

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 24th February 2019 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There will be collections at next weekend's Masses in support of Hallam Caring Services

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 23 rd February, Vigil, 7 th Sunday in Ord. Time	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	
Sunday 24 th February, 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am	For the People of the Parish	
Monday	<i>in the church</i>	9.00am	
Tuesday	<i>in the church</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Wednesday	<i>in the church</i>	7.30pm	
Thursday	<i>in the church</i>	9.00am	
Friday	<i>in the church</i>	11.30am	
FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION	6-7pm		
Saturday	<i>in the church</i>	9.00am	
Saturday 2 nd March, Vigil, 8 th Sunday in Ord. Time	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	
Sunday 3 rd March, 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am	For the People of the Parish	

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

Saturdays: 9.45am Morning Prayer, 9am 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: Flo Hutton, May Allison, Edward Cummings, Marie Hayward, John Good, Vincent Kenny, David Birdikin, Lucas Lorenzo Tolley Christophersen, Mathilda Jeffcock, Annie Glover, Kaye Lemmings, Irene Chowings, Patricia Marie Cunningham, Elsie Askham, Ester Prior, Andrew Hirst, Edris Gordon, Annie Wainwright, Constantina Fthenaki, Philomena Leach, Alexander Walter Nicholson, Elizabeth Salt and Eileen Garwood. 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 £498.02, plus your regular standing orders of £ 417.00 per week.

The collection for CARJ raised £ 113.55. *Thank you.*

Mass information for 2nd & 3rd March, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcers: Pauline McConnon (Saturday) Darren McDonnell (Sunday). **Readers:** Anita Gibson, Annette Murray, Clarissa Mswaka (Saturday). Rebecca Le Count, Jayne Kirwan, Katie Unwin. (Sunday). **Eucharistic Ministers:** Anita Gibson, Francesca Esposito, Richard Mardlin (**Saturday**). John Mizzi, Mary Nadin*, Mike Nadin, Juliet White, Barbara Parker (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: Eileen & Fran

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

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

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsal: **Tuesday 12th March 7.30pm: contact** Barbara Hartley on 2343580

Art Class: Wednesdays 10am in the sacristy: contact Barbara Beatson on **2343580**

Contact Club: Wednesdays 1.30pm. **Contact** Christine Trebicka 2343580

Youth Friendship: Fridays in the School Hall, 6.30 to 8.00pm. Years 6,7 & 8. Here are the dates for 2019: 8th March, 22nd March, 26th April, 10th May, 24th May, 7th June, 21st June, 5th July, 12th July (Gelato Trip). **Contact** Fran Shiel,

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Ralph Heskett **on Saturday 29th June at 6.30pm.**

Candidates will be in Year 9 or older. Letters of invitation to potential candidates who are former Sacred Heart School pupils 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.

First Friday Devotion at Sacred Heart – Friday, 1st March, 6pm.

Sheffield Church Action on Poverty is marking **Poverty Sunday on 3rd March** with a special service and talk designed to encourage Christians to see poverty in a different light and consider how we can make a difference. The event takes place at **3pm in St Matthew's Church on Carver Street, S1.** The speaker will be the Very Rev Peter Bradley, Dean of Sheffield's Anglican Cathedral. For more information: briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk.

CAFOD Family Fast Soup Lunch: In the Hall, after Mass on **Sunday 10th 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, **Sunday 10th March, 2.30pm.** Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Kirk Edge S6 6LJ.

Deanery Justice and Peace events: Saturday 6th April, St Wilfred's Centre, Queen's Rd, S2, half day - Care of Creation and Hallam Environmental Policy. **Saturday 11th 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 29th March** in solidarity with rough sleepers.

Sacred Heart Parish Council: Next meeting **Thursday 14th March**, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Parish Quiet Day – This will be a half-day event in Lent. Further details to follow.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

Be Compassionate, Give and Forgive!

St. Augustine explains Jesus double precept to give and forgive as two essential wings of prayer: *Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given you.* Compassion is perfected in giving and forgiving. As the Gospel today states: Give, and there will be gifts for you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back (Lk 6: 38). What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace and compassion - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and curse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. The story of David and Saul in today's First Reading (1Samuel 26) functions almost like a parable. David showing mercy to his deadly foe, Saul, gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return. Grateful for His mercy and compassion, we are called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours. In the unconditional ability to give and to forgive is the fullness of the power of Christian love revealed. As St. Francis says: For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. May the prayers of the Psalmist also be ours: My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings (Psalm 103:2).

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 also 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 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.

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

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.
