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**The Month of May is devoted to Our Lady**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday 8 May 2022 Psalter Week 4**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. Private Intention

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

**Monday** *Eastertide Feria*

**No Mass**

**Tuesday (Totley)** *Eastertide Feria*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

**Wednesday** *Eastertide Feria*

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**Thursday** **Ss Nereus & Achilles, martyrs**  
**St Pancras, martyr**

**No Mass**

**Friday** *Eastertide Feria*

12.00 p.m. Kath Jarman

**Saturday** ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

**No Mass**

**Next week's Masses**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. Josephine & Walter Walton

**Sunday (Meadowhead)**

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Ken Marks

**Saturday**

**Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament**

**Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am**

***Please Pray for:***

**Our sick:** Fr Michael O'Connor,  
Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes and  
David Gage.

**Lately Dead:** Sr Elizabeth Cassidy

**Responsorial Psalm: 99**

**R. *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.***

Registered Charity No 512021

**Events for the Coming Week**

**Monday** SVP Parish rooms 8-9pm 7th May

**Tuesday** Exploring Faith 7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Wednesday** Rainbows 6.15pm (Parish Rooms)

Brownies 6.15pm (Hall)

**Thursday** Church Play Group 9.30am -11.00am

**Friday** Lunch Club follows Mass at noon.

**Calling all cake bakers!** If you have time we would be very grateful for donations of cakes and cookies for *Coffee Cakes and Cuttings* for Saturday, 21st May. All donations will be very much appreciated! Thank you.

**An Invitation!** Father Stephen arrived in the parish at the worst possible time - in the middle of the COVID outbreak! This has made it very difficult for him to meet people and get to know everyone the way he would have liked. As things are now improving and to try and rectify this, he will have an **Open House on Saturday, 14th May** between 11.00am—3.00pm. Please feel free to pop in to the presbytery for a cuppa and a chat anytime during those hours. He'd love the opportunity to meet as many of you as possible. He looks forward to seeing you there.

**Second Collection** - Next week there will be a second collection for CARITAS. They are offering professional mental support for people of all ages. Please see the next page for more details.

**Parish Outreach meeting on Zoom, 7.30pm**  
Tuesday 10th May includes final preparations for Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings. All welcome. Please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link. ....and also if you might be able to help with . . .

### **Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings**

will be a bit simpler this year, though hopefully more than we've been able to do for the last 2 years!

So, NO Bric-a-brac please, but do look out your cake recipes, put cuttings /seedlings on one side and /or make a date to meet friends 10am – 12 noon Saturday 21 May at English Martyrs, Topley, in aid of Transport 17 and other Parish Outreach partners. Thank you.



**Football - Want to start playing 5-aside football?** OLST are wanting to put a team together. Please contact Michael Doherty on 07969180430.

**Safeguarding - Please note** that Angela Holman is the new Safeguarding Officer along with Diane Lewis, who was already in post. All DBS checks, queries should go to them. Their details are available at the back of church.

### **WARNING - IMPORTANT, PLEASE TAKE NOTE.**

Last week a man smelling of alcohol approached some parishioners saying he was hungry and needed money. He was given a cup of tea and offered details where he could get help but disappeared. If he should come back this week or future weeks, please **DO NOT** give him money nor anyone else who may ask. We can guide them to food banks and St Wilfrid's who are better equipped with information. If they are in genuine need of help they will take note of what is being offered.

**WELCOMERS NEEDED** - As you see there are frequent gaps in the rota for Welcomers. We have none for Topley, few at 11.15 and even fewer for 9.15 Masses. If you are able to arrive 15-20 minutes before the start of Mass to give out hymn books and newsletters and welcome parishioners as they arrive for Mass **please, please** consider volunteering. The more who offer, the less frequently your turn comes around. You will be added to the rota and you are always given the opportunity to say which dates you are unavailable. If you can help please let Liz Mason or Fr Stephen know. Thank you.

**Hallam Walsingham Diocesan Pilgrimage**  
Saturday 23 July 2022 Coaches leave Pond Hill at 7.30 a.m. £18 adults, £12 students/children, Procession along the Holy Mile, Mass of Sunday. Contact Joseph Durham 07939 152558 [joseph.durham52@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.durham52@gmail.com) or Francesca Flynn, 0114 2686247 [francesca@fmflynn.plus.com](mailto:francesca@fmflynn.plus.com)

**SVP Collections:** The SVP will resume their collections after Mass on the last Sunday of the month.

**If you would like to receive the newsletter by email each week, please contact the office with your email your address.**



**Grace Foodbank** - Our normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday collection of Groceries in church for our local Foodbank here in S8 is this coming Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May. Or you can donate at any time at shops eg Sainsbury, Archer Rd. Current shortages include: *plain white rice/microwave rice, jars of pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, biscuits, chocolate/sweet treats, shower gel, shampoo, washing up liquid*. For updates to the list and other information please check out <https://gracefoodbanksheffield.org.uk/> Thank you.

