



Blessed Trinity

The Immaculate Conception

St Gerard's

To be a joyful, inclusive Christ-centred community, drawing people to know Jesus through our words and actions.

For the next five weekends, (or to put it another way, for the rest of the school holidays) the Gospel reading comes from Chapter 6 of John. It is close to the Jewish Feast of Passover as Jesus feeds a multitude of people, a miracle that recalls God feeding Israel with manna in the wilderness. Jesus then walks on the stormy seas and declares 'I am' though this scene is omitted. Instead next weekend we are introduced to a discourse by Jesus as himself being the bread of life. He teaches what the true bread provided by God is and what it means to feed on this bread. By the fifth weekend we find that such radical teaching has turned some disciples away while others reaffirm their faith in him.

John Ch6 is a theologically complex chapter referencing Jewish liturgical traditions and many biblical themes: the tree of life in Eden, the manna in the wilderness, Wisdoms invitation to share in her food. These Old Testament realities help us to understand Jesus and his gift of his body and blood on the cross and in the Eucharist. His self-giving in his passion is made present on the altar as the priest calls on the Holy Spirit to enable the bread and wine presented to become the body and blood of Christ. We witness Christ sacrificing himself to the Father for our sake, in our presence. Or is this too outrageous? Will you and I walk away like some of the disciples at the end of John Chapter 6 or are we affirmed in faith that Christ is present in the Eucharist?

Financial Contributions to the Parish

If you wish to make your weekly/monthly contributions by standing order please ask your bank to make your donation direct to one of the parish accounts. The bank used by our parishes is the HSBC. Details of the bank accounts are as follows.

Immaculate Conception (St Mary's) sort code 404107 account number 51094262

St Gerard's Thrybergh sort code 404107 account number 11095110

Alpha course starting Wednesday 18th September. Alpha is a great way of exploring life's big questions. It is run over 10 weeks and each week looks at a different theme. Come along and find out more! If it's not for you no pressure. There will be food provided and it's all free. 6.30pm in Immaculate Conception parish room.

Anniversaries: 28th Richard, 29th Clare Glennon, Barbara Storey, Mary Murphy, Joan Brown, 30th Philip Joseph Brady, 1st August Burgin Family, Rob Leedel, Beryl Davis, Bernard Louis Scott, 2nd Annamma, 3rd Sergio Abargos, 4th Maria Pegg, Paige Jobling, Robert Rigby, 5th Ethel Eastwood 6th Stephen Caller, 7th Margaret & Ron Eadon, Fr Brian Davis, Norah Banks, Peter Docherty, Peter Waring, Selena Barratt, 8th Emily Taylor Fr Terry Clifford, Jenny Garvey, Norman Maclean, 9th Thomas Thompson, 10th Les Skelton, Margaret Docherty, Marilyn Ann Morley, Mary Maclean, 11th Ian Roberts, Robert Mallinson, Mary Shore, Ben Kenning, 12th Cyril Clarke,

Cyril Seddon, Fr Matthew Malone,

If you would like to add someone to our record of anniversaries please forward the details of the person's name and date of the anniversary of their death to office@tpicr.co.uk

Recent Deaths: Michael Giblin, Sr. Maire Morris,

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. AMEN

Please pray for the following with **ill health**

Albert Mc, Elijah and Orlaith Jones, Paul Bowlin, Glen Dugher, Owen Jenkinson, Fr Michael O'Connor, Olga Kelsall, Winnie Conlon, Amelia

and Walt Grant, Warner Powell, Loraine Sheldon, Angela Gaynor, John Wistow, John Rourke, Mary Bowen, Maggie Leary, Andrea, Hazel and Mel Stephenson, Arthur Perry, Peggy Shanahan, Lynne Ashmore, Eoghan Nolan, Michael Garvey, Hilda Flaherty and all who are vulnerable. If you wish to add names to this list email details to office@tpicr.co.uk

Congratulations to Florence Tupling, Karolina Kurzep, Isla Jenkinson, Iris Jenkinson, Dellah Barnes and Charles Sutton on their First Holy Communion last Sunday and to Alan and Geraldine Wood on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and to Sajimon George and Jean Philip on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Sr. Maire Morris

Sr. Maire came to stay at St Gerard's after the death of Fr Hubert McNamara. She was supposed to have retired. Her years at St Gerard's touched the lives of so many people both in our two parishes and in the wider community. Her natural interest in people and her quite way of inspiring and encouraging people to develop and grow bore fruit and those who met her were better for it. Sr. Maire was also a special friend to St Gerard's School including staff, families and children. She moved from the parish three years ago to stay nearer to her family, a move that was timely and enabled her family to give her the support she would need during the last years of her life. Sr. Maire will be loved and remembered, may she rest in peace. Amen

Baptismal Preparation—Our next baptismal program on zoom for parents of infants begins on Tuesday evening 13th August 7pm and continues on the 20th August. Each session takes just under 90 minutes. If you would like to receive an invite please speak with Fr Desmond after any of the weekend masses.

Bible Study:

Our final session looking at the Book

of Esther is on Tuesday 30th July 7pm at the Immaculate Conception.

Mini Pilgrimage to Walsingham—

Twelve places have been booked at Walsingham 27-29 August covering two nights bed and breakfast and two evening meals in ensuite rooms, (at least one double room). Participants will have to arrange their own transportation. Total costs £186. Contact Fr Desmond if you are interested.

Confession: Saturday 5-15pm to 5-45pm. Monday after the 10am mass. Appointments can also be arranged at other times that may be more convenient.

Anointing of the Sick: This will take place at St Gerard's on the 31st July during the 10am mass and on the 12th August at the 10am mass at the Immaculate Conception.

Saturday 27th July	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confession 17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Kennedy Family
Sunday 28 th	9am	Immaculate Conception	17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Chris Kime
	11am	St Gerard's	17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Monday 29 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	St Martha, St Mary, St Lazarus	'A' and family
Tuesday 30 th	No mass	St Gerard's	Weekday	
Wednesday 31 st	10am	St Gerard's	St Ignatius of Loyola Anointing of the Sick	Stanley Family
	11-45	Immaculate Conception	Funeral Service of Michael Giblin	
Thursday 1st August	7pm	Immaculate Conception	St Alphonsus Liguori	Kerrigan Family
Friday 2 nd	10am	Immaculate Conception	Weekday	John O'Mahony
Saturday 3 rd	11am	St Gerard's	Weekday	Ted & Kitty Glennon
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confessions 18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Fr Dominic
Sunday 4th August	9am	Immaculate Conception	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
	11am	St Gerard's	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mackenzie Ball
Monday 5 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	St Mary Magdalene	Philomena Hirst
Tuesday 6 th	10am	St Gerard's	Transfiguration of the Lord	Holy Souls
Wednesday 7 th	10-30	St Gerard's	Weekday	Winnie & Eddie McGann
Thursday 8 th	No mass	Immaculate Conception	St Dominic	
Friday 9 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Cyril & Peter Durbin
Saturday 10 th	11am	St Gerard's	St Laurence	Jane Kelly
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th August	9am	Immaculate Conception	19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jane Kelly
	11am	St Gerard's	19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sr. Maire

The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 28th July. But it will only be at Immaculate Conception

Community Gathering

There is a break during the summer, the next gathering is on the 16th September.

Second Collections 2024

Our next Second Collection will be on the 15th September in aid of *Evangelii Gaudium*, supporting the sharing of the joy of the Gospel.

The Church Is Our Home: Do you consider yourself to have a disability/ Do you care for someone with a disability? Please complete this short survey about inclusion and welcome in the Diocese of Hallam. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHGN72S>

St Gerard's Soup Slurpers meal at Leger Lake.—fourteen places have been booked for a meal at Leger Lake on Wednesday 7th August at 12.15. You can make your choice on the day. Please let Angela Pritchard know if you would like to go.

The second collection taken at St Gerard's for The Apostleship of the Sea raised £85.50. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Solemnities and Feasts Ahead

St Martha, St Mary, St Lazarus: The two sisters and brother who were close friends of Jesus. Jesus brought Lazarus back from the dead and in Martha and Mary we see the interaction of the active and contemplative lives.

St Ignatius of Loyola: Founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in the 16th cent and initiator of the development of spiritual awareness that saw God in all things.

St Alphonsus Liguori: Lived through the 18th cent, a Doctor of the Church, Patron of confessors and moral theologians and founder of the Redemptorists.

Transfiguration of the Lord: The occasion when Jesus takes Peter, James and John up on a mountain where Moses and Elijah appear and Jesus' divine glory is revealed in the presence of His Heavenly Father.

St Dominic: Born in Spain in the 12th cent and lived into the 13th cent. Founder of the Order of Friar Preachers (Dominicans) a promoter of the rosary and preacher of orthodoxy at a time of great confusion and division. St Dominic is patron of astronomers and natural scientists.

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: An academic of German Jewish background. Studied under and worked with Edmund Husserl. After reading the autobiography of St Teresa of Avila she developed an interest in Christianity which led to her conversion to Catholicism and became a Carmelite nun. She never denied her Jewish roots and despite the persecution by the Nazi's and died in Auschwitz in 1942. She is one of the six patrons of Europe

St Laurence: One of seven deacons who were martyred in Rome in 258. When under pressure from the Roman Emperor to hand over the treasures of the Church St Laurence gathered together the poor and the destitute and told the Emperor here are the treasures of Christ's Church.

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