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**The Month of June is devoted to Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**

**Sunday, 27 June 2021 Psalter Week 1**

**Saturday**

5.00 p.m. (Totley) People of the Parish

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. Danny Grant

11.15 a.m. Maureen Dickins

**Monday** **St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr**

No Mass

**Tuesday** **SS PETER AND PAUL**

10.00 a.m.

**Wednesday** **The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**  
(Totley)

10.00 a.m. Patricia Ryan

**Thursday** **St Oliver Plunkett, bishop martyr**

No Mass

**Friday** *Feria*

No Mass

**Next week's Masses**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday (Meadowhead)**

9.15 a.m. Tony and Jan Harrington

11.15 a.m. William Maltby

***Please Pray for:***

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

**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

Please note - Tuesday is the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul. Therefore, Mass will be at Meadowhead on Tuesday, and at Totley on Wednesday.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

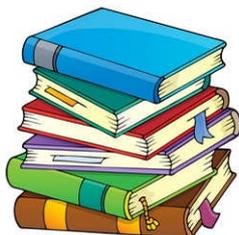
The water at Totley is being tested for legionella as it has been switched off for the duration of lockdown. This means there is no water to drink and the lavatory **MUST NOT BE USED**.

**Retiring Collection** - There will be a collection for **Peter's Pence TODAY**. Peter's Pence supports the Pope in his charitable and philanthropic work as well as the administration and running of the Vatican.

### Hallam Lourdes@Home 2021 25<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Following on from the Virtual Pilgrimage in 2020, Hallam Lourdes@Home 2021 will involve a series of Masses in each deanery around the Diocese during the period that the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes would have taken place. In this way, we hope to provide the opportunity to join in prayer together, as people start to emerge and feel more comfortable. There will be a Mass in a different deanery each day and most will be available online too, but it is important to offer the opportunity to gather in prayer, safely and in line with current guidance. All our welcome each day and Bishop Ralph will celebrate a Diocesan Mass for our diocesan patronal feast on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm at St Paul's, Goodison Boulevard, Cantley, Doncaster DN4 6BT. There will also be a Mass for Healing at 11.00am at Immaculate Conception, Rotherham on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. For details of the full programme and locations each day please visit the pilgrimage website [www.hallam-lourdes.com](http://www.hallam-lourdes.com) or the Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage Facebook page.

**Book Sale** Following the success of the Plant Sale which raised nearly £400 for our parish Outreach partners, (Many Thanks!) we hope to have a Book Stall in the same way at English Martyrs, Totley, provisionally 10 - 12noon Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> July TBC.



### Caritas - Deaf Ministry - Signed Mass.



There will be a Signed Mass, Sunday, 11th July, St Marie's Cathedral 4.30pm. Celebrant: Fr Jim Clarke. No booking needed - stewards will ensure social distancing.



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'Based on the data, we expect Germany to score between 500 and 700 goals against England on Tuesday'

(Although England has actually beaten Germany more often than they have beaten England!!)

**In Bethlehem 70%** of first diagnosed cancers are at stage 4 (Terminal). **They have no Hospice**. We are looking for 1 million people to give just £1 a month for just 3 months. Will you be **1 in a million** and help to prevent people dying in pain ?. Visit [www.bchandht.org](http://www.bchandht.org) or drop a £1 in the box by the door. **Thank you. You are truly one in a million.**



**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.

**Father Stephen would like to have as many parishioners as possible involved with the life of the parish.**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with cleaning and flower arranging. However, we still **need MORE!!**

It is hoped that we can have everything in place for September.

If you feel you could help in anyway please do come forward. Contact either Father Stephen or Liz Mason at the presbytery.

### CAFOD

**CAFOD Climate justice & COP 26 Tuesday, 29 June 7:00pm-8:30pm** An evening with CAFOD's campaigns team to discuss the important global role of the UK this year as the country gets ready to host the United Nations international climate talks, COP26, in Scotland in November. Register to join.

- ◆ **Volunteer Forum** Thursday, 1 July 6:30pm-7:30pm Hear about CAFOD's challenges, joys and achievements of the past year and about our hopes for the future. Followed by Mass. Register to join us.
- ◆ **Volunteers Mass** with Fr Mark Odion Thursday, 1 July 7:30pm-8:30pm to give thanks for our wonderful volunteers who have given so much to support our sisters and brothers around the world. Register to join in the Mass.

