

10th August 2024



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.

Last Tuesday morning I listened to a senior police officer with 24 years of experience describe the scenes outside the Holiday Inn Express near Manvers as the most frightening encounter he had ever had. He described how the officers outside the hotel fought for the lives of the residents and staff and for each other as they faced a determined group of rioters wanting to burn down the building and all who were inside. It was a chilling account of what had been taking place within the area we live. Last Wednesday thousands of people came out into the streets of many of our towns and cities to say NO to those who had been participating in and promoting the riots. That same evening many people from churches around Rotherham gathered at the Minster for a prayerful vigil of peace. There are times when we have to stand up and challenge those whose message is hate towards someone simply because they are different and they are here. So over the next few days if you have neighbours who are migrants and neighbours who are part of our local police force make a point in asking of their wellbeing and tell them you are praying for them. And if you do know someone who shares the views of the rioters then say to them "No, you do not speak on behalf of our community, the family of God."

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.

Financial Contributions to the Parish up to 15th July 2024.

	Immaculate Conception	St Gerard's
Opening Balance	£32,115.48	£22,289.38
Payments in	£6,357.94	£5,236.55
Payments out	£5,352.70	£7,150.80
Closing Balance	£33,120.72	£20,375.13

Diocesan Balance debt £94,117.91 credit £21,002.57

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

Anniversaries: 11th Ian Roberts, Robert Mallinson, Mary Shore, Ben Kenning, 12th Cyril Clarke, Cyril Seddon, Fr Matthew Malone, 13th David Wilfrid Page, Agnes Mannion, 14th Hector Maclean, Demetria Abargos, Ada Zgoda, John Mannion, 15th Clara & Arthur Barker, Maurice Rodgers, Walter Hird, Kathleen Senior, Kathleen Barfield, 16th Frank Deehan, Jeevan Devadas, Patrick Gilligan, Wendy Clarke, William Tweedle, Nellie Busby, 17th Derek Davis, David Graham, Brian Agus, Doris Ward, 18th Elveen Gillatt, Fr Joseph Quigley, 19th Barbara Jones, Fr Oliver Wilson, 20th Pierre Thibault, 21st Mushin Ahmed, 22nd Dorothy Ainsworth, Hec-

tor Morrison, Luke Weyman, Keith Morte, Mary Wilson, 23rd Bernard Wright, Tyrone Powell, William Price, Ron Simmons, Peter Roughley, 24th Mark Sharkey jnr, James Colligan, 25th Marhe Leonardo, Rose Charmak, John Deeming,

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: Tina Lee, Dorothen Mary Kelsall,

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, Michael Mellor and all who are vulnerable. If you wish to add names to this list email details to office@tpicr.co.uk

Congratulations to Kaya Jacob and Bryan Jacob and to their families on making their First Holy Communion at St Gerard's last Sunday

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.

First Holy Communion Program 2024/25: I invite parents who would like their children to make their First Holy Communion in 2025 to attend a zoom meeting on the 9th September 7pm at which the aims of the program for 2024/25 can be explained and interested parties confirm the participation of themselves and their child in the program. Please contact me on office@tpicr.co.uk before the 9th Sept if you are interested in the program, an invite to the meeting on zoom will then be forwarded. Fr. Desmond.

Hallam Bethlehem Ball: Dinner and Dance Night in aid of the Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust. Saturday 23rd November 2024, 7pm for a 7-30pm start, carriages at midnight. Niagara Conference and Leisure Centre, Niagara Road Sheffield S6 1TL. Tickets at £35 per person from 07891072858 email trustee@bcandhr.org Raffle tickets can be purchased from the same contacts above.

A Holy Hour For Life (Adoration): Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road, S7 1DX. Last Saturday of the month after the 10am Mass.

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 on the 12th August at the 10am mass at the Immaculate Conception and on the 21st August 10am at St Gerard's

The weeks ahead:

Saturday 10th August	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confession 19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th	9am	Immaculate Conception	19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jane Kelly
	11am	St Gerard's	19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sr. Maire
Monday 12 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	Weekday Anointing of the Sick	Holy Souls
Tuesday 13 th	10am	St Gerard's	Weekday	Grover Family
Wednesday 14 th	No mass	St Gerard's	St Maximilian Kolbe	
	12 noon	St Walburga's Shipley	Requiem for Sr. Maire	
Thursday 15 th August Holy Day	10am	St Gerard's	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Edmond Sexton
	7pm	Immaculate Conception		Desmond Jenkinson
Friday 16 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	Weekday	Dorothen May Kelsall
Saturday 17 th	No mass	St Gerard's	Weekday	
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confessions 20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Bernard & Patricia Ward
Sunday 18 th August	9am	Immaculate Conception	20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
	11am	St Gerard's	20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Private Intention
Monday 19 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	Weekday	Philomena Hurst
Tuesday 20 th	10am	St Gerard's	St Bernard	Sr. Maire
Wednesday 21 st	10am	St Gerard's	St Pius X	Michael Williams
Thursday 22 nd	7pm	Immaculate Conception	Queenship of the BVM	Malcolm W
Friday 23 rd	10am	Immaculate Conception	Weekday	Sr. Maire
Saturday 24 th	11am	St Gerard's	St Bartholomew	Special Intention
	6pm		21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Francis Dowd
Sunday 25 th August	9am	Immaculate Conception	21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
	11am	St Gerard's	21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

Volunteer wanted - St Gerard's New Cemetery. If you are able to spare a few minutes on a Tuesday and Wednesday (evening) to help with relocating a bin for collection. Please email office@tpicr.co.uk.

Community Gathering—The first Community Gathering in the autumn will be on the 16th Sept at 6pm.

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. We also have a Missionary appeal on the 21st/22nd September.

Harvesters Catholic Men's group celebrate its' 25th Anniversary this year

In a busy London restaurant a group of five men were in conversation with Charles Whitehead (well-known leader in Catholic Charismatic Renewal). Charles had recently been to Nova Scotia where the congregation was overflowing with men. Apparently the Bishop had encouraged men to make a deeper commitment to their faith. This had obviously worked.

The decision was made to set up a weekend retreat. The pub they were in was a Harvester pub and so Harvesters became the chosen name for this new work of grace. Since then the weekends have grown and have been held in a number of locations throughout the country, from North to South.

Each weekend consists of a main speaker, small confidential groups where men shared their struggles and they learned to pray for each other, building trust and friendships within the group. There are also workshops to help men grow in their faith and the theme for the weekend is always relevant to men.

This year the speakers will be Rev. Russ Parker and Ronan Johnson and will be held at The Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire between September 13th to the 15th

For further information and booking details visit <http://harvesters.org.uk/> or Contact Colin Taylor at colin.taylor56@gmail.com (Telephone 07866 300575)

Solemnities and Feasts Ahead

St Maximilian Kolbe: He was a Polish priest who volunteered to die in place of a man named Franciszek Gajowniczek in the German death camp of Auschwitz. Maximilian Kolbe was in the camp because of his opposition to the Nazi regime. Franciszek Gajowniczek was later present as a guest at the Beatification of Maximilian in 1971 and his beatification in 1982.

Assumption of the BVM: Having completed the course of her earthly life, Mary Mother of God was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

St Bernard: He was a 11th cent Abbot, Mystic, cofounder of the Knights Templar, a major leader in the reformation of the Benedictine order through the nascent Cistercian Order. Made a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius VIII in 1830.

St Pius X: St Pius X opposed modernist interpretations of Catholic Doctrine. He promoted liturgical reforms and initiated the preparation of the 1917 Code of Canon Law, the first systematic work of its kind. He was beatified in 1951 and canonised in 1954 by Pius XII

Queenship of the BVM: Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. The title of Queen attributed to Mary is supported by scripture when Gabriel announced at the Annunciation that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever.

St Bartholomew: He was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus, identified as Nathanael in the Gospel of John 1:45-51. Bartholomew is listed as one of the twelve apostles in Matthew, Mark and Luke.