

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.

Care of Creation - Pope Francis has established the 1^{st} September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. In his landmark encyclical 'Laudato Si' the Pope calls on everyone to care for our shared Earth. The theme for this year is 'Hope and Act with Creation' which draws its inspiration from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:19-25). Pope Francis reminds us that the Holy Spirit calls on us to be alert and make conversions in lifestyles to resist human degradation of the environment. The day of prayer is followed by a Season of Creation which continues through September and concludes on the 4^{th} October, the feast of St Francis. It is an opportunity for each of us to pray and think about how we can make changes in the way we live each day that will promote sustainable lifestyles and protect creation.

For further ideas go to our parish WhatsApp group and look up the posting on the 23rd August, alternatively view the post on *tpicr.com or*

It has many suggestions and links to help us all engage with both the World Day of Prayer for Creation and the Season of Creation.

Large print hymn sheets are now available on a Sunday morning, please ask welcomers if you would like a copy

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 9^{th} 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 <u>office@tpicr.co.uk</u> before the 9^{th} Sept if you are interested in the program, an invite to the meeting on zoom will then be forwarded. Fr. Desmond.

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

Anniversaries: 24th Mark Sharkey jnr, James Colligan, 25th Marhe Leonardo, Rose Charmak, John Deeming, 27th Chinnamma, Jimmy Doran, Michael Carr, Tom McNicholas, 28th Mary Patricia Harris, May Duncombe, Avelina Galiposo, Kathleen Ainsworth, Roy Ward, 29th Annie Doran, Florence Bryce, Rose Tupling. 30th Diana Durbin, Frank W Daly, 1st Ethan Jacob, Joanna Maclean, Ewan & Joan Nicholson, Christine Morley, Joe McNicholas, 3rd Ewan and Joan McNicholson, Jane Hallam, June trueman, Paddy Birmingham, 4th Kath Goulsbra, Martin McHale, Dorothea Weston (nee Ainsworth), Gwynne Williams, Ja-

net Sylvester, John Simms, Vincent Weston, 5th Mary Emmanuel, AH (Tony) Turner, 6th James Stewart, Olwen Browne, Thomas Gilligan, 8th Antoin, Antoinette, Simon, John Wainwright, Anthony

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

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 Shelden, 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 little Oscar on his baptism on the 11th August and to his parents Nancy and Elliot and to Christine Ashmore who was received into the Church on the 15th August.

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.

This is from someone who attended Alpha previously:

"I was a little unsure whether to attend the Alpha course or not but I thought I needed a little Spiritual guidance and a little more up to date knowledge on my religion as it was a long time since I was a school. So I thought a little refresher was required and I went along to the first session thinking if it wasn't for me then I'd quietly slip away and not go back. However, it was friendly, inspirational and made me seriously look at my beliefs in a new way. No brainwashing involved, just total positivity and getting you to use your brain again and re-introducing you to God and the wonderful world he has made for us. I actually got to know the people that I shared a Church with rather than simply giving a friendly nod to or a shake of the hand with once a week. I'm now more involved, more committed and, I believe, a better person. Come along and have a look for yourself, I'm so much happier now that I did so and I'm positive you will be so too.

Hallam Bethlehem Ball: Dinner and Dance Night in aid of the Bethlehem Care & Hospice chased from the same contacts above. 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 trus-

tee@bcandhr.org Raffle tickets can be pur-A Holy Hour For Life (Adoration): Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road, 57 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 9th September at the 10am mass at the Immaculate Conception and on the 2nd October 10am at St Gerard's

The weeks ahead:

Saturday 24 th August	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confession 21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Francis Dowd
Sunday 25 th	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
Monday 26 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	Weekday	Holy Souls
Tuesday 27 th	10am	St Gerard's	St Monica	
Wednesday 28 th	No mass	St Gerard's	St Maximilian Kolbe	
Thursday 29 th	7pm	Immaculate Conception	Passion of St John the Baptist	
Friday30 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward	
Saturday 31st	11am	St Gerard's	Weekday	
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confessions 22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Michael Giblin
Sunday 1 st September	9am 11am	Immaculate Conception St Gerard's	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Monday 2 nd	10am	Immaculate Conception	Weekday	
Tuesday 3 rd	10am	St Gerard's	St Gregory	
Wednesday 4th	10am	St Gerard's	Weekday	
Thursday 5 th	No mass	Immacu- late Con- ception	Weekday	
Friday 6 th	12pm	Immaculate Conception	Weekday	
Saturday 7 th	No mass	St Gerard's	Weekday	
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	
Sunday 8 th August	9am	Immaculate Conception	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	
	11am	St Gerard's	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	

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 Evangeli Gaudium, supporting the sharing of the joy of the Gospel. We also have a Missionary appeal on the 21st/22nd September.

The annual March for Life UK is Saturday 7th September. Stand shoulder to shoulder to proclaim #Abortion Isn't Healthcare. If you are interested in travelling on the coach to London, please contact Rachel on or rachel.wood33@outlook.com



100 Club—Congratulations to our recent winners: No.53 Anne Beaumont and No.45 Dominic Hurley

It's just £2 a week with monthly draws of £100 except for April and October when the prize is £500 (enough to pay for Christmas presents!)

Please note you must be up to date at the end of every month draw to be included in the draw which takes place on the last Saturday of each month.

We would like to have some new members to replace a few who have left us.

Solemnities and Feasts Ahead

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God: He was an Italian priest belonging to the Passionist Order who was prominent in spreading the Catholic faith in England during the 19th cent. His most famous convert was St John Henry Newman.

St Monica: Known for her Christian virtues and was the mother of St Augustine.

St Augustine: Theologian and philosopher of the 4-5th cent and Bishop of Hippo. His early adult life was a journey of discovery which led to his conversion to Christianity. His works are still influential today and he is a Doctor of the Church.

Passion of St John the Baptist: Recalling the death of St John the Baptist and a life that was courageous and filled with conviction and service towards Jesus Christ.

SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward: Three women who died for their Catholic faith during the Reformation. The first was a convert, wife and mother who protected Catholic priests from persecution; the second was a widow who also harboured Catholic priests; the third was executed for assisting a Catholic priest in escaping from prison.

St Gregory the Great: Instrumental in establishing a mission to England during the 5-6th cent during his larger mission to convert the Anglo Saxons.