**

**Please remember,** you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to:

**'Woodseats R C Parish Account'**. The bank will not accept any variation.

Registered Charity No 512021

**APOLOGIES** - Last week I forgot to remove the 10.00am Mass from the newsletter that was there following the Ascension the previous week. ***Please note***, however, that except in special circumstances, there will **never** be a Mass on Thursdays as Fr Stephen is at the hospital as chaplain all day. Should it happen again please check first. Again, apologies to those who ventured out. Mea culpa. Liz Mason

**NO Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings** this year because of Covid but ... **YES** to the **Plant Sale** (only) next Saturday 29th May - Bank Holiday outing! 10am -12noon at English Martyrs church car park. Outreach would welcome any seedlings, cuttings and plants you can share. Bring them along on the day or ring Barbara 07725 023 708 if you need help with transportation. Let's 'renew the face of the earth' and use the proceeds to help our Parish partners in need both locally and abroad. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you again, at last!



**English Martyrs** - We are hoping to re-open English Martyrs at Totley in the next few weeks, subject to permission. An initial meeting has already taken place and we have a team of cleaners in place, but could always do with more! However, we do not want to over-burden the stewards at Meadowhead, so it would make sense to find helpers from those who are likely to attend Totley. If you would like to be involved, either as a steward or in helping to prepare the church prior to opening please let Fr Stephen or Liz Mason know. Please note - without sufficient stewards we will not be able to go ahead.



**CAFOD - See the Church in action:** [Stories of transformation in Kenya with CAFOD and Missio Thursday, 27 May 12:00pm-1:00pm](#) [Register](#) to join. More details at [www.cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks)

**Mass Intentions** - Please do not be worried if a Mass intention you have requested has not yet been said. Most requests are for Sunday, and as there is only one a week it takes longer than usual to work through them. Hopefully we will be increasing the number of Masses in the not-to-distant future and the wait won't be so long! Remember, you can still request a Mass intention but writing your name for whom the Mass is to be offered and placing any voluntary offering in an envelope.

***FRAUDULENT EMAILS*** - *There has been a spate of dodgy emails being received by parishioners purporting to come from Father Stephen, requesting help in some way—usually asking for money. These emails are scams and should not be opened or followed through. Please delete them and inform your provider. Fr Stephen will NEVER ask for help in this way and he certainly wouldn't be requesting money.*

***Vacancies*** - *There are various school vacancies throughout the diocese, both teaching and non-teaching. Please go to the Diocese of Hallam website for further details.*

**If you would** like to receive the newsletter by email each week, please contact the office or 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.

## Saint Augustine of Canterbury (Feast Day, this Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May)

In the year 596 Pope Gregory the Great sent a mission to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons in England. Augustine was appointed to lead the mission but after journeying through Gaul he had misgivings and returned to Rome. Pope Gregory sent him back, and he received a friendly welcome from the pagan King Ethelbert on landing in Kent in 597. Ethelbert provided a residence for the mission at Canterbury and on Pentecost Sunday 597 was himself baptised. After being consecrated a bishop, Augustine founded his see in Canterbury. He constructed a church and monastery near where the present cathedral, begun in 1070, now stands. The faith spread, but the work was slow. Augustine sometimes made mistakes, particularly in failing to reconcile the long established Briton Christian communities in western England. But the eventual success of Augustine's mission, long after his death in 605, and his perseverance amidst obstacles, fears and doubts, teaches today's apostles and pioneers to struggle on despite frustrations and be satisfied with gradual advances.

### GIVE TO LIVE 100 CLUB APRIL DRAW NUMBERS SOLD 1 TO 75

1st	31	ALEXIS TUCKER	£52.50
2nd	59	STEPHEN & DI LEWIS	£15.00
3rd	62	TREVOR HALLADAY	£7.50

A huge thank you to all those supporting this initiative.

*Ever wondered how schools are governed? Now's your chance to find out! St Thomas of Canterbury are looking for governors. If you are interested and have some time to commit please contact Judith Wilde, Chair of Governor's at: [j.wilde@st-tc.co.uk](mailto:j.wilde@st-tc.co.uk) or [h.grady@st-tc.co.uk](mailto:h.grady@st-tc.co.uk) Further details can be found on the OLST website and the school website.*

### Personal Column



**Our congratulations to Luke, Fintan, Isobel, Jon, Daniel, Aisling, Charlie, Liam, Evie, Lola, Dominic, Freddie, Theo and Nojus who will be Confirmed this weekend.**



