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

Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (C)
Sunday, 24th August 2025

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Susan Willcock

11.15 a.m. Rodolfo Santos

Monday St Louis IX, king
St Joseph Calasanz, priest

No Mass

Tuesday Bl Dominic of the Mother of
God (Dominic Barberi), priest

1.00 p.m. Requiem for Pauline Souflas

Wednesday St Monica

10.00 a.m. Craig Richardson

Thursday St Augustine, priest and Doctor

No Mass

Friday Beheading of St John the Baptist

12.00 p.m. Soledad Ross

Saturday St Margaret Clitherow, St Anne
Line and St Margaret Ward,
Martyrs

10.45 a.m. Pope Francis

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Pope Leo XIV

11.15 a.m. Father Christian

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

Lately dead: Pauline Souflas RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 117

R: Go into all the world and proclaim
the good news.

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for
17th August 2025: £331.24 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!

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 6.45pm SVP Meeting

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.

Pauline Souflas Funeral - The requiem for Pauline Souflas will be on Tuesday, 26th August at 1.00pm, followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood. *Please note - there will be **NO Mass** at Totley on Tuesday morning.*

Child Victims of Gaza - Around England, Wales, and Scotland, different groups have been reading names of over 20,000 children killed by Israel since 2023 in Gaza. At Sheffield train station a local group will be meeting on Friday 5th September from 6am till midnight to honour their memory and stand in solidarity with their families. **Fr Geoff** will be taking part from 10.30am – 11.30am. Further information for those wishing to attend or take part can be obtained at <https://sheffieldagainstisraeliapartheid.org.uk/read-the-names-5th-september/>

Laudato Si' Webinar, Wednesday 3rd September, 7pm. 10 years on from the launch of Laudato Si', Pope Francis's groundbreaking encyclical on care for our common home, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, in partnership with CAFOD, have organised a 1-hour webinar to reflect on its impact and to examine the spiritual and practical challenges that lie ahead, and the unique role faith communities can play in shaping a just and sustainable future. It is open to everyone. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/10th-anniversary-of-laudato-si-sustaining-the-impact/>

Free Wellbeing Course for Women - A free four-week course for a happier and more relaxed you. Starting for six weekly sessions from Thursday 28th August at 6.30-7.30pm online.

Join us to explore;

- 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 your life.

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

To book a place or find out for information contact Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Recently, Oliver Wragg (youngest son of Hilary and Peter Wragg) was diagnosed with a brain tumour and is receiving treatment. The family are doing everything they can to make sure Oliver is surrounded by comfort and care, and that his wife Anne and his children Henry, Charlotte, Isabelle, and Alice have time together to make special memories.

A Gofundme page has been created to support the family. Link: <https://gofund.me/8508584a> Any support, a donation, a kind message, a prayer or sharing the fundraising page will help. Thank You.

Diocesan Jubilee Mass for Altar Servers - Saturday 20 September, Holy Rood (Barnsley) You are invited to a Mass of thanksgiving on Saturday 20th September, 10.30am, at Holy Rood Church, Barnsley (S70 1AX), which Bishop Ralph will celebrate. Altar servers to bring alb/cincture or cassock/cotta and their Guild of St Stephen medal, if enrolled. Please arrive by 10.00am for vesting in the church hall. There will be refreshments after the Mass. The national Honorary President of the Guild of St Stephen will also be in attendance.

The Bethlehem Ball 15th November, 2025

The Bethlehem Ball - Last year's ball was a huge success and a very enjoyable evening. This year it will be held at the Royal Victoria in Sheffield on Saturday, 15th November. It is a Dinner and Dance in a lovely venue and the tickets at £45 each. (This is the first increase in over 10 years and is due to the cost of the venue) Again, we will be dancing to the **Grand Plan** - who were terrific last year.

If you would like to celebrate with us and help make this another great evening please contact **Liz Mason**, 07971463720; **Cathal Farragher**, 07432512739; or **Joe McNally** 07891072858.

Raffle Tickets - From this weekend you can buy or sell raffle tickets for the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust. A first prize of £500 can be won. Please buy or sell as many tickets as possible to help with the success of the evening. They can be found in envelopes at the back of church. Tickets are £1 each, £5 for a book. Your support is very much appreciated.



Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons.
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Card Reader frustrations. If you regularly donate to the parish or pay for repository items at Meadowhead with your debit or credit card (thank you for doing so, by the way), you may well have experienced one or more failed transactions due to slow wi-fi. Don't take it personally; the poor connectivity message is regularly to be seen on card readers in many churches, for example at St Marie's. At OLST it's much more of a problem in the porch than by the side door. So if the reader in the porch isn't working, do please try the one by the side entrance. Ask Tony or Kathleen if you need any help. Thank you.

**Join this year's March for Life in London
#HUMANRIGHTS4ALL**

The Right to Life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. On Saturday 6th September, pro-lifers will witness for the unborn. Events start at 10:30am with the march at 1:30pm. If you would like to join the coach that is travelling from Sheffield, please contact Rachel (07368) 297872.

