

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 18th November 2018 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Olympia and Apolonia Mattis will be baptised at Mass today.

Ava Grace Lovell will be baptised at 1pm today. Congratulations to their families.

There will be a collection at the end of Mass in support of Sick & Retired Clergy.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 17th November, Vigil, 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 18th November, Mass, 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time	10.30am	Annice Armitage
Monday <i>in the church St Josaphat</i>	9.00am	
Tuesday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Wednesday <i>in the school Shalom room. Year 4 Mass</i>	9.00am	
Thursday <i>in the church St Cecilia</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Friday <i>in the church St Columbanus</i>	11.30am	
Saturday <i>in the church Ss Andrew Dung Lac & companions</i>	9.00am	
Saturday 24th November, Vigil, Christ the King	6.30pm	Frederick Byrne
Sunday 25th November, Mass, Christ the King	10.30am	For the People of the Parish

Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery each day at 8am. Wednesdays: Rosary & Novena, 7.00pm in the Church.

Saturdays: 8.45am Morning Prayer, 9am Mass, 10am to 11am Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please pray for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Gerard Rowan, Jennie Deakin, Alice Convery, Anne Axe, Thomas Tingle, Margaret Procter, Helen Robinson, Rose Casey, Mary McSweeney, Roy Camsell, Grace Hamilton, Fiona Bentley, Harry Bentley, Desmond Squire, Edward Vincent Leach, Hilda Kenny, Sally Fox, John McGowan, John Henry McLevy, Edward Mellor, Keith Haywood and Tony Bentley. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for all those unwell at home or in hospital.

Thank you for last week's collection of £ 499.70, plus your regular standing orders of £ 417.00 per week.

Mass information for 24th & 25th November – The Solemnity of Christ the King

Announcers: Annette Murray (Saturday) Janet Reader (Sunday). **Readers:** John McConnon, Lesley Murray, Clarissa Mswaka (Saturday). Stephen Marlow, Rachel Woodley, Mary Nadin (Sunday)

Eucharistic Ministers: Alison Woodhead*, David Raynes, Peter Roche (Saturday). Mike Nadin, Juliet White*, Barbara Parker, Harry Priestley (Sunday)

Next Sunday 25th November, 10.30am – Family Mass, Feast of Christ the King – Children who wish to take part arrive by 10.15am. The front pews will be reserved for families. There will be no separate Children's Liturgy.

November Dead List: There are envelopes at the back of church. Please put your message and offering into an envelope and into the collection at any Mass during November. The list will be displayed in the Lady Chapel during Advent.

Advent Day-by-Day: Available at the back of church, 70p each. Please put your money into the envelopes provided and into the collection.

Parish Christmas Fayre, Sunday 25th November: This year's fayre is being held after the Sunday Mass. **Please note: There will be no parking in the school yard all day on Sunday 25th November.** The fayre provides both a social and fundraising opportunity for the parish and relies on your help for its success. **Donations** are specifically needed as follows: **Cakes:** donations of cakes (these will need to be brought to the hall after Saturday evening mass or on the morning of the fayre). **Donations:** new / as new items suitable for sale (e.g. bric a brac / books / CD's / toys). **(Please leave in the box in the church porch).** **Raffle prizes:** Are you able to donate an item that could be used for a raffle prize? **Please consider how you can help with the fundraising.** Donating unwanted gifts or gift vouchers or using store loyalty points to donate a suitable raffle prize may be something you could do. Please contact Lucy or Michael via e-mail, lucylecount@yahoo.co.uk. or speak to Lucy after weekend Mass. Tickets for the raffle (to be drawn on Sunday at the fayre) will be on sale at next Saturday's mass, (24th November).

Sacred Heart Parish Council met last week and below are outlined the main points from the discussion: **Presbytery Update:** work will finally begin refurbishing the kitchen on 19th November. The bathroom work will commence early in the new year, and it is hoped that work on the fire alarm installation will be complete before Christmas. **Fund Raising:** a committee to raise funds for specific works on the church etc will be set up to begin in the new year. Recruits will be sought before then. **Christmas Events:** 1) the cost of tickets for the Epiphany Party will be £2 per family and £1 per single adult. The party will begin immediately after 11 o'clock Mass 2) an advertisement has been placed in the 'Sixer' magazine announcing the times of Christmas services at Sacred Heart. If you don't receive a copy through your door you can view the magazine on line at <http://www.rmcmmedia.co.uk/> See details on pages 48 and 73. **Church Displays** – some initial discussion about how we might make use of visual focal points throughout the year.

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry: Offered by Loyola University, Chicago, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, this course consists of online modules running from February 2019 to December 2020. Please see the notice at the back of church or go to luc.edu/ips/Liverpool for more details on how to enrol.

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.

Church Cleaning: Thurs 22nd Nov, 11am: Group 3 P Crane, P Deakin, M Fournier, A Gibson, J Klapas, A&A Rodgers

St Vincent de Paul: Mondays at 7.30pm. Contact Chris Ashton (2343580)

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsal: **Tuesday 4th December 7.30pm:** contact Barbara Hartley (2343580)

Art Class: Wednesdays 10am in the sacristy: contact Barbara Beatson (2343580)

Contact Club: Wednesdays 1.30pm. **7th November: Rawson Spring.**

Youth Friendship: Years 6,7 & 8. Please contact Fran Shiel (2343580)

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Reflection)

Love as a Revolution of Tenderness

Hope in Tribulation

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year, when we listen as a Church to Jesus's words concerning the end times. And when we listen to these readings, we can either grow anxious about the coming of the end or we can look with hope for a new beginning promised by Christ. Each of us has been baptized into Christ Jesus, who died, who experienced fully the "end times" of human life — abandonment, suffering, and death. But this same Christ Jesus has transformed the end, as we know it, into the beginning of a greater, more marvellous existence. And that life begins now. God does not call us to anxiety, but to confidence and vigilance. The church wants to remind us of the need to remain prepared, not in worry or fear, but in the love of God and in charity and compassion towards our neighbours and the needy. We prepare for the day of Christ's coming by first recognizing him in our brothers and sisters and by knowing him in his word and his sacraments. We also need to read and understand the signs of the times. The events of everyday life, natural disaster like the raging wild fires in California, accidents, epidemics, wars, terrorist attacks, economic recession and the consequences of large-scale human displacements and migrations should lead us to think. Think about the shortness and vulnerability of human life and sure promise of eternal happiness with God.

The Book of Daniel reminds us, in spite of all these, the wise and the righteous will shine as bright as stars for all eternity. This is our destiny, and this is where our faith should lead us.

Until then, let us make the prayers of the psalmist ours: You will show the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right-hand happiness forever (Psalm 16: 11).

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass

Further Announcements

Annual Knights of Columba Advent Service, led by the Dean, at Kirk Edge, Sunday 2nd December, 2.30pm.

Children's Liturgy: Until the necessary improvements to the presbytery are made, Children's Liturgy will take place in the Hall. Children are asked to come straight to the Hall before Mass. There will be just one Liturgy for children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion [pre-school to age 7/8]. The separate liturgy for older children will resume when we are back in the presbytery.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona O'Farrell. For non-urgent matters, please contact Fiona on 07955 234602, or 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.

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

Please consider making your offertory donations to the Parish via Standing Order.

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 2343580. 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.
