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The Month of April is devoted to God the Holy Spirit

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
Sunday 28th April 2024 Psalter Week 1**

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Liz Grant

11.15 a.m. Anne Moisey

Monday St Catherine of Sienna

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) St Pius V, pope

10.00 a.m. Fred Sherwood

Wednesday St Joseph the Worker

10.00 a.m. Liam Treacy

Thursday St Athanasius, bishop

No Mass

Friday SS PHILIP AND JAMES

12.00 p.m. Fred Sherwood

Saturday TOTLEY THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Next week's Masses

Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Kay Langan

11.15 a.m. Honorato Carreon

Pray for our sick:

Molly Upton, Sue Jarman, Stephen Bingley, Pauline Souflas, David Gage, Helen Aulton, Anne Grayson, Paul Smith, Teddy Howes, and Father Michael O'Connor.

Lately dead: Frances Doolan (Sister of Phil McNally) Shelagh Bloy (Sister of Rosemary Murphy) **RIP**

Responsorial Psalm: 21

R: *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 21st April 2024 is £360.06. Thank you.

Come to Mass with no cash? You can make weekly donations by card on the machines in the porch or at the side door table. You can gift-aid too! Please make use of this service if you can.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish Rooms 6.45pm 6th May

Friday Lunch Club after Midday Mass

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 Stephen or Simon Jones know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.



Next Saturday is the first Saturday of the month. As it is also the Feast of the English Martyrs Mass will be at 10.00am at Totley next Saturday.

It is hoped that some refreshments will be served afterwards.

Please Note There will be NO Exposition or confessions at Meadowhead.

Deacon Christian will be ordained in June. He has been with our parish since he started his training for the priesthood. It would be a lovely gesture if we as a parish could buy him a gift as he commences his journey and life-long commitment to doing God's work. If you would like to contribute to a gift for him, please give any donations to either Liz Mason or Fr Stephen or place it in an envelope, marked '**Gift for Christian**' and leave in the sacristy or presbytery. Thank you.

During April, the SPUC and Knights of St Columba ask you to pray for those grieving the loss of a child during pregnancy.

LOST PROPERTY

Clothing Left in Church If you are missing a woolly hat or other accessory, you might just have left it in church (Meadowhead). There are several items in the porch. Please check in the porch if one of those items is yours, please reclaim it from the porch. Thank you.

Celebrate 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark

12. Be a star of screen – host a film night

There's lots of films that showcase why choosing Fairtrade is always the best choice for people and the planet.

Have a look at our quick guide to running a Fairtrade Film Night

Diocese National Day of Prayer service of Support for survivors of abuse which will be on Tuesday 30th April at 7pm At Michael and All Angels Church, 23 Park Street, Wombwell S73 0HQ

Annual Sacred Heart Concert Friday 7th June 2024

The Feast of The Sacred Heart - at Our Lady and St Thomas Church

WANTED!!!; Musicians; Thespians; makers of mirth; tellers of tall tales and poets to take part in the Parish annual Sacred Heart Concert on Friday 7th June . There will be a raffle. Keep the date free; Put your name down to take part.

We would welcome raffle prizes and suggest a shared table to make this a parish event.

To help, take part and/or donate raffle prizes. Please contact Pam Corkell; **Tel 07941 661272** email pamelacorkell@gmail.com or Joe McNally **07891072858** e-mail joegmcnally@gmail.com

All proceeds to help care for Bethlehem's terminally ill helping them end their days pain free and with dignity. God bless.

We are working to sustain the first Hospice in Bethlehem. Find out how you can help.



General Election: A Year of Encounter. With the general election on the horizon, the SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) and CAFOD are together launching A Year of Encounter, inviting parishes to reach out to local candidates to find out more about their views on the issues that we, as people of faith, care about and to share with them our concerns about those issues too.

The Church tells us that "...All citizens ought to be aware of their right and duty to promote the common good by casting their votes..." Are YOU registered to vote? **This is not about political affiliations**, but rather about strengthening community participation as a local faith group and practicing the culture of encounter that Pope Francis talks about.

Resources are available to order from CAFOD. And there are 2 training sessions online for supporters and volunteers. Choose between Thursday April 25th 6:30-8:30pm or Saturday 4th May 11am-1pm. For resources, more info or to sign up to join a training session, go to cafod.org.uk/encounter

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

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ST WILFRID'S CENTRE SUMMER FAYRE - SATURDAY 6th July 2024

Wheelbarrow Competition - Judging at the Summer Fayre Entries are welcome from organisations, schools (classes, years or schools), parishes, groups, individuals (adults and children) and families.

The design theme is 'St Wilfrid's Centre: Supporting vulnerable, isolated and homeless people' Wheelbarrows need to be delivered to St Wilfrid's centre on Friday 5th July (1-4pm) or Saturday 6th July (9-10am).