We are all are cordially invited to support the National Walking Pilgrimage by praying for both blessings on our land and blessings on the pilgrims as they set out in September, North South West and East to 'Cross' our country. Prayer cards are now available in Church. You may consider participating also in some of the Pilgrim Masses. Note: Pilgrims passing through Sheffield on 9th September.

Start of the northern route is marked by a Pilgrim Mass at St Anne's Cathedral Leeds at 8am on Saturday September 6th (May be of interest for any of you who work in Leeds) Pilgrim Mass at St Marie's Cathedral Sheffield is at 8am Tuesday 9th September.

The Celebration Mass uniting all pilgrim routes is on Sunday 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at 11.15am at Nottingham Cathedral. More details via this link. <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/re-establishing-walking-pilgrimages-as-a-vital-part-of-our-christian-heritage/>

This Saturday, 30 August we commemorate Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, three of the martyrs of the suppression of Catholicism in the later part of Elizabeth I's reign who were canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970. Margaret Clitherow, the wife of a York butcher, was first imprisoned for not attending church services. She was then executed in 1586 for sheltering missionary priests. She had refused to enter a plea to the charge against her, for which the penalty was to be crushed to death under her own door loaded with immense rocks and stones. Anne Line, who was born in Essex, was condemned for harbouring a priest and hanged at Tyburn in 1601. Margaret Ward was born in Congleton, Cheshire, and whilst in service as a maid to a noble household in London helped a priest to escape from the Bridewell Prison. Under torture she refused to reveal his whereabouts. She was hanged at Tyburn in 1588.

A Holy Hour For Life (Adoration): Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road, S7 1DX. Last Saturday of the month after the 10am Mass.

Threads through the Cross Thursday 7 August
9am - Monday 22 September 2025 5pm at Sheffield Cathedral Church Street Sheffield S1 1HA. Textile artist **Jacqui Parkinson**'s extraordinary exhibition tells the story of **Jesus' life, death, and resurrection** through **18 enormous textile panels** (3 x 3m and 3 x 2m). Bright, bold, and rich with symbolism, the panels invite visitors to reflect on the journey to the cross and beyond, asking: *What did Jesus go through? And why? What happened next?* Experience this **powerful blend of faith, art, and storytelling** in the heart of Sheffield. **Free to visit.**



Baptism Preparation - For those wishing to have their children baptised in September, the preparation is on Thursday, 28th August at 7.30pm. In church.

**An August Midnight
Thomas Hardy**

A shaded lamp and a waving blind,
And the beat of a clock from a distant floor:
On this scene enter—winged, horned, and spined—
A longlegs, a moth, and a dumbledore;
While 'mid my page there idly stands
A sleepy fly, that rubs its hands ...

Thus meet we five, in this still place,
At this point of time, at this point in space.
—My guests besmear my new-penned line,
Or bang at the lamp and fall supine.
“God's humblest, they!” I muse. Yet why?
They know Earth-secrets that know not I.

My Day by Day for September is available on the repository. Please remember the price is now £1.25. Thank you.

Personal Column

Congratulations to Katie Broadhurst (Kon and Jeannie Fojut's granddaughter) who has graduated from Sheffield University with a BSc (Hons).



**Christ the Saviour, Gloria 1013, Holy Holy 1014,
Memorial acclamation 1016-1017, Amen 1018, Lamb of God 1019.**

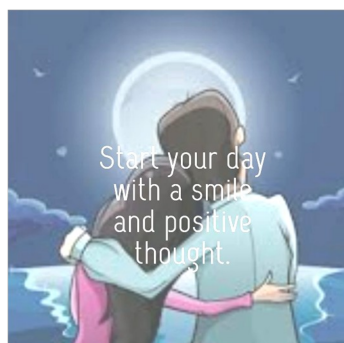


This Friday, 29 August, is the feast day of the Passion (the Beheading) of St John the Baptist. The event is described in the Gospels of Matthew (14: 3-12) and Mark (6: 17-29). Herodias, the wife of King Herod Antipas told her daughter -named as Salome by the Jewish historian Josephus - to require of 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, but 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 God the Father, in Christ.

On Thursday, 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 Wednesday). 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.

**This Week's Readings
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

First Reading: *Isaiah 66:18-21*

Responsorial Psalm: *117*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

Gospel: *Luke 13:22-30*

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

First Reading: *Book of Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29*

Responsorial Psalm: *68*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a*

Gospel: *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

This Week's Ministries 23/24 August 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, C Udall
	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri, D Winter
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, M Pybus
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	S Jones, A Tucker, A Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	M Harrison, K O'Brien, S Campos

Next Week's Ministries 30/31 August 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	B Ayanleke, C Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	I Paterson, A Willcock
Communion	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, J Brook
	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons, C Parsons, M Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	P Orkamfat, J McNally, E Williamson
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock