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3rd Sunday of Easter (C)

1 May 2022

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Ecaterina, Sheila Armstrong, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

Next weekend will see the celebration of **First Holy Communion**. Due in part to the circumstances of the last two years we have a larger number of children than usual. The presence of welcome guests will mean that space is at a premium as the congregation will almost certainly be larger than usual. Other parishioners therefore, may want to consider attending one of the other Masses next weekend rather than at Sunday, 10.00am. Either way, we look forward to the event and remember the children, their catechists and their families in our prayers.

The next **preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place at 9.15 to 10.00am on Saturday, 7 May. Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Mass of Confirmation at St Joseph's on Saturday, 11 June, 2022 at 5.00pm. Attendance at class is essential.

A wee celebration and some thanks!

The last two years have seen us miss out on a number of things – most notably being able to come together for celebrations other than public acts of worship (think of the restrictions surrounding Simon's diaconate ordination for example). Thankfully, things have changed for the better in this regard and the forthcoming Confirmation Mass with our chief shepherd, Bishop Heskett, on Saturday, 11 June, offers us a suitable occasion to celebrate. **After the Mass of Confirmation there will be drinks and nibbles offered in the school hall** (or playground if the weather is good!). This will give us an opportunity to make a presentation to Marie following her recent retirement from the parish office and to offer our thanks to all those who have helped over the past two difficult years to help keep things running and open – especially our church cleaners and stewards. The presence of the *Confirmandi* and their guests helps give meaning to the occasion as they represent our future. However, understandably, for some this presence may be brief as, they may well have smaller, family affairs planned. All welcome!

Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour

Our annual novena continues this **Tuesday, 3 May, at 7.00pm**. In light of the Synodal process this week's theme will consider *The Church is One and Holy*. Also:

Tuesday, 10 May, *The Church is Catholic and Apostolic*

Tuesday, 17 May, *The Church as Institution*

Tuesday, 24 May, *The Church as Mystical Communion*

Tuesday, 31 May, *The Church as Sacrament*

Tuesday, 7 June, *The Church as Herald*

Tuesday, 14 June, *The Church as Servant*

Tuesday, 21 June, *The Church as Community of Disciples*

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of items in anticipation of our forthcoming celebrations for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Opening times are after the Saturday vigil Mass and from 9:15am to 9:55am on Sundays, *i.e.* between the morning Masses.

We welcome **Altar Servers** to resume their serving at the altar. Many thanks! A meeting for new servers will take place after First Holy Communion.

Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday 23 July, £18 adults, £12 students/children with the Procession along the Holy Mile, and Mass of Sunday. Coaches leave Pond Hill at 7.30am. Contact Joseph Durham, 07939 152558 joseph.durham52@gmail.com, or Francesca Flynn, 0114 2686247 francesca@fmflynn.plus.com

World Youth Day 2023 will take place next year in Lisbon, 31 July to 7 August. Our diocese has reserved a number of places and encourages any persons who will be between 15 – 30 years of age next year to express their interest by contacting Sue McDonald, Director of Youth Ministry at smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 24 June – Thursday 30 June (6 nights) £765.00 Full Board flying from Doncaster Airport, Insurance £33. Booking form and further details available from www.hallam-lourdes.com or telephone 07724 650066. The organisers of the pilgrimage have asked to share the following update with parishes: “It’s hard to believe that it’s almost 2 years since we started to prepare for our first ever virtual pilgrimage (who would have thought that would have ever been a thing?!). Coming together remotely provided a huge amount of joy and comfort during a very surreal and difficult time. Last year we continued our journey through the Hallam@Home pilgrimage, with a mix of in person and virtual services in the hope that we would all be reunited in Lourdes again this year. We are very happy to be able to say that Lourdes 2022 is very much all systems go! Lots and lots of prayers needed for no increased restrictions in the next few weeks. We know this is great news for all those who are able to travel with us this year and we can’t wait to see you all. It’s going to be very special. However, we know that with Covid still very much a part of our lives, not everyone will be able to be there in person. We are therefore really happy to announce that we are going to continue to bring the pilgrimage to you - only this time we will be Live from Lourdes (as often as possible) - our first hybrid pilgrimage! We’ll stream a number of the Hallam services so you can join us from the comfort of your own home”.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 1 May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Leanne Wainwright
Monday 2 May <i>St Athanasius</i>	10.00am Intentions of Fr James Shryane
Tuesday 3 May <i>Ss Philip & James</i>	10.00am Private Intention (TL) 7.00pm Week 2 of our Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Wednesday 4 May <i>The English Martyrs</i>	November Memorial List
Thursday 5 May <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	10.00am Joan Gerstel
Friday 6 May <i>Eastertide weekday</i>	10.00am Jason Barron
Saturday 7 May <i>Eastertide weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	5.00pm Ann Weston
Sunday 8 May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am In Thanksgiving

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

The people of Ukraine

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

For peace

**Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose
anniversaries occur at this time.**

Last week's collection was £475.55 (£340.75 in offertory envelopes, £134.80 in loose). Thank you.

A further £26.46 for **Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine** was donated (a total of £1381.58 so far). Thank you for your generosity!

There will be a **retiring collection** for the **Priests' Training Fund** next weekend, **7 & 8 May**.