

**Notre Dame High School; Past Pupils' Morning** - Saturday 28th April, 10am to 12:00noon. Please join us for tours of the school, talks and refreshments. If you wish to come along, or to register as a member of the Alumni, please contact us in the following ways: [alumni@notredams-high.co.uk](mailto:alumni@notredams-high.co.uk) or Notre Dame High School, Fulwood Road, Sheffield, S10 3BT or 01142302536

**Pro-Life Chain Meadowhall** - 28th April 11:-13:00 The 1967 Abortion Act came into force 50 years ago on 27th April 1968. Since then over 8 million lives have been lost to abortion in the UK.SPUC are holding their annual Pro-Life Chain at Meadowhall to commemorate this on Saturday 28th April. The Chain which involves people standing in line silently with placards giving a pro-life message will be on Vulcan Road, off the A6178 roundabout (opposite TGI Friday).

For further information contact 07815820052.

**The Rosary on the Coast** - a prayer event planned along the coastline of Britain. It is scheduled for 3pm on Sunday 29th April to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into effect. The celebrations will be held at St Marie's Cathedral for those who cannot get to the coast at 1:40pm on the 29th, all welcome.

**March for Life UK** - is proud to host LIFE FEST '18 on 5th May in London, Parliament Square. This national event celebrates, "Life from Conception, no exception!" The day includes prayer, prolife workshops, live music, powerful testimonies from inspirational prolife speakers and a joyful march through the heart of London. To join a group travelling from Hallam call Cath Spooner on 01246 203932. "

**A weekend together that could change your life!** - Marriage Enrichment Weekend in Hallam (non residential) Hallam Pastoral Centre June 16th and 17th

For more information and to book your places <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/> Cost £25

**St Vincent De Paul Society; Hallam Central Council; Festival Meeting** - on Sunday, 13th May, 2018; Mass celebrated by Bishop Ralph at 1 p.m. in St Charles Church, followed by the meeting at 2 p.m. in the Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield S9 3WU

**Vacancy for a RC Chaplain** - Ordained or Lay at HMP Moorland. There is a link below where all the information appertaining to the post may be found. The closing date is 4th May 2018: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-2/user-24778/xf-38258249e8a0/wid-1/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/17720-17720-Band-5-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Priest-Deacon/en-GB> e-mail:

[laura.goodman@hmps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:laura.goodman@hmps.gsi.gov.uk) or tel: 01302 523355 Laura Goodman

**April 2018: Devotion:** God the Holy Spirit

**The Holy Father's Intentions 2018:** That economists may have the courage to reject any form of economy which excludes certain people: and discover new ways of understanding the economy.

## St. Mary's, High Green, Sheffield

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### GENERAL AUDIENCE: On Baptism: The Sign of the Christian Faith

In this Easter Season we continue the catechises on Baptism. The meaning of Baptism stands out clearly by its celebration; therefore we turn our attention to it. Considering the gestures and words of the liturgy, we can receive the grace and the commitment of this Sacrament, which is ever to be rediscovered. We recall it with the aspersion of blessed water, which can be done on Sunday at the beginning of the Mass, as well as in the renewal of the baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil. In fact, what happens in the celebration of Baptism arouses a spiritual dynamic that runs through the whole life of the baptized; it's the start of a process, which enables one to live united to Christ in the Church. Therefore, to return to the source of the Christian life leads us to understand better the gift received on the day of our Baptism, and to renew our commitment to respond to it in the condition in which we find ourselves today — to renew the commitment, to understand this gift better, which is Baptism, and to remember the day of our Baptism. Last Wednesday I asked that tasks be done at home and for every one of us to remember the day of <our> Baptism — on what day we were baptized. I know that some of you know it, others don't. Those that don't know it must ask their parents, those persons, godfathers, godmothers . . . ask them: "What is the date of my Baptism?" Because Baptism is a rebirth and it is as if it were a second birthday. Understood? Do this task at home. Ask: "What is the date of my Baptism?" To become Christians is, certainly, a gift that comes from on high (Cf. John 3:3-8). Faith can't be bought, but it can be asked for and received as a gift. "Lord, give me the gift of faith," it's a beautiful prayer! "That I may have faith," is a beautiful prayer. To ask for it as a gift, but it can't be bought, it is requested. In fact, "Baptism is the Sacrament of that faith with which men, illumined by the grace of the Holy Spirit, respond to Christ's Gospel". The formation of the catechumens and the preparation of the parents tend to arouse and awaken a sincere faith in response to the Gospel, as the listening of the Word of God in the celebration of Baptism itself. To do the sign of the cross when we wake up, before meals, before a danger, as a defense against evil, in the evening before sleeping, means to say to ourselves, and to others, to whom we belong, who we want to be. This is why it's so important to teach children to make well the sign of the cross. And, as we do on entering a church, we can do so also at home, keeping in a small appropriate glass some blessed water — some families do it: thus every time we come in or go out, by doing the sign of the cross with that water we remember that we are baptized. Don't forget, I repeat: teach the children to make the sign of the cross.