**Fix the Food System: Launch of CAFOD campaign, Wednesday, 11 May 7-8 pm**

Our food system is broken. It doesn't work for the people who work the hardest and it doesn't work for the planet. Profits come before people, and the farmers who grow our food live in poverty. The good news? Alternatives already exist, and communities who work with CAFOD are leading the way, growing food in ways that are good for people and the planet. **Register** at <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks>

**Church Play Group** - Will be opening on Thursday 5th May 9.30am to 11.30am for babies and pre school children. The group will be called The Church Play Group. For further information contact Rachel Tanswell on 07910173906.

**The Big Plastic Count. 16-22 May.**

Across the country, households, schools, community groups and businesses will gather new evidence. How much plastic are we really having to throw away, and what happens to it? We'll show the government it's time to commit: reduce single plastic use by 50% by 2025 by switching to reusable options that work for everyone – and ban sending our waste to other countries. Can we count on you to count your plastic as part of our Care for Creation? Details at [www.thebigplasticcount.com](http://www.thebigplasticcount.com) Thank you for counting.



**caritas**  
diocese of hallam  
promoting care and social action

**Parish Appeal**  
**15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Mental Health Matters.**



**Caritas Hallam** offers a professional Schools Service to support children's mental health and well-being within their educational setting. They also provide professional counselling and 'cradle to grave' help and support to our communities.

**But not everyone can afford to pay.**

By donating via your Church on the 14-15 May 2022, you can help someone in our Diocese to receive the professional mental health support they need.

**Thank you.**

**Sonnet No. 18 - 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 wander'st 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.

**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.

## A Prayer of Pope Francis

Oh Mary,  
you shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus's  
pain  
with steadfast faith.  
You know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of  
trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
He who took our sufferings upon himself,  
and bore our sorrows, to bring us, through the Cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

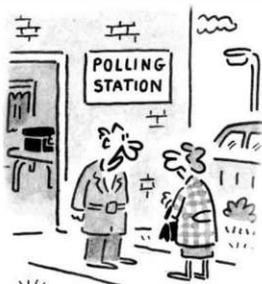
## Good Shepherd / Vocations Sunday

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel is always taken from Jesus' teaching in chapter 10 of John's gospel about himself as the Good Shepherd. It is also known as Vocation Sunday because on this day we pray especially that more may answer the call to serve the Church in a special way, particularly as pastors and religious.

Today we are being asked to pray in a special way for particular types of vocations which are very necessary for the life of the Church. We need pastoral shepherds for our parish communities and we do not have enough. We need the special witness that religious give through lives of celibacy, poverty and obedience.

In a wider sense, we must also acknowledge that every one of us has a vocation. Every single person has been and is being called by God through the Holy Spirit to offer their special gifts to the rest of the community. What is your vocation? What is your special gift? What contribution are you making to the life of this parish – inside the Church and outside it?

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*'The cost of living crisis is worse than I thought. I had to pay to use their pencil'*

## Prayer for the Week

Prayer for Vocations Sunday  
Loving Father,  
you call us by name.  
As we journey through life  
help us to be confident in our own unique identity  
and to find opportunities to  
develop our own gifts and passions.  
We pray that the Holy Spirit  
will pour on us wisdom and guidance  
to help us realise and follow our dreams,  
discerning your plan for our lives.  
Bless your Church  
by raising up dedicated and generous people  
from our families and friends  
who will serve as Priests, Deacons,  
Sisters and Brothers.  
May we support one another in response to God's call.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### This Week's Readings Fourth Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 13:14,43-52

**Responsorial Psalm:** 99

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

**Gospel:** John 10:27-30

### Next Week's Readings Fifth Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 14:21-27

**Responsorial Psalm:** 144

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 21:1-5

**Gospel:** John 13:31-35

### This week's ministries:

#### Readers:

**5.00pm:** D Fletcher, G Higgins

**9.15am:** R Portaluri, F Green

**11.15am:** J McNally, M Richardson

#### Communion:

**9.15am:** S Jones

**11.15am:** S Campos

### Next week's ministries for 14/15 May

<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	V Coomer, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	S Corker, K Corker
	11.15 p.m.	F Glaze, A Willcock
<b>Communion</b>	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	P Corkell
<b>Welcomers</b>	9.15 a.m.	
	11.15 a.m.	D Lewis