Or see <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks> for more details.

- ◆ **CAFOD Virtual Lobby** with Olivia Blake MP for Catholics in Sheffield Hallam 2pm this Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact [clare\\_m\\_gardner@hotmail.com](mailto:clare_m_gardner@hotmail.com) for the Zoom link to show your support for debt cancellation, renewable energy and implementation of other steps to limit global temperature rises to 1.5C. More details at [www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home)
- ◆ **Sheffield Central Catholics** are welcome to a similar 'Parliament in your Parish' session with their MP, Paul Blomfield, this coming Friday, 2nd July at 1pm. Please contact Rita at [mcmanusra@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mcmanusra@yahoo.co.uk) for the zoom link asap.

**Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 5th July. All welcome. Please contact [david.angela.wood@gmail.com](mailto:david.angela.wood@gmail.com)**

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

### *Saying for the Week!*

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*The world is moving  
so fast these days  
that the person who says  
'it can't be done'  
is generally interrupted  
by someone doing it.*

*Elbert Hubbard*

**Go to page 5 of the newsletter on the website to find out about midsummer rituals in other countries and for the answers to last week's quiz.**

### *Christian Lacdael*

#### *A Poem for Midsummer*

*Fairies' power is its strongest,  
When the day is at its longest,  
Around the flames of a bonfire,  
The night's magic will transpire,  
Our thanks gets given to the sun,  
Before long summer will be done,  
Long summer days we will soon miss,  
The sunlight ebbs past the solstice,  
Once the sun appears in the East,  
It's time to ready for a feast,  
Stay out long into the evening,  
There's festivities and dancing,  
Spent within the warm evening air,  
There are smiles to share everywhere,  
It's light close to the midnight hour,  
Into the night the evening blurs.*

## **Ss. Peter and Paul**

*(Feast day this Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June)*

The New Testament shows **Peter** as the leader of the apostles. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. And to Peter only did Jesus say, "I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

But the Gospels also provide unflattering details about Peter. He generously gives up all things, yet he can still think and act with childish self-regard. He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do". He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. We would probably go to confession to Peter sooner than to any of the other apostles. Jesus says to us as he said, in effect, to Peter: "It is not you who have chosen me, but I who have chosen you. Peter, it is not human wisdom that makes it possible for you to believe, but my Father's revelation. I, not you, build my Church."

**Paul's** experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made him one of the most zealous, dynamic, and courageous ambassadors of Christ that the Church has ever had. But persecution, humiliation, and weakness became his day-by-day carrying of the cross. Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort - even the most scrupulous observance of law - can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

## **St Thomas the Apostle - (Feast Saturday 3rd July)**

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. Thomas should be equally well known for his courage. When Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died - since Bethany was near Jerusalem - this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, "Let us also go to die with him". Thomas shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, Philip and his foolish request to see the Father and indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of understanding. But Christ did not pick worthless men. Their human weaknesses show that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting, and loving one.

## **Prayer for the Week**

### **Mary**

Calm, O maiden most pure,  
The wild storm of my soul.  
For you alone showed yourself on earth to be  
The port of all who set a course  
Through the perils of life.  
You who gave birth to the Light,  
Brighten O Pure Lady, the eyes of my heart.  
You were given to us on earth  
As protection, bulwark and boast. You were  
given to us as a tower  
And sure salvation, O maiden.  
For this we no longer fear adversary, We who  
devoutly glorify you.

