

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

6:1-7

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(32):1-2,4-5,18-19

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

A Reading from the First Letter of St Peter.

2:4-9

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of the darkness into his marvellous light.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

14:1-12

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do: and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocesan Consultation: Bishop Marcus writes:

"The Holy Father has invited the faithful of the dioceses of Middlesbrough, Hallam and Leeds to undertake an important task: to explore the possibility of how our three dioceses can work together in closer collaboration with a view to a possible future union as one diocesan family, so that we may be better placed to carry forward the mission of the Church in our region. As well as the consultation meetings taking place across our dioceses, there is also an opportunity for lay faithful in all three dioceses to contribute to this consultation, either individually or as a parish group, by completing the online questionnaire. I encourage the faithful within our dioceses to devote time and prayerful reflection upon these questions before offering a response, so that the Holy Spirit may guide us through this important process of consultation and discernment. To assist in this, prayer resources and a presentation have been made available below to help ensure that this period of reflection is fruitful. I kindly ask that responses be submitted through the online questionnaire no later than 22nd May 2026.

The link to the questionnaire can be found on the Leeds Diocesan website (www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

You will find there:

Consultation Presentation

Format for Prayers

Consultation Participant Notes.

Thank you for the time and prayer you can offer to this important task, which has been entrusted to us by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV. With every blessing and the assurance of my prayers, I remain, Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ, +Marcus"

Join the Diocese of Hallam as and with survivors of abuse at the annual service of prayer and reflection to be held on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7.00 pm in the church of the holy spirit, 2 stonelow road, dronfield, S18 2EP. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please see Posters for further information.

Welcome to the parishes of

St Teresa's

Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene's

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Fifth Sunday of Easter A 26

I am the way,
and the truth,
and the life.

No one can come to
the Father except
through me.

Fifth Sunday of Easter A 26		
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	First Communion Candidates St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	John Cunliffe St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	First Communion Candidates Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Pam Kershaw St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Mary Ann Bailey & Kathy Fretwell St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Marie Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Special Intention St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Mr & Mrs Travis RIP St MM
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Ron Bradbury (MM) Bl Sac

Sixth Sunday of Easter A 26

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	CONNIE MCNICHOLAS ANNIVERSARY	STMM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM		ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM		BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	ANN WORTH	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	CHRIS HORBURY & JANET LOWE	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	PAUL	BL SAC

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OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations

St Ter Env £139.00 Loose Money £30.00 2nd Coll Priests Training Fund £51.60

St MM Env £90.00 LM £125.30 Raffle £38.00 2nd Coll £115.00

Bl Sac Env £229.00 Loose Money £114.22 Raffle £33.00 2nd Coll £75.50

Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers

Level 1 Beginners, Level 2 Intermediate, Level 3 Advanced Certificates. Please see Parish Safeguarding Representatives for more information.

Each Parish has a Poster with further information.

MAY PROCESSION

This year's Annual May Procession will take place Sunday 17th May - time to be confirmed.

If you wish to be involved in any way, please give your name to either Fr Stephen or Fr Dominic, or Tony or Pam. If you have any Donations towards the Raffle, please bring into Church. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Candidates, and welcome into the church community. Thank you to our parents for supporting the children during preparation, to Chris and Pam in guiding the children through the past weeks, and to our Music Ministry that makes each parish event so special. Thank you especially to all Parishioners for their prayer support for our Candidates.

Fr Stephen

