

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 10th March 2019 – First Sunday in Lent

CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes at the back of church. Please take yours.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 9 March, Vigil, 1st Sunday in Lent	6.30pm	Stanley Shaw
Sunday 10 March, First Sunday in Lent	11.00am	For the People of the Parish
Monday, in the church	9.00am	
Tuesday, in the church	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Wednesday, in the church Lenten Mass Years 5&6	12 noon	
Wednesday, in the church	7.30pm	
Thursday, in the church	9.00am	
Friday, in the church	11.30am	
Saturday, in the church	9.00am	
Saturday 16 March, Vigil, 2nd Sunday in Lent	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 17 March, Second Sunday in Lent	11.00am	For the People of the Parish

- Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery each day at 8.00am. Wednesdays: Rosary & Novena, 7.00pm in the Church.
- Saturdays: 9.45am Morning Prayer, 9.00am Mass, Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stanley Shaw, John Donlon, Ruth Davison, Francis Roche, Barbara Murphy, Kathleen Cole, Peter Broadhurst, Mary, Vera, David and Samuel Jackson, Winifred Hattersley, Irene Moore, Willie Coath, Mollie Smith, Dennis Roberts, Peter Long, Michael Haydon-Crookes, Kathleen Firth, Marjorie Pawson and James Corrigan. May they rest in peace.

Please also pray for all those unwell at home or in hospital and for all those who care for the sick.

Thank you for last week's collection of £585.95, plus your regular standing orders of £417.00 per week.

The collection for Hallam Caring Services raised £ 146.25. Thank you.

Mass information for 16-17 March, Second Sunday in Lent

Announcers:

- Annette Murray (Saturday)
- John Brennan (Sunday).

Readers:

- Claire Brady, Clarissa Mswaka, John McConnon (Saturday)
- Monica Grant, Brian Marsden, Ailsa Rodgers (Sunday).

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Steve McGarry, Walter Mswaka*, Tina Varley (Saturday)
- Jane Higgins, David Wilkinson*, Annie Reed, Chris Ashton, Vicky Moss (Sunday).

Holy Communion visits at home: If you know of anyone who needs to receive Holy Communion at home, please ring the Parish on 2343580. Patient in hospital: ring the voicemail on 2714999.

Children's Liturgy: Debbie & Magdalene

Church Cleaning: Please see the revised rota on the notice board in the church porch.

St Vincent de Paul: Mondays at 7.30pm. Chris Ashton.

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsal: Tuesday 12 March 7.30pm: Barbara Hartley

Art Class: Wednesdays 10.00am in the sacristy: Barbara Beatson

Youth Friendship: Fridays in the School Hall, 6.30-8.00pm. Years 6,7 & 8. Fran Shiel. Dates for 2019:

- 22 March
- 26 April
- 10 May
- 24 May
- 7 June
- 21 June
- 5 July
- 12 July (Gelato Trip)

Saturday Announcers & Readers: The new rota is on the notice board and there are copies in the sacristy.

Lenten Day-By-Day booklets are on sale at the back of church, 60p each. Please put your money into the envelopes provided and into the collection. Thank you.

Rustenburg Project, South Africa: During Lent there will be soup lunches on Fridays in the presbytery after Mass. On Sundays there will be a raffle and items for sale in the Hall after Mass. Your support will be appreciated. Sr. Maire

Baptism Classes for First Time Parents: These will take place Sundays 17th & 24th March before Mass at 10.00am. To enrol, please contact the office on 2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Letters of invitation are at the back of church, with application forms inside. Copies are also available from the Presbytery on 2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com. Please return the form to Fr Michael / Deacon Tony as soon as possible.

CAFOD Family Fast Soup Lunch: In the Hall, TODAY after Mass on Sunday 10 March, we will be serving a soup and sandwich lunch for CAFOD Family Fast Day. For anyone who wishes to just have tea/coffee, this will be available as usual. All donations for lunch and drinks on that Sunday will be for the CAFOD Family Fast appeal.

Knights of Columba Lenten Service led by Fr John Cooke, TODAY Sunday 10 March, 2.30pm. Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Kirk Edge S6 6LJ.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 15 March. Please collect your CAFOD envelope from the back of church and put it into next weekend's collection.

Parish Quiet Day: This will be a half-day event on the morning of Saturday 23 March. Further details to follow.

The Evidence Of Grace

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

LENT: Be Spirit-Filled and Be Spirit-Led

In the Gospel, Jesus was filled with the Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. "Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil" (Lk 4:1). We need to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means he employed. Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth and a position of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends. Jesus sets a model for conquering temptations through prayer, penance and the effective use of the word of God. Lent is a time of repentance, a time to take stock of where we are and where we want to go. It is, therefore, no accident that Lent begins with a reflection on Jesus' time in the desert.

This Gospel highlights trust in God. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. To reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil. Essentially, in Lent:

1. It is a time of preparation for Easter.
2. It is a time of repentance and reparation for wrongs done.
3. It is a time of stocktaking, renewal in discipleship and service to the community.

To achieve these: Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are time-tested pathways. Prayer unites our wills to the Father's will. The Church also offers the sacraments, sacramentals, station of the Cross, spiritual direction and the spiritual exercises to help us find God's will. Fasting enables us: to restrain the desires of the flesh; to raise the mind to contemplate sublime things and to make satisfaction for our sins. Almsgiving enables us to escape the insanity of hoarding and free us from the illusion of secured future through selfishness. It is only giving that we truly receive. This lent, let us welcome Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, let us also radiate its transforming power to all creation. May we allow ourselves to be filled and led by the Holy Spirit.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass

Further Announcements

Diocesan Job Vacancies are on the screen notice board at the back of church and the Diocesan website.

Gift Aid: The tax the parish can reclaim from HMRC is an important source of income and we would like to encourage any taxpayers who do not currently make their offering under Gift Aid to consider doing so. It is the best way of increasing your offering without it costing you more, since currently, the government will increase each £1 of your personal offering by a further 25p. For the parish to reclaim the tax on your offering, you, the taxpayer, need to make a Gift Aid declaration and we, the parish, need to have a record of the date and amount of your offerings. Offerings can be by standing order, cheque or cash in a numbered offertory envelope. Your Gift Aid Declaration will cover all donations recorded by the parish, including for the Food Pantry. You will find Gift Aid declaration forms at the back of church near the hymn books. When you have completed the form, please hand it either to the presbytery or drop it through the letterbox. Please be assured that the administration of Gift Aid is completely confidential. If you have any questions about Gift Aid, please call Janina Klapas on 2312300. If you are considering making a gift to the Church in your will, information can be obtained by contacting the presbytery. Thank you for your continuing support. It is very much appreciated. Offertory envelopes are at the back of church. If you want to start using envelopes, please let us know.

Please consider making your offertory donations to the Parish via Standing Order. Our account details:

Diocese of Hallam Sacred Heart - Sort code 404107 - Account no. 21094319.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona O'Farrell. For non-urgent matters, please contact Fiona in church after Mass on Sunday. For urgent matters go to the Hallam Safeguarding Team on 2566453.

Bereavement Support: If you would like support at either Sacred Heart or St Marie's, please call the presbytery on 2343580 and your request will be passed to Sr Maire or Janina Klapas.

Deanery Justice and Peace events: Saturday 6 April, St Wilfred's Centre, Queen's Rd, S2, half day - Care of Creation and Hallam Environmental Policy. Saturday 11 May, 12 noon, St Marie's Cathedral - Mass for Creation, said by Bishop Ralph. Younger people please note: There will be a sleepout in St Wilfred's car park on Friday 29 March in solidarity with rough sleepers.