For further details see the poster at the back of church.



FLOWER CASCADE 2024

Before our Summer Fayre and Wheelbarrow Competition on July 6 2024, we want to decorate the outside of the Centre with a cascade of flowers.

Can you help by knitting a flower or two by the end of May 2024? Flowers can be made with any pattern and colour but you can find a suggested easy knitted pattern on our flyer. *(At the back of church)*

The Annual Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is marked on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales, which this year falls on 30 April 2024 (**this Tuesday**). In our diocese, a prayer service of support for survivors of abuse will take place on Tuesday at 7pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, 23 Park Street, Wombwell, S73 0HQ. All are welcome to stand together with survivors of abuse, so that we can demonstrate ours and God's loving compassion, through an evening of prayer, reflection and song. May this day bring us together and lead towards healing.

1st 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 £161.



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

We are in DESPERATE need of more CHURCH CLEANERS.

Thank you to those who have volunteered - however, we still need more!!

Teams of 2-4 people are required to clean the church weekly for ONE month in the year. (Day or evening - up to you!)

If you can volunteer please contact Liz Mason or Fr Stephen asap. Thank you.



Prayer for the Feast of English Martyrs

Almighty God,
who in our country raised up martyrs
from every walk of life
to vindicate the authority of your Church
in teaching and worship,
grant through their intercession, we pray,
that all our people may be gathered once again
to celebrate the same sacraments
under the one Shepherd, Jesus Christ your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

April by Rebecca Hey

Capricious April! when we fain would find
A fitting emblem for inconstancy,
Thy changeful moods such emblem well supply;
For thy wild sallies sure no laws can bind,
No counsel tame. One moment, and the wind
Brings storms of sleet and "blossom-bruising hail;"
The next, not Summer breathes a softer gale,
Or looks upon us with a glance more kind.
And lo! to greet thee in thy alter'd mood,
Glad Nature hastes her fairest wreaths to bring,
Blithe daisy, nodding cowslip, and each bud
That owes allegiance to the early Spring.
May such sweet wooing chase thy frowns away,
And be thy smile as constant as 'tis gay!





Mass Setting - Mass of Christ the Saviour
 Gloria 1013; Holy, Holy 1014; Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017;
 Lamb of God 1019



Saint Joseph the Worker

Wednesday 1 May, is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Not to be confused with the Solemnity of St Joseph which falls on 19 March, this feast was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers. Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph, the silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and is the model for the dignity of human work.

A Prayer for Eastertide

Lord our God,
 you love innocence of heart,
 you restore it when we have lost it.
 Lead the hearts of your devoted people to yourself, so that, freed from the bondage of unbelief, we may never abandon the light of your truth.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The English Martyrs

This Saturday, 4 May, we celebrate the Feast of the English Martyrs. On 4 May 1535, at Tyburn in London, there died three Carthusian monks, the first of many Roman Catholic martyrs of the English Reformation and its aftermath in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Of these, forty-two have been canonised and a further 242 have been declared Blessed. But the true number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison or were tortured or persecuted for their faith cannot be reckoned. The persecution lasted for around 150 years. The martyrs we honour on this day came from every walk of life. There were rich and poor, men and women, married and single. They are remembered for their example of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution.

**This Week’s Readings
 Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)**

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*
Responsorial Psalm: 21
Second Reading: *1 John 3:18-24*
Gospel: *John 15:1-8*

**Next Week’s Readings
 Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)**

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48*
Responsorial Psalm: 97
Second Reading: *1 John 4:7-10*
Gospel: *John 15:9-17*

This Monday 29 April is the Fast Day of **St Catherine of Sienna**. Born in 1347, she entered the Third Order of St Dominic at 18 and spent three years in seclusion, prayer and austerity. A group of followers gathered around her – men and women, priests and religious. She became very influential because of her holiness and the deep impression she made on the pope. She spent the last two years of her life in Rome pleading for unity at a divisive time of schism in the Church. She died in 1380 and was canonised in 1461. St Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. Her spiritual testament is to be found in *The Dialogue*.

This Week’s Ministries 27/28 April 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, E Watson
	9.15 a.m.	S Corker, K Corker
	11.15 a.m.	M Richardson, J-J Carter
Communion	5.00 p.m.	S Davey, J Brook
	9.15 a.m.	M Mahon, H Grady, C Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	M Harrison, K O’Brien, J McNally

Next Week’s Ministries 4/5 May 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, G Higgins
	9.15 a.m.	J Bourne, J Fojut
	11.15 a.m.	M Pybus, A Willcock
Communion	5.00 p.m.	K Durkin, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	A Tucker, A Tucker, M Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson, P OrKamFat, P Corkell
Welcomers	9.15 p.m.	S Jones
	11.15 p.m.	E Williamson

If you know the significance of these numbers, you just might be an old timer:

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