### **This Week's Readings**

#### **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 7:10-17*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 71

**Second Reading:** *Apocalypse 12:1-6,10*

**Gospel:** *John 19:25-27*

### **This Week's Readings**

#### **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** *Ezekiel 2:2-5*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 122

**Second Reading:** *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

**Gospel:** *Mark 6:1-6*

### **This week's readers: 26th/27th June**

**5.00pm:** V Coomer

**9.15am:** S Corker

**11.15am:** A Willcock

### **Next Week's readers: 3rd/4th July**

#### **Readers:**

**5.00pm:** A Southeran

**9.15am:** F Green

**11.15am:** J McNally

**MATT**



*'I suffered an unpleasant side effect after my second jab - I was asked to go back to the office'*

## Historic Days Out Quiz

1. Which castle is home to one of the four original copies of Magna Carta?
2. In which Welsh castle was Henry Tudor, the future King Henry VII, born?
3. At which castle did Robert Dudley unsuccessfully woo Elizabeth I in July 1575?
4. In which cathedral is the tomb of King John?
5. In which cathedral is the tomb of the Venerable Bede?
6. Which midlands cathedral is the only one in Britain with three spires?
7. Which cathedral houses Richard of Holdingham's famous "Mappa Mundi"?
8. Outside which Cotswold town was the 1265 battle in which Simon de Montfort was killed?
9. At which Cotswold town was a decisive battle in the Wars of the Roses fought in 1471?
10. In which chapel are the tombs of King Henry VIII and King Charles I?
11. Chapel famed for its seasonal music whose construction was interrupted by Wars of the Roses?
12. From which Scottish abbey was Saint Aidan sent to the Northumbrians in AD635?
13. In which Cambridgeshire town was Oliver Cromwell born?
14. Which Oxford college was originally named Cardinal College before the fall of Wolsey?
15. Which Cambridge college boasts the highest number (34) of Nobel Prize winners?
16. Which county town is the setting for Ellis Peters's Brother Cadfael mysteries?
17. The tomb of which 12<sup>th</sup> century archbishop / saint is in the crypt of York Minster?
18. Where were the martyrs Blessed Robert Ludlam and Nicholas Garlick captured in July 1588?
19. Where would you find the hillfort of Housesteads and the site of Vindolanda?
20. Which northern saint put the Roman Church's case at the Synod of Whitby in AD664?

**Answers:** 1. Lincoln, 2. Pembroke, 3. Kenilworth, 4. Worcester, 5. Durham, 6. Lichfield, 7. Hereford, 8. Evesham, 9. Tewkesbury, 10. St. George's Chapel (Windsor Castle), 11. Kings College Cambridge, 12. Iona, 13. Huntingdon, 14. Christ Church, 15. Trinity, 16. Shrewsbury, 17. St William of York, 18. Padley, 19. Hadrian's Wall, 20. St Wilfrid

## **The summer solstice is a time associated with rituals and celebrations in various different cultures.**

### **A few examples are:**

- ◆ In Lithuania, the rising midsummer sun is greeted by washing the face with morning dew and, at midnight, they search for a magic fern blossom. There is also singing and dancing, while members of the Romuva religion light altar fires to the pagan gods.
- ◆ In Finland (and in many other countries), midsummer is marked by the lighting of bonfires, particularly near water. Meanwhile, unmarried women will sometimes put flowers under their pillow in the hope of dreaming of their future husband!
- ◆ In Iran, the extended midsummer period coincides with the festival of Tirgan, celebrated with traditional food like spinach soup and sholezard, dancing, and reciting poetry (we approve of this!). Children tie rainbow-coloured bands around their wrists.
- ◆ In Portugal, there are fireworks and balloons. On June 13, the capital city, Lisbon, hosts a parade with traditional folkloric costume for St Anthony's day: traditionally, this is an occasion to tell someone you love them by offering them a sweet basil plant ('a manjerico') and a love poem (we also approve of this one). Less sweetly, on June 24, in the towns of Porto and Braga, people carry pots of smelly flowering leeks to rub on other people's faces, and small plastic hammers to hit one another over the head.
- ◆ In Brazil, the June Festival (São João) was brought over by Portuguese colonialists. Being in the southern hemisphere, the festival actually takes place in midwinter. The festival is celebrated with square dancing ('quadrilha'), a hot spiced drink, and a mock wedding.
- ◆ In the UK, the solstice is traditionally a time of celebration. Bonfires used to be common across the country as a way of celebrating. The solstice is often associated with Stonehenge, as the stones there are aligned with the sun's position at the summer and winter solstices. You can read more about that here. To this day, people still flock to Stonehenge to witness the sun framed by these magnificent stones. You can see a live feed of Stonehenge here.