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The Month of May is devoted to Our Lady

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Sunday 5th May 2024 Psalter Week 2

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Kay Langan

11.15 a.m. Honorato Carreon

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) St John of Beverley, bishop

9.30 a.m. Dead List

Wednesday *Eastertide Feria*

10.00 a.m. All Souls

Thursday **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

10.00 a.m. Joe O'Sullivan RIP

7.30 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday St John Avila, priest

12.00 p.m. Fred Sherwood

Saturday *Eastertide Feria*

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Totley

5.00 p.m. People of the Parish

Meadowhead

9.15 a.m. Catherine Shepherd

11.15 a.m. James and Irene Styring

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 28th April 2024 is £351.70. 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.

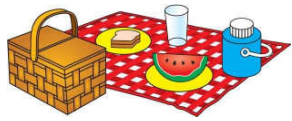


This Thursday, is ASCENSION THURSDAY and is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Masses will be at 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Next Sunday, 12 May, is World Communications Day. There will be a retiring collection next weekend to support the work of the Communications Directorate of the Bishops Conference.

Quiz Night in aid of St Vincent's Furniture Project in Mother of God Parish Hall, Abbeydale Road on Saturday May 11th: 7-30pm for 7-45pm start.
To order tickets please email: boblyons@blueyoonder.co.uk
£10 per adult (£5 for children)

Mini-Vinnies The next Mini-Vinnies will be held on Sunday May 12th after 9.15 Mass in the Parish Rooms. At this meeting we will be organising our Knit and Natter Day which will be on Sunday May 26th. That day we will be knitting flowers for the St Wilfrid's Centre Flower Cascade, nattering and having a picnic.



Mini-Vinnies and St Wilfrid's Flower Cascade

St Wilfrid's Centre is holding a Summer Fayre and Wheelbarrow Competition on July 6th (See above), and wants to decorate the outside of the centre with a cascade of flowers. On Sunday, 26th May, 12-4pm Mini-Vinnies has a Knit and Natter Day in the Parish Rooms to knit flowers and would like as many parishioners as possible to join us. We would also be grateful for any donations of wool and needles and there will be a box in the church porch from next Sunday. . . We will be giving out copies of the flower pattern next weekend.



Parish Outreach meeting 7.30pm Monday 13th May. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link. All welcome to come and help with final preparations for . . .



Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings Saturday, 18th May 10am – 12 noon. So do look out your cake recipes, put any more books, cuttings /seedlings ready and /or make a date to meet friends at English Martyrs, Totley, to enjoy a coffee/tea in aid of Transport 17 and other Parish Outreach partners. Thank you.
WANTED: Cakes, Plants, Helpers please - all very welcome on the day but if you need help with transportation please contact Angela Wood 07947 731 262 or Paul Embley 07849 137 077.
Many thanks for all contributions you can make.



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 in the sacristy or presbytery. Thank you.

Celebrate 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark 13. Take the taste test – run a tasting session of treats. 30 years after our first products, some people still don't realise Fairtrade goodies don't just power positive change. They taste great, too!
While they are tasting, take the time to explain the positive effect these palate-pleasers have in communities worldwide.

During April, the *SPUC and Knights of St Columba* ask you to pray for women and families struggling with infertility.

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

Diocesan Catholic Youth event the Daughters of Divine Charity are holding on Sunday 5th May. Ages 11-16 welcome. Please see poster at the back of church for further information.

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)*

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

1. Bring flowers of the rarest,
bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.
*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. (2)*
2. Their lady they name thee,
their mistress proclaim thee.
Oh grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.
O Mary we crown thee. . .
3. Sing gaily in chorus,
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth.
O Mary we crown thee. . .

Sudan Crisis Appeal

The war in Sudan has created one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. The situation is quickly getting worse, and people are now facing yet another crisis – hunger. Please donate today to help meet these urgent, basic needs.

If you would like to donate to help with this crisis, CAFOD Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of church or you can go to:

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

BLUEBELLS

WHERE the bluebells and the wind are,
Fairies in a ring I spied,
And I heard a little linnet
Singing near beside.

Where the primrose and the dew are —
Soon were sped the fairies all:
Only now the green turf freshens,
And the linnets call.

Walter de la Mare

Free Wellbeing Course for Parents

Online – Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm starting 8th May
A free six-week course for a happier and more relaxed you.
Join us to explore;

How to take care of yourself as a parent and improve your wellbeing

- Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.
- Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience.
- Being more assertive and setting boundaries – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.
- Stress and relaxation techniques – learning new skills for a more relaxed you.
- Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in our life.

Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

For more information and to book in please contact Janet Kent on 07927657462 or email: jkent@hallam-diocese.com





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



The Feast of the Ascension

This Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord's Ascension to heaven, the culmination of Jesus's life on earth and the start of the Church's mission.

On this **Holy Day of Obligation** the Liturgy of the Word begins with the first chapter of The Acts of the Apostles, the book generally acknowledged as having been written by St Luke as a continuation of his Gospel. Luke summarises the conversations of Jesus with the apostles during the forty days after his resurrection, followed by a final appearance during which he promises to send them the Holy Spirit, a power that will enable them to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

The Acts passage concludes with the description of the Ascension with which we are more familiar - through works of art - than the more understated descriptions we find in the Gospels. In this liturgical year B we hear the conclusion of Mark's Gospel, with the apostles "going out and preaching everywhere, the Lord working with them..."

In all this, we shouldn't overlook the words of St Paul in the 2nd Reading. Paul expresses the theological meaning of the feast: God has glorified Jesus, raising above all earthly powers, and making him Lord of all creation. Paul writes about the consequences of this for Christians, of the hope that the Ascension holds out for us. We are destined to share in the glory of Jesus.

May is the Month of Mary

The Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Prayer for Ascension Thursday

Lord Jesus,
 You who in your ascension
 filled the Eleven with joy,
 make us worthy of that same joy
 through your prayer and your mercy.
 Lord Jesus, You who in your ascension
 bore our fragile humanity into heaven
 and opened for us the way that leads to Heaven,
 fill us with the joy of serenity and peace.
 Lord Jesus, You who by ascending into heaven
 clothed us with the gift of the Holy Spirit,
 make us your witnesses in our daily lives
 telling of the joy of your Mercy.

Father Andrea Vena – Vatican News

**This 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*

**Next Week's Readings
 Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)**

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26*

Responsorial Psalm: 102

Second Reading: *1 John 4:11-16*

Gospel: *John 17:11-19*

This 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

Next Week's Ministries 11/12 May 2024

Readers	5.00 p.m.	E Watson, A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	F Green, O Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, J McNally
Communion	5.00 p.m.	C Udall, S Davey
	9.15 a.m.	P Ashby, R Portaluri, J Tucker
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos, M Richardson, K O'Brien
Welcomers	9.15 p.m.	Volunteers please!
	11.15 p.m.	A Willcock

