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

### Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (C) Sunday, 27th July 2025

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Emily Wright

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Harry Harrison

Monday Feria

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) St Martha, St Mary & St Lazarus

10.00 a.m. Ian Richardson

Wednesday St Peter Chrysologus

10.00 a.m. All Souls

**Thursday** St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

No Mass

Friday St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori

12.00 p.m. Kelly Richardson

Saturday St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop

St Peter Julian Eymard, priest

10.45 a.m. Andrew Richardson

**Next Week's Masses** 

**Saturday - Totley** 

5.00 p.m. Janet Grover and Family

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Sheila Nixon

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 

Saturday 10.00am – 10.40am Rosary - 10.00am Sacrament of Confession

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**Pray for our sick:** Philomena McNally, Anne McPhee, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Pauline Souflas, Paul Smith, Brenda Charles, Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley,

Molly Upton, Oliver Wragg, Sheila Hurst, and Sue Jarman.

Responsorial Psalm: 138

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

**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total for 20th July 2025: £307.03 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

<u>If you notice anything</u> 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.

PLEASE NOTE, <u>THIS WEEK</u> - The preparation meeting for baptism will be on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>31st July</u> (in church) for those who wish to have their children baptised in August. If you have not yet completed a form, please take one from the back of church and return it to the office. If not already done so, it is important you meet with Fr Clement BEFORE the preparation meeting on Thursday, 31st.

**Children's Liturgy** - Please note there is no children's liturgy this Sunday. It will resume next Sunday, 3rd August.

Wanted: as from September 2025 - a regular volunteer for the Friday Lunch club to join an existing team. Duties are to help put out and set tables; serve soup, tea/coffee and cakes, and clear up afterwards. Commitment is for approximately three hours (11-2pm) once every four weeks. Please text Claire on 07990766022 if you can help. Thank you.

**Physiotherapy home visits:** Carmel Gabriel (née Wood) is available for physiotherapy appointments in the comfort of your own home. Please contact for prices and availability: 07851126589



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday collections: ...Give to

**Live,** the monthly emptying of jars and bottles of our small change into the

basket on the Offertory Table, will be next Sunday, the first in the month – small change makes a BIG DIFFERENCE to our Parish Outreach partners at home and abroad.

Thank you for your generosity last month, which raised a wonderful £207.50.



...also, next weekend - tinned tuna and meat, particularly ham for St Wilfrid's Centre. Thank you

**Sea Sunday -** Many thanks for your donations last week which raised £425.48



**Ampleforth Retreat** - There are just 2 places still available for the retreat in October. If you would like to go please contact Liz Mason at the presbytery on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays on 0114 274 7257 or 07971463720.

Bishop Ralph Heskett and the Trustees are seeking to appoint

a full time Director of Education to continue to promote high quality, authentically Catholic education. The successful candidate will support all schools of the diocese, whilst delivering the strategic vision to create two Catholic

Multi-Academy Trusts in Hallam. For more detail please contact schools@hallam-diocese.com.

The closing date is this Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

# 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.

#### 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. Thank you.



Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are: Angela Holman and Claire Parsons. Email address: safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com

#### The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is this Sunday, 27 July.

The theme this year is "Blessed is those who have not lost hope" (cf. Sirach 14:2).

Pope Leo's message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2025, reminds us that hope is a source of joy, no matter what age. He writes:

"The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realise that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. Sacred Scripture offers us many examples of men and women whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan. We can think of Abraham and Sarah, who, advanced in years, found it hard to believe when God promised them a child.. Zechariah's reaction to the news of John the Baptist's birth was no different: "How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years" (*Lk* 1:18). Yet whenever we think that things cannot change, the Lord surprises us with an act of saving power.

If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials!

As elderly persons, we can hope. As Pope Francis wrote during his last hospitalisation, "our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope"

"Even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). As we grow older, may we be renewed each day by our encounter with the Lord in prayer and Holy Mass. Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

Read the full text of Pope Leo's message at <a href="https://www.cbcew.org.uk/popes-message-to-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2025/">https://www.cbcew.org.uk/popes-message-to-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2025/</a>

#### Family and Group Stays at Castlerigg Manor this August

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and this summer they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups. A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at https://castleriggmanor.com/open/or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

#### **Cancel Debt, Choose Hope**

Thank you for the great response to the 'Cancel Debt, Choose Hope' petition which received a wonderful 112 signatures on paper and more on line also. You can still add your voice using this QR code. We are keeping on with our parish's great efforts since 1998 to 'Drop the Debt' for the Millennium Jubilee.



#### Contact your MP.

If you couldn't meet with your MP in London earlier this month, please contact them directly in the constituency. You don't have to be an expert. If they have any questions, they will find a lot of answers at https://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/global-debt-crisis-explained MPs encourage lobbying. It encourages and empowers them to represent our views and champion reforms to:

- 1. Stop the debt crisis now by cancelling unjust debt particularly of the world's poorest countries hit hardest by the climate crisis.
- 2. Support a Debt Justice Law to make private lenders take part in debt relief.
- 3. Prevent future debt crises through a new debt framework within the United Nations.

Our efforts will be signs of Hope in this Jubilee Year. Thank you.



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



#### A Prayer OF Grandparents and the Elderly

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord! Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You! Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion. Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace. Help us in this world, which is dehumanising, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile. Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness. Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give! For in You, Lord, nothing is lost For in You, Lord, everything begins again! Amen

St Alphonsus De Liguori, whose feast day is on Friday, founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. Alphonsus's great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional. He is best known for his moral theology, but his Glories of Mary is one of the great works on that subject, and his book Visits to the Blessed Sacrament went through 40 editions in his lifetime, greatly influencing the practice of this devotion in the Church.

This Thursday we celebrate **the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.** Born in 1491 in the Basque region, this wounded soldier of fortune became a warrior of God after a difficult spiritual journey, during which Ignatius began to write down material that later became his *Spiritual Exercises*.

At 43, he and six others - one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier - vowed to live in poverty and chastity and offered themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III in 1538, and Ignatius was elected as the first general. Ignatius's spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad majorem Dei gloriam*—"for the greater glory of God." Ignatius died on 31 July 1556.

## Prayer for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing holy, support us always with your love:
Guide us so to use the things of this world, that even now we may hold fast to things that last forever.

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

**Responsorial Psalm**: 138

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

**Gospel:** *Luke 11:1-13* 

Next Week's Readings Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

**Responsorial Psalm**: 90

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

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

#### This Week's Ministries 26/27 July 2025

**Readers** 5.00 p.m. A Southeran, D Fletcher

9.15 a.m. J Bourne, F Green

11.15 a.m. A Willcock, J McNally

Communion 5.00 p.m. K Durkin, V Coomer

9.15 a.m. A Tucker, A Tucker, M Ayanleke

11.15 a.m. P Corkell, P Orkamfat, J McNally

#### Next Week's Ministries 2/3 August 2025

**Readers** 5.00 p.m. V Coomer, D Fletcher

9.15 a.m. K Corker, S Corker

11.15 a.m. I Paterson, M Pybus

Communion 5.00 p.m. S Davey, J Brook

9.15 a.m. P Ashby, M Mahon, R Portaluri

11.15 a.m. K O'Brien, M Harrison, H Stones

Welcomers 9.15 a.m. L Hanaghan

11.15 a.m. A Willcock