### CONFIRMATION PRAYER

*Spirit of God, grant me:  
The gift of wisdom  
To see the world through your eyes,  
The gift of counsel  
To make difficult decisions,  
The gifts of knowledge and understanding  
To use my mind to know you and to love you,  
The gift of fortitude  
To have the courage to live in the faith  
Despite the difficulties and disappointments,  
The gift of piety  
To be able to express my special love  
And commitment to you,  
And the right kind of awesome fear  
That makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love.  
Amen.*

### SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Sheffield

SPUC is organising its annual pro-life silent witness on Meadowhall Way, Meadowhall (just off the roundabout opposite TGI Friday diner and past Next Home) on Saturday 5th June 11-1. Last year's event had to be cancelled due to lockdown, so it would be good to get a good number participating. Contact 07815820052 for further information.



### Saying for the Week!

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*Life is never without a need,  
never without a problem  
never without a hurtful moment . . .  
but never forget that we  
have a Loving God  
who is protecting , guiding  
and helping us to attain  
a meaningful life.*

## Veni Creator Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
and in our souls take up Thy rest;  
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,  
O heavenly gift of God Most High,  
O fount of life and fire of love,  
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;  
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;  
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou  
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,  
and make our hearts overflow with love;  
with patience firm and virtue high  
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,  
and grant us Thy peace instead;  
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,  
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow  
the Father and the Son to know;  
and Thee, through endless times confessed,  
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,  
henceforth by all in earth and heaven.

*Rabanus Maurus (776 – 856)*

## A Light exists in Spring by Emily Dickinson

A Light exists in Spring  
Not present on the Year  
At any other period —  
When March is scarcely here

A Colour stands abroad  
On Solitary Fields  
That Science cannot overtake  
But Human Nature feels.

It waits upon the Lawn,  
It shows the furthest Tree  
Upon the furthest Slope you know  
It almost speaks to you.

Then as Horizons step  
Or Noons report away  
Without the Formula of sound  
It passes and we stay —

A quality of loss  
Affecting our Content  
As Trade had suddenly encroached  
Upon a Sacrament.

## Prayer for Pentecost Sunday

O 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,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## Pentecost Sunday

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).

Passover celebrates the freeing of the Jews from slavery; Shavuot celebrates their becoming God's holy people by the gift and acceptance of the Law; and the counting of the days to Shavuot symbolises their yearning for the Law.

From a strictly practical point of view, 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.

Symbolically, 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 as toddlers under the tutelage of the risen Jesus; and when he has left, the Spirit comes down on us and we become a Church.

The liturgical colour for Pentecost Sunday is red. Red is the colour of fire and of blood. It is used to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit (for instance, at Pentecost) and the blood of the martyrs.

*From the Universalis website,  
[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)*

## 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*

## This Week's Readings PENTECOST

**First Reading:** *Acts 2:1-11*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 103

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13*

**Gospel:** *John 20:19-23*



## **Diocese of Hallam**

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### **EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN OUR EXCELLENT SCHOOL**

#### **Foundation Governor**

St Thomas of Canterbury School is a *Catholic Voluntary Academy* for girls and boys from age three to eleven in the south of Sheffield. This is a really special place and a true learning community with shared values, made up of our wonderful children, their families, our parishes and our committed team of staff.

We are looking to appoint two practising Catholics who wish to support the development of Catholic Education and the development of the school within our parishes. Foundation governors are entrusted by the Bishop with the ministry of governance, acting within the teachings of the church and providing a vital part of our school's structure. At St. Thomas' governors are committed to ensuring continuous school improvement whilst achieving our purpose: "To nurture curiosity for every child, every day, within a community acting as a beacon of the Catholic faith"

#### **Essential Requirements:**

- Practising Catholic.
- Strong Commitment to the role and improving outcomes for children
- Good interpersonal skills
- A commitment to attendance at a minimum of 2 evening meetings per school term - this may vary depending on any additional roles you undertake.
- A commitment to undertaking any necessary training.

#### **Desirable Skills/Qualifications/Background:**

- Financial Management
- Human Resources
- Strategic Management

Training is provided for specific areas of governance and all applications will be considered.

As parishes and a community we are blessed to be diverse. As a board we are keen to have representation that reflects that diversity and we would welcome applications from ethnic minority groups. You do not need to be a parent of a child in school to be a foundation governor.

Please submit any expressions of interest or any questions on the role to [j.wilde@st-tc.co.uk](mailto:j.wilde@st-tc.co.uk) or [h.grady@st-tc.co.uk](mailto:h.grady@st-tc.co.uk) by 31st May 2021.

***Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.***

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