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The Month of May is devoted to The Blessed Virgin Mary



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

3rd May 2026 Psalter Week 1

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Derrick Udall

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Fred and Eileen Willoughby

Monday ENGLISH MARTYRS

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Eastertide Feria*

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday *Eastertide Feria*

10.00 a.m. All Souls

Thursday St John of Beverley, bishop

No Mass

Friday *Eastertide Feria*

12.00 p.m.

Saturday *Eastertide Feria*

10.45 a.m.

Next week's Masses

Totley - Saturday

5.00 p.m. Robert O'Hara

Meadowhead - Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Honorato Carreon

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: Robert O'Hara, Brenda Charles, Norah Chisholm, Dermot Glackin, Paul Smith, Anne McPhee, Anne & John Grayson, Elizabeth Watson, Philomena McNally, Helen Aulton, Sue Jarman, and Stephen Bingley.

Responsorial Psalm: 33

R: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

Events for the Coming Week

Monday 6.45pm SVP Meeting 11th May

Wednesday 6.15pm Rainbows and Brownies

Thursday 6.00pm Journey In Faith

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Club follows Mass

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 26th April 2026 was £366.28. 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!

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is: Angela Holman

Email address: safeguarding.olst@hallam-diocese.com

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS 2026

I wish to again encourage parishes across the Dioceses of Hallam, Middlesbrough and Leeds to take part in a Eucharistic Procession organised either at a parish or deanery level.

Bishop Marcus

Parish Consultation Meeting, Friday 8th May 7.00pm

There will be a meeting about the re-joining with Leeds Diocese. You will see in the newsletter and on the parish website, the questions which will be discussed. Please read them and come along with your thoughts and questions. Please note - discussions on any other matter **WILL NOT** be discussed.

Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 11th May. All welcome. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link to help prepare for...



BBBakes, Books and CarBoot Sale

11am – 2pm Saturday 23rd May at English Martyrs Church, Totley. 2 spaces still available at £10 each to support Transport 17 and other parish Outreach partners. To book your space contact Barbara Richardson 07725 023708 b_rich54@hotmail.com

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever.

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.



Annual Bethlehem Ball - A date for your diaries. The Ball will take place on Saturday, 14th November at the Crown Plaza Victoria Hotel. More details to follow - watch this space . . .



RCIA - Journey In Faith Programme - 2026 - 2027 **Thursdays at 6.00pm**

Our parish Journey in Faith programme is a weekly course for all who wish to become a Catholic, for adult Catholics yet to receive their First Holy Communion or for Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith. Please come. along.



Card Payment Machines

Many apologies if you have tried to donate to the parish or to retiring collections on the card machines in the porch and on the table by the side door and been unsuccessful because of poor coverage. We are looking into possible solutions, for example range extenders. Meanwhile we are trialling placing the card reader from the porch on the piano by the door to the sacristy, where the signal is stronger. It was used successfully from there by several donors last Sunday. Thank you.

Registered Charity No 512021

Being a welcoming Parish - At the Easter Vigil, one person was baptised, and two people were received into the Catholic Church in our parish. Since then, a few others have come forward who would like to find out more about the Catholic faith.

How can we as a parish community help to support those who have already joined us and accompany those who would like to find out more? It might be as simple as offering to sit with them at Mass, or offering to bring them to an SVP meeting, or showing them how to pray the Rosary, or spending a bit of time chatting to them, or making refreshments at a meeting, or even leading a meeting. What could you do? As Pope Leo said recently, "No baptised person is exempt from or indifferent to mission: everyone, each according to their own vocation and condition of life, participates in the great work that Christ has entrusted to his Church." There will be a brief meeting to discuss what we could do between Masses on 10 May starting at 10:15. Please feel free to come along to share your talents and ideas, and if you know someone who might like to find out more about the Catholic Faith bring them too.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

The National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse takes place every year on the fifth Tuesday of Easter. In 2026, the day will be marked on Tuesday, 5th May. The Catholic Church Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have produced information and resources to support dioceses at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/national-day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2026/>.

