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

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**2nd August 2026 Psalter Week 2**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. Mick Dowling 

11.15 a.m. Sick & Aging of the Parish

**Monday** *St Oswald, martyr*

No Mass

**Tuesday (Totley)** St John Vianney, priest

10.00 a.m. Christina Hunt

**Wednesday** *Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*

10.00 a.m. All Souls

**Thursday** THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

No Mass

**Friday** *St Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs  
St Cajetan, priest*

12.00 p.m. Mary Willcock 

**Saturday** St Dominic, priest

No Mass

**Next week's Masses**

**Totley - Saturday**

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Meadowhead - Sunday**

9.15 a.m. Laura Henderson 

11.15 a.m. Olivia Walker 

**NO Exposition, Rosary  
and Confessions**

**Pray for our sick:** Isabelle Wragg, Tom O'Brien, Norah Chisholm, Dermot Glackin, Paul Smith, Anne & John Grayson, Anne McPhee, Philomena McNally, Helen Aulton, Sue Jarman, and Stephen Bingley.

**Responsorial Psalm: 145**

**R:** You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

**Offertory:** Loose plate and envelopes total for 26th July 2026 was £366.89 Thank you.

**Come to Mass with no cash?** You can donate by card on the card machines. - and gift-aid too!

**Events for the Coming Week**

**Monday** 6.45pm SVP Meeting 3rd August

**Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:**

**Angela Holman and Helen Simmerson**

**Email address: [safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com)**

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## Scones, Strawberries and Smiles!



The SVP (St Vincent de Paul), would like to invite our senior parishioners and **all newcomers** to our treat on Saturday, 8th August in the Parish rooms. 11.30– 2.00pm. It would be helpful for catering purposes if you could indicate attendance.

Please contact: Ralph Dickins on 07913979217 email: [rdickins123@gmail.com](mailto:rdickins123@gmail.com)

Frances Green on 07850048271 email: [francesmgreen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:francesmgreen@hotmail.co.uk)

If you require transport please contact Andy Tucker on 07817540640 email: [andy.tucker@sky.com](mailto:andy.tucker@sky.com)



**Please note**, there will be **NO Mass**, Exposition, Rosary or Confessions next Saturday morning, 8th August.

**Join March for Life UK** on Saturday 5th September in London for the annual march for life, the 'Pro-Life Summit' and 'Youth Summit'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to the very core. Find out more at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) or email [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk) To book a seat from Sheffield, email [40dforlsheffield@gmail.com](mailto:40dforlsheffield@gmail.com)

### RCIA - Journey In Faith Programme 2026 - 2027

**Please note**, Journey in Faith is taking a break for the summer. The next meeting will be **on 3rd September**.



### BETHLEHEM BALL - RAFFLE TICKETS



The Bethlehem Ball fundraising evening is on Saturday, 14th November at the Crown Plaza Victoria Hotel.

As part of our fundraising, there is a raffle, which raises a large part of the total monies. Tickets are available in envelopes at the back of church. Each envelope has five books of 5 tickets.

Tickets are £1 each. If you can please take an envelope and either sell or buy as many of the tickets as you can. Anything you can sell will be very much appreciated and every penny will go the **BETHLEHEM CARE & HOSPICE TRUST**. **First prize £500.**



### Youth Group - back in September!

Before we restart in September, we want to hear from our young people about what they'd like the youth group to be. If you have anyone aged 11–18 at home, please have a chat with them and fill in this short survey by scanning this QR code.

What should we do? When works best? What else would they like to see for young people in our parish? It all helps — and it only takes a couple of minutes. Thank you!



**Celebration of Married Life** - On Saturday 19th September, Bishop Marcus will preside at a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at St Marie's Cathedral at 12:30pm for couples and their families celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversary jubilees this calendar year. Newly married couples are also welcome to come. During the liturgy, there will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please fill out the application form at <https://hallam-diocese.com/celebration-of-married-life/> Further details from: [formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com), or Tel: 0114 256 6410

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### 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.

**If you notice anything** on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm or requires repair, please let Simon Jones (phone 07808283807), Fr Clement or Liz Mason know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly. **Please ensure you always use the handrail when ascending and descending the steps outside church and the parish rooms.**

## NEW Joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi

**Leeds Walsingham Way** is a NEW Joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/> ALL welcome to join for Mass: Camino begins Saturday 12 September with 8am Pilgrims' Mass at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield; 8am Sunday Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam; Tuesday 15 September 8am Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, followed by walk to Padley Martyrs' Chapel.

## Oppose Assisted Suicide

An urgent message from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCWE)  
A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026.

Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains our strong opposition to this legislation:

"The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11 September. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.

## Aid to the Church in Need have composed a petition called Article 18.

There are more than 20 million Christians living in countries with religious persecution and discrimination. Please sign this petition using cards which will be available / distributed after the Masses this weekend. Article 18 will then be sent to the United Nations and the UK government to ensure that the right to religious freedom is upheld globally. A day called "Red Wednesday" is celebrated annually to support this right. Please take a card after Mass and scan where indicated so as to sign the petition.

## Calling all recent First Holy Communicants (and any other young people who may be interested). Would you like to help our parish community by becoming an altar server?

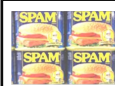
Anyone who has received their First Holy Communion may serve. If you would like to do so at any of our Masses, please see Kevan Grady after the 9:15 Mass some time over the next few weeks. Thank you.



## The Transfiguration of the Lord

This Thursday, 6 August, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36) – which we also hear on the Second Sunday of Lent. They place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus's first prediction of his passion and death.

We hear St Peter's own interpretation of the event in the day's Second Reading (2 Peter 1: 16-19) "It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds."



**1st Sunday collections:** Thank you for your support today for Give to Live and St Wilfrid's.



**Hospital Chaplaincy:** When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, it is essential that they are recorded as Catholic on their medical records AND that the Catholic Chaplain, **Fr Andrew or Sr Anne Ihunnia** is notified. The Chaplaincy Office number is 0114 2715485 or email the chaplaincy at [sth.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:sth.chaplaincy@nhs.net)



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



**Prayer for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

Father, at the Transfiguration in glory of your Only-Begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness to Jesus of the prophets Moses and Elijah.  
 You foreshadowed there what we shall be when you bring our sonship to its perfection.  
 Grant that by listening to the voice of Jesus we may become heirs with him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

The physical heart of Mary is venerated (not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.  
 "Love, serve and honour Mary with all your heart, and you will gain and possess entirely the heart of the Heavenly Father. He will love you and bless you abundantly, and she will repeat, after her Divine Son, "For the Father Himself loveth you, because you have loved me." *Saint John Eudes*

**This Saturday, 8 August, is the feast day of St Dominic**

Born in Castile in 1170, he trained for the priesthood and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma. In response to the Albigensian (Cathar) heresy, Dominic, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching. In 1215 he founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). The Dominicans put great importance on poverty, both of the individual and of the community, and of the need to be involved directly in the world while still living some form of monastic life. The ideal of the Order was to link a life with God, study and prayer with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God.

On Tuesday 4 August we celebrate the feast of **St John Mary Vianney**. Born in Lyons in 1786, his vision and determination enabled him to overcome great initial difficulties with learning and to become a priest. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. Working tirelessly, sometimes 16 hours a day, with preaching, personal mortification and prayer, and through his wisdom and charity as a confessor, he daily reconciled the people with God. He died in 1859 and is the patron of parish priests.

**Prayer for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We recognise with joy that you, Lord, created us, and that you guide us by your providence. In your unfailing kindness, support us in our prayer:  
 renew your life within us,  
 guard it and make it bear fruit for eternity.  
 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  
 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 55:1-3*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 145

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:35,37-39*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 14:13-21*

**Next Week's Readings  
 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**First Reading:** *1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 85

**Second Reading:** *Romans 9:1-5*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 14:22-33*

**This Week's Ministries 1/2 August 2026**

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| <b>Readers</b>   | 5.00 p.m.  | A Southeran, V Coomer             |
|                  | 9.15 a.m.  | R Portaluri, J Fojut              |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | M Pybus, A Willcock               |
| <b>Communion</b> | 5.00 p.m.  | K Durkin, C Udall                 |
|                  | 9.15 a.m.  | R Gasser, S Jones, J Tucker       |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | E Williamson, K O'Brien, H Stones |

**Next Week's Ministries 8/9 August 2026**

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| <b>Readers</b>   | 5.00 p.m.  | H Simmerson, D Fletcher           |
|                  | 9.15 a.m.  | B Ayanleke, F Green               |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | B Jones, M Paterson               |
| <b>Communion</b> | 5.00 p.m.  | S Davey, J Brook                  |
|                  | 9.15 a.m.  | C Parsons, N Parsons, M Ayanleke  |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | M Harrison, J McNally, P Orkamfat |
| <b>Welcomers</b> | 9.15 a.m.  | S Jones                           |
|                  | 11.15 a.m. | A Willcock                        |