## St Mary's High Green~Holy Mass Times

### THE SEASON OF EASTER

#### **4th Sunday of Easter (B) World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Sat: Sacrament of Reconciliation; 5:00-5:45pm

Sat. 21st Apr: 6:30pm - People of the Parish

Sun. 22nd Apr: 9:30am - O'Toole & Rice Families

6:00pm - Evening Prayer of the Church

with the Blessing of new windows and statue of St Joseph led by Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR

#### **Tue. 24th Apr: Eastertide Weekday (St George)**

8:00am (K.E.) - Fr. Shaun Smith Intentions

9:30am (StM) - Stanley Charmack (LD)

#### **Wed. 25th Apr: St Mark-Evangelist**

9:30am (C.C.) - No Mass (RH)

#### **Thurs. 26th Apr: Eastertide Weekday**

9:30am (St. M.) - People of the Parish

#### **Fri. 27th Apr: Eastertide Weekday**

8:00am (KE) - Monica Grant (sick)

11:00am - Funeral Mass; Fr. Kieron O'Connell rip

Immaculate Conception Church, Rotherham

#### **5th Sunday of Easter (B)**

Sat. 28th Apr: 6:30pm - George Nazareth (A)

Sun. 29th Apr: 9:30am - Pauline Hayes (A)

**Holy Day of Obligation:** May 10th - The Ascension of the Lord

**Appendix:** K.E. - Kirk Edge Carmel; St.M. - St Mary's Church; L.D. - Lately Dead;  
A - Anniversary; Y.B. - Yorkshire Brethren; CC - Convent Chapel; RH - Rampton Hospital

#### **Parish Mass Book: 4th Sunday Easter (B) p258261**

Preface of Easter IV p60 & Eucharistic Prayer II p24

Children's Liturgy - April 22nd, May 6th & 20th

**Collections:** 15/04/18 £376.65 Thank you

**2nd Collections:** 21/22nd April - Priests' Training Fund

12/13 May - World Day of Communications

## Parish Events

**Parish Forum** - Next one Wednesday 2nd May at 7:30pm.

**The Basics of Catholic Faith** - Every Monday in term time, 7:30 to 8:30pm - see Deacon Bill for details

**S.V.P.** - Next meetings are Wednesday 18th April & 9th May in the convent at 7:15pm. All welcome.

**Evening Prayer of the Church** - Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsP will lead us in Solemn Evening Prayer at 6:00pm on Sunday 22nd April,

**Luncheon Club** - The next luncheon Club is on Monday 14th May. If you are attending, put your name on the list at the back of church and choose your meal. The order is sent to Lisa by 10.00am on Friday 11th May.

**Lourdes 160th Anniversary** - "This year on Wednesday 16 May at 1.00 pm, the Carmelite Monastery at Kirk Edge is hosting a celebration to mark the 160th Anniversary of the apparitions in Lourdes. There will be Holy Hour and the Rosary, followed by Holy Mass and it is hoped they will have as many people as they did last year for the Fatima celebrations.

**May Devotions to Our Lady** - begin on Tuesday 1st May and continue each Tuesday. 7.30 until 8.30 (max), the first six weeks will include viewing extracts from DVD series about Mary entitled "Let it be done unto me according to your word". This is a fascinating introduction to lots of place associated with Mary. The Tuesday devotions will include the Novena to our Lady of never ending help, which will lead us up to her feast day on so these Tuesday will continue until her feast day in June.

**"Calling All Charities!** - As you may know, each year the Diocese of Hallam Charity Dinner and Dance raises money for various Charities. If you are involved with a Charity and would like a share from the money raised, please send an application with details of your Charity and how it would benefit from funds, as soon as possible, to: Mrs Elizabeth Mason, Honorary Secretary, c/o The Presbytery, Our Lady & St Thomas, 34 Meadowhead, Sheffield S8 7UD"

**Northern Scripture Festival, 'JOY - the surprise of the Gospel'**, (please see attached poster). The Festival is the result of an initiative from the Scripture Working Group of the Bishops' Conference and has been developed by a group of Catholic Dioceses in the north of England, with the aim of 'Celebrating God's Word in fun, inspiring and informative ways'.

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish.** We pray also for: Eugene McCoy, Duncan Dewar, Fr. Kieran O'Connell, Stanley Charmak who died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.