A Diocesan Service of Prayer & Reflection for Survivors of Abuse will take place at Holy Spirit Church, 2 Stonelow Road, Dronfield, S18 2EP, on Tuesday 5th May, at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Historical Context of Diocese of Beverley (1850–1878)

- Established in 1850 following the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in England and Wales, the Diocese of Beverley encompassed the whole of Yorkshire.
- In 1878, the Diocese of Beverley was divided into the Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough.
- In 1980, the Diocese of Hallam was created with 55 parishes ceded from the Diocese of Leeds and 16 parishes from the Diocese of Nottingham.



Parishes and Clergy

	Leeds	Middlesbrough	Hallam
Parishes	73	69	52
Diocesan Priests in active ministry	62	29	22
- Of whom are under 60	24	9	9
- Of whom are 60 - 75	43	17	10
- Of whom are over 75	2	3	3
- Of whom have incardinated	0	2	0
Missionary Priests/Religious	13	25	6
Priests in active ministry from other Dioceses	2	2	0
Retired Priests	43	21	12
Permanent Deacons	23	10	16

The Questions in the consultation

Question 1 – Mission and Pastoral Vision

How could bringing the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam under one Bishop strengthen or challenge our shared mission and pastoral care across the region?

(What do you think we can gain by being part of a larger diocese and what do you think may be any drawbacks or problems we may face.)

Question 2 – Communion and Participation

What practical, spiritual and structural implications would working under one Bishop have for the Clergy, parishes, schools, and diocesan services?

- How might decision-making and communication change?
- How could resources (financial, administrative, safeguarding and education) be shared more effectively?
- What aspects might need careful planning to avoid over-centralisation?

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Consultation-Presentation-Leeds-Middlesbrough-Hallam.pdf>



Mass - Creation Mass
Gloria 489 Holy Holy 490
Memorial Acclamation 491-493 Lamb of God 495



Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

This Tuesday, 5 May, marks the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales. Theme: Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

The theme for this year's Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse looks at the scourge of domestic abuse which causes pain and fear that prevent its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. Immediately before the much-loved part of this verse from the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus's words: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." This is how abuse feels to those who experience it – their dignity and value as a unique child of God is stripped away and destroyed. The physical danger domestic abuse presents to life is clear. A woman is murdered by a partner or ex-partner every five days in the UK. Between three and 10 women die by suicide each week due to domestic abuse. Abusers can also perpetrate spiritual and coercive abuse, disrupting their victims' relationships with God and the Church. This can lead victims – adults and children – to feel guilt and shame that push them away from the support that the Church has to offer.

At its best, the Church can – and should – be a safe haven where support is available for victims and survivors so that they can live life without fear and begin to experience the life in abundance Jesus came to bring. This hope is what we pray for this year.

For more information and resources visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/national-day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2026>

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Since it is from you, God our Father, that redemption comes to us, your adopted children, look with favour on the family you love, give true freedom to us and to all who believe in Christ, and bring us all alike to our eternal heritage. 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
Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)**

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7*

Responsorial Psalm: 33

Second Reading: *1 Peter 2:4-9*

Gospel: *John 14:1-12*

**Next Week's Readings
Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)**

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17*

Responsorial Psalm: 66

Second Reading: *1st Letter of St Peter 3:15-18*

Gospel: *John 14:15-21*

The English Martyrs

This Monday, 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 Ministries 2/3 May 2026

Readers	5.00 p.m.	D Fletcher, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri, B Ayanleke
	11.15 a.m.	B Jones, M Pybus
Communion	5.00 p.m.	C Udall, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons, C Parsons, H Grady
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson, H Stones, K O'Brien

Next Week's Ministries 9/10 May 2026

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, D Hilliard
	9.15 a.m.	F Green, J Fojut
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, B Jones
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, V Coomer
	9.15 a.m.	A Tucker, A Tucker, D Winter
	11.15 a.m.	J McNally, P Orkamfat, M Harrison
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock