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

**Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (B)
Sunday 4th August 2024 Psalter Week 2**

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Laura Henderson

11.15 a.m. Harry & Minnie Richardson

Monday Feria

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

10.00 a.m. Mabel Leach

Wednesday St Sixtus II, pope and
Companions, martyrs
St Cajetan, priest

10.00 a.m. Mary Willcock

Thursday St Dominic, priest

No Mass

Friday ST TERESA BENDICTA OF
THE CROSS, VIRGIN,
MARTYR, CO-PATRON OF
EUROPE

12.00 p.m. Dead List

Saturday ST LAURENCE, DEACON,
MARTYR

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Totley

5.00 p.m. Annie Davis

Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Frank Wood

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**
Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Pray for our sick:

Gavin Lambert, Sheila Hurst, Theresa Greensmith, Philomena McNally, Molly Upton, Sue Jarman, Stephen Bingley, Pauline Souflas, Anne Grayson, Paul Smith, Helen Aulton, David Gage, Teddy Howes, and Father Michael O'Connor.

Responsorial Psalm: 77

R: *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

Offertory: Loose plate and envelopes total for 28th July 2024 is £287.68 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

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

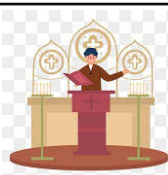
The SVP is pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual senior parishioner's tea party on September 7th between 2 pm and 5 pm. It will be held in the hall at Our Lady & St Thomas'.

We will be giving out invitations over the next few weeks. If any parishioners wish to attend or know of anyone, including housebound or disabled, who would like to come and who the SVP may not know, please inform Frances Green, SVP conference secretary (07850048271 and francesmgreen@hotmail.co.uk). Transport will be provided to and from the event.



If anyone is able to bake cakes to support the event, we would be very grateful. Please let Frances know if you are able to help.

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



Reading Ministry - Do you have a loud clear

voice? Can you read slowly and with understanding? We are in great need of readers for all Masses but especially at Totley. Training will be given. If you think you may be interested please contact Liz Mason or Fr Stephen at the presbytery.

Payments to the Parish

There are many ways you can contribute financially to the parish.

1. The first and easiest is to set-up a Standing Order. The bank details are:
Account Name: Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish
Account Number: 01095153
Sort Code: 40-41-07 These details are also on the website.
2. Planned Giving envelopes. If this would be your preferred method then please speak to Liz Mason in the office.
3. Loose Plate. You can still give by loose plate but this isn't so easy now as we are becoming more and more a cashless society.
4. You can now also make payments via the card payment machines which are available in both churches. This also allows you to Gift Aid your donation.
5. ***You can now make payments online via the website.*** Just follow the link.
Everything you are able to give is very much appreciated.
All information on giving to the parish can be found on the website under 'Info for giving'

Celebrate 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark

26. Make a Fairtrade Pledge – and ask others to do the same Ask people in your community, school or university to pledge to do one thing differently that will make the world fairer.

Schools that have done this previously have got creative – asking people to draw or illustrate their ideas on paper leaves to create a 'forest of ethical pledges.'



Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:
Angela Holman Email address: safeguarding1olst@hallam-diocese.com
Claire Parsons Email address: safeguarding2olst@hallam-diocese.com





The Bethlehem Ball 23rd November, 2024

The Bethlehem Ball will be held at the Niagara Conference Centre in Sheffield, on Saturday, 23rd November. It is a Dinner and Dance in a lovely venue and the tickets at £35 each are modestly priced for such an event. Dancing to the **Grand Plan**.

There will be a Grand Raffle on the night for substantial cash prizes and tickets will be available soon. If you would like to celebrate with us and help make this a great anniversary celebration, tickets can be obtained from **Liz Mason, Cathal Farragher** or **Joe McNally** (07891072858) or simply scan the QR code on our poster and apply. Thank you. watch this space . . .



Thought for the Week



*Be grateful,
and be positive.
Because life is too
short to always be worried.
Let go of stress an
realise you are blessed.*



Shall I compare Thee to a Summer's Day? Sonnet No.18

William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course untrimmed.
But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
Nor shall death brag thou wand'rest in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st,
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

Calling All Gardeners!! We need some volunteers to to weed and tidy up the flower borders leading up up to the presbytery. If you can help, please let Liz Mason or Fr Stephen know.

This Thursday, 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 before, 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. His 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.

Little is known of the life of the 3rd century martyr **St Lawrence**, whose feast day is this Saturday. Yet he is one of those whose martyrdom made a deep and lasting impression on the early Church. Celebration of his feast day spread rapidly. He was a Roman deacon under **Pope Saint Sixtus II** (whose feast day is this Wednesday). Four days after this pope was put to death, Lawrence and four other clerics also suffered martyrdom, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian.





Mass Setting - Mass of Christ the Saviour

Gloria 1013; Holy, Holy 1014; Memorial Acclamation 1016-1017; Lamb of God 1019



The Transfiguration of the Lord

This Tuesday, 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. Jesus takes Peter and James and John up a high mountain. There before them he is transformed, dazzlingly bright. Then there appear with him Moses and Elijah. They represent the whole Jewish tradition of the Law and the Prophets. And then out of the cloud comes a voice: it could only be the voice of the Father. “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”

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.”

Prayer for 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.

This Week’s Readings

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First Reading: *Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15*

Responsorial Psalm: 77

Second Reading: *Ephesians 4:17, 20-24*

Gospel: *John 6:224-35*

Next Week’s Readings

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *1 Kings 19:4-8*

Responsorial Psalm: 33

Second Reading: *Ephesians 4:30-5:2*

Gospel: *John 6:41:51*

This Friday, 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 sopped 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 Week’s Ministries 3/4 August 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, G Higgins
	9.15 a.m.	J Bourne, J Fojut
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, J McNally
Communion	5.00 p.m.	C Udall, K Durkin
	9.15 a.m.	P Ashby, A Tucker, A Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, H Stones, M Harrison

Next Week’s Ministries 10/11 August 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, E Watson
	9.15 a.m.	O Farragher, S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	M Richardson, I Paterson
Communion	5.00 p.m.	J Brook, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	M Mahon, R Portaluri, J Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	K O’Brien, E Williamson, J McNally
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	E Williamson

