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

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (C)
Sunday, 3rd August 2025

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Janet Grover and Family

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Sheila Nixon

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday St John Mary Vianney, priest

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) Dedication of the Basilica of
St Mary Major

10.00 a.m. Mabel Leach

Wednesday THE TRANSFIGURATION OF
THE LORD

10.00 a.m. Carla Kayser-Booth

Thursday St Sixtus II and Companions,
martyrs.
St Cajetan, priest

No Mass

Friday St Dominic, priest

12.00 p.m. Mary Willcock

Saturday St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
virgin, martyr, co-patron of Europe

10.45 a.m. Nicole Richardson

Next Week's Masses

Saturday - Totley

5.00 p.m. Pat Durkin and Alan Farnell

Sunday - Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Laura Henderson

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10.00am – 10.40am

Rosary - 10.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.00am - 10.40am

Pray for our sick: Philomena McNally,
Anne McPhee, Anne-Marie Fletcher,
Paul Smith, Brenda Charles,
Helen Aulton, Stephen Bingley,
Molly Upton, Oliver Wragg,
Sheila Hurst, and Sue Jarman.

Lately dead: Pauline Souflas RIP

Responsorial Psalm: 90

R: *O Lord. You have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for
27th July 2025: £326.55 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

Registered Charity No 512021

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 Clement or Simon Jones, tel. 07808283807 know as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.

Music at 11.15 Mass; During the month of August the singing will be led from the front but there will be no organ. The organ and choir will resume on Sunday 7th September.

“Northern Pilgrimage of Hope”—English Catholic History Association Pilgrimage: Registration is now open for “The Northern Pilgrimage of Hope – St Mark’s Way”, which will start on **Saturday 6 September** at St Anne’s Cathedral (Leeds), calling in at St Marie’s Cathedral on the Monday and Padley Chapel on the Tuesday, and finishing at St Barnabas Cathedral (Nottingham) on Saturday 13 September. Walkers are invited to join the whole walk, or just parts of it. For more information, please visit <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/national-jubilee-pilgrimage-of-hope>.

Diocesan Jubilee Mass for Altar Servers - Saturday 20th September, Holy Rood (Barnsley):

You are invited to a Mass of thanksgiving on Saturday 20th September, 10.30am, at Holy Rood Church, Barnsley (S70 1AX), which Bishop Ralph will celebrate. Altar servers to bring alb/cincture or cassock/cotta and their Guild of St Stephen medal, if enrolled. Please arrive by 10.00am for vesting in the church hall. There will be refreshments after the Mass. The national Honorary President of the Guild of St Stephen will also be in attendance.

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

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.

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.

A Summer Prayer

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer.

May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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.
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The Transfiguration of the Lord

This coming Wednesday, 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 each year. 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."



Fundraising campaign: Leo + Assistance Dog = Hope

Many of you will know **the Craggs family**, who are parishioners here at Meadowhead. Beth writes below about a fundraising campaign for an assistance dog for their son, Leo

"Hi there, we're the Craggs family. We're raising money to train an autism assistance dog for our son, Leo. Some of you might remember Leo from his time at St Thomas' Preschool. Leo has multiple genetic conditions, including a rare profile of autism that means that his nervous system is in near-constant distress.

About two years ago he had a complete breakdown because of the cumulative pressures of daily life and since then he's been unable to attend school, and barely able to leave the house. But autism assistance dogs have been life-changing for children like Leo: they help to calm the nervous system, and can restore confidence and independence. He was selected for a dog out of a huge pool of applicants by a charity that subsidises the training and helps find a good match. The whole programme costs £22,000 in total, but they only ask families to find £14,000 of that.

We launched a fundraising campaign on Leo's birthday this week - it's been amazing to see the support and the encouraging messages pour in. Leo has been so uplifted to see how many people care and want to help him recover.

If you'd like to know more, please email me - Beth.Craggs@icloud.com, or visit the campaign page on the Tree of Hope charity website: <https://www.treeofhope.org.uk/get-involved/childrens-campaigns/leo-plus-assistance-dog-hope/> (or use this QR code)."



This Saturday, 9 August, is the feast day of **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross** – or as many know her, Edith Stein. A German Jew, born in 1891, Edith stopped believing in God when she was 14, but after reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. She imitated Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

A brilliant philosopher, her writings fill 17 volumes and include translations and interpretations of works by St Thomas Aquinas. The Carmelite Order moved her from Germany to the Netherlands, but when, in 1942 the Dutch Bishops' Conference had a statement read in all churches condemning Nazi racism, the authorities ordered the arrest of all Jewish converts to Christianity. Edith and her sister Rosa died in the gas chamber at Auschwitz. She was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1999.

This Tuesday the Church celebrates **the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major**. The Council of Ephesus in 431 formally proclaimed the mother of Jesus as the Mother of God, and the church (basilica) of St Mary Major on the Esquiline Hill in Rome was built shortly afterwards to celebrate her motherhood. This is the oldest church in the West that is dedicated to Our Lady.



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



**Prayer for the Feast of the Transfiguration
of the Lord** (*Wednesday 6 August*)

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.**

On Monday 4 August we celebrate the feast of
St John 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.

This Friday, 8 August, is the feast day of
St Dominic (sometimes known as St Dominic
de Guzmán). 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 according to the gospel ideal. In 1215
he founded a religious house at Toulouse, the
beginning of the Order of Preachers
(Dominicans).

Like the Franciscans, founded a few years
earlier, 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. Dominic's ideal, and that
of his Order, was to link a life with God, study,
and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of
salvation to people by the word of God.

**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 (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*

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

First Reading: *Wisdom 18:6-9*

Responsorial Psalm: 33

Second Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-2, 18-19*

Gospel: *Luke 12:32-48*

This 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

Next Week's Ministries 9/10 Aug 2025

Readers	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	L Grady, O Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	M Pybus, A Willcock
Communion	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	R Gasser, D Winter, H Grady
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, S Campos, P Orkamfat
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	H Stones, S Campos