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The Month of July is devoted to The Precious Blood of Jesus

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24 July 2022 Psalter Week 1

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Grandparents and the Elderly

11.15 a.m. Arthur & Mary Willcock

Monday ST JAMES "THE GREAT"
APOSTLE

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) Ss Joachim and Anne, parents
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Wednesday *Feria*

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Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday St Martha

12.00 p.m. Dead List

Saturday St Peter Chrysologus, bishop,
doctor of the Church

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Kath Jarman

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday

Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray for:

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

Lately dead: Fr Denis Norman,
Joseph Donnelly **RIP**

Responsorial Psalm: 137

R. On the day I called
you answered me, O Lord.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish Rooms 8-9.pm 25th July

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

Today is the second **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, an event established last year by Pope Francis and held on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Here are some extracts from Pope Francis's message.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot "still bring forth fruit". God urges us to persevere in hope. We can come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!

For this reason, we ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years. This is also true from a spiritual standpoint: we ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. Like "green olive trees in the house of God" (cf. Ps 52:10), we can become a blessing for those who live next to us.

Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the revolution of tenderness, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war.

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

It is hoped that we can start the Lunch Club again on September 9th. [To be able to do this, we need some help.](#)

Firstly, we need 3/4 cake makers, 2 soup makers and 1 helper. This would involve working on a four week rota, either providing cake/soup or serving/washing up at the Lunch Club itself.

Secondly, we need new attendees! Our numbers were dropping before the pandemic and we would love to see more people coming along for soup, cake and a cuppa!

If you feel that you could help out please contact Pam Walsh (pammy.walsh@sky.com or 01142368753), or if you would like to come along please contact Kath Young (01142375102).

The 12th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place this year on the hundredth anniversary of GKC being received into the Catholic Church, **next Saturday 30 July**. Please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer cards can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

Over the years we have raised over £15,000 for Good Counsel with sponsorship from the Pilgrimage. Donations can be made here, <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gkcwalk22>

Funeral Arrangements for Fr Denis Norman - The body of Fr Denis will be brought to the parish of St Joseph and St Teresa at Woodlands on Wednesday evening, 10 August, where a Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6pm.

On Thursday morning 11 August, his body will be transferred to the parish of St Peter in Chains, Doncaster. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11am.

After mass there will be a reception in the parish hall.

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

Urgent Appeal - Please can you help? The St Vincent De Paul Society are working closely with refugees and asylum seekers here in Hallam and across the UK, we are supporting hundreds of individuals with clothes, shoes, personal hygiene products and travel passes. Currently there are approx. 143 individuals living in a hotel near Sheffield who need our immediate support.

One lady at the hotel, we will call her M for safety- is 25 and has come here from Iraq with her younger brother who is 21 to seek asylum. M is so keen to work here and make a life for the two of them. She is a qualified midwife with 2 years work experience. M showed us photos of her working throughout the Covid outbreak. She is overjoyed when we visit her in the hotel and offer our friendship and support.

Unfortunately, our resources are already stretched due to the economic hardship felt by so many within our parishes, schools and communities so we need to ask for your help.

Can you donate clothing for children and adults of all ages? (no underwear or shoes please, unless new)

Can you donate hygiene products for men, women, children and babies? Eg. nappies, feeding cups, deodorant, feminine products, face wash, shaving foam, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc.

Can you donate craft items eg. Crochet hooks, knitting needles, wool, embroidery kits, colouring books, crayons, Clean and safe baby toys (that do not require batteries)

Can you donate an adult bike so they do not have to walk to Sheffield to register each week?

Can you donate a little money so we can buy travel passes and new underwear/clothing vouchers?

Can you donate a little of your time to help the SVP with this special project or in the future?

All these small things make a huge impact to the people who will receive them and make their lives so much happier and healthier, giving them dignity and a sense of belonging.

Please speak to the SVP members in your parish or the Parish Priest if you can help in any way.

Thank you on behalf of all our brothers and sisters seeking sanctuary here. I pray God grants you every grace and blessing.

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Our Responsibilities at This Time - Climate Talk - 26-7-2022 - The seriousness of the situation we face is extreme. Sir David King, formerly Chief Scientific Advisor to the Government says: *“What we do in the next 3–4 years will determine the future of humanity.”* The Executive Director of the International Energy Agenda, Fatih Birol, stated in May 2021 that: *“If governments are serious about the climate crisis, there can be no new investments in oil, gas and coal, from now – from this year.”* Such a situation demands a significant, prophetic and even audacious response from the Church. The team of which I am part have put their faith into practice by engaging in direct action to call on Government to immediately halt the licensing of any new fossil fuel exploration.

So, on **Tuesday 26th July at 7.00pm**, one of our team will be presenting a talk: *Our Responsibilities at This Time* at **Sheffield Central Quaker Hall**. They will be joined by another Christian talking about their direct experiences of taking action in the face of the climate emergency.

8 things you didn't know about the food system:

1. Our food system is bad for the planet, our common home.
2. Small-scale farmers have little choice over what they grow.
3. More than half of some crops are grown to feed animals reared for meat.
4. Millions of people who produce our food are living in poverty themselves.
5. One third of the food we produce is wasted.
6. **But we produce enough food to feed everyone!**

To feed the current global population, we need to produce 3.7 billion tonnes of food per year.

We are currently producing 4 billion tonnes per year. Take action with us to fix the food system Email the Foreign Secretary at <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1> More at

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Food-8-things-you-didn-t-know>



I NEED TO GET MY LIFE TOGETHER,
THIS WEATHER MADE ME REALIZE I CAN'T GO TO HELL.

The wife said that she wanted to eat somewhere really expensive



Monday 25 July, is the feast of **St James the Apostle**. This is the St James whose shrine is at Compostela. The brother of John the Evangelist, he is often referred to as James the Great(er) to distinguish him from the other apostle named James (the Lesser) and the James credited with authorship of the *Letter of James* and the leadership of the fledgling Christian community in Jerusalem.

He was one of the favoured three apostles who witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemane. James and John are reported to have had personal ambitions, asking for places of favour in God's kingdom. In response, Jesus taught them the lesson of humble service. As with others in the Twelve, Jesus purified them of weaknesses such as narrowness, pettiness, fickleness, preparing them to be able to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.

James is reputedly the first of the apostles to be martyred - by King Herod around 42 AD to please the Jewish opponents of Christianity.

The feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne is on Tuesday, two days after our celebration of grandparents and elderly people, and the father and mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary are the patron saints of grandparents. Mary's parents aren't specifically mentioned in the Scriptures. Even their names come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died. But whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from what we read in the Bible, we see in her a fulfilment of many generations of prayerful persons, steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

Joachim and Anne - whether these are their real names or not - represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah.

St Peter Chrysologus, whose feast day is on Saturday 30 July, lived from around 380 to 450. He had a thirst for learning - which he looked on not as a mere opportunity but as an obligation for all, both as a development of God-given faculties and as a solid support for the worship of God. Many of his short sermons have come down to us. They do not contain great originality of thought, but are full of moral applications.

So authentic were the contents of these sermons that some 13 centuries later, he was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII.

Prayer for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life.
To those who take refuge in You,
May they always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment,
But forsake me not
When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
to the mission you entrust to me
and to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in you.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen

This Week's Readings Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

First Reading: *Genesis 18:20-32*

Responsorial Psalm: 137

Second Reading: *Colossians 2:12-14*

Gospel: *Luke 11: 1-13*

Next Week's Readings Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

First Reading: *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

Responsorial Psalm: 89

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*

Gospel: *Luke 12: 13-21*

This week's ministries:

Readers:

5.00pm: V Coomer, H Simmerson

9.15am: S Farragher, F Green

11.15am: M Pybus, M Richardson

Communion:

9.15am: R Gasser

11.15am: J Tucker

Next week's ministries for 30/31 July

Readers 5.00 p.m. D Fletcher, G Higgins

9.15 a.m. A Peacey, E Grant

11.15 p.m. P Moon, D Lewis

Communion 9.15 a.m. R Portaluri

11.15 a.m. K O'Brien

Welcomers 9.15 a.m. N Parsons

11.15 a.m. D Lewis

