

## SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Third Sunday in Lent

Today is a Family Mass, led by the First Holy Communion group. There is no Children's Liturgy.

Hearts4Uganda Fund: In Support of our Headteacher: Mrs Kate Kelly

#### Enrolment for Confirmation candidates

#### Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, Vigil, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	6.30pm	Mary Jean Javier
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March, Third Sunday in Lent	11.00am	For the People of the Parish
Monday <i>in the church Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Tuesday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Wednesday <i>in the church</i>	7.30pm	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Thursday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Friday <i>in the church</i>	11.30am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Saturday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March, Vigil, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	6.30pm	Julie Bennett
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March, Fourth Sunday in Lent.	11.00am	For deliverance from any kind of addiction

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: George Francis Turner, Sadie Buckley, Patrick Ward, Joseph Haley, Patrick Smith, Mona Price, Michael O'Neill, Gordon French, Margaret Towey, Mae Woods, Rosemary Sayles, Madeleine Eyre, Pat Shaw, Winifred Richmond, Kenneth Larkins, Stanley Howard and Sandor Beres. May they rest in peace.

Please also pray for Hazel Mary Garlic and 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 £538.56, plus your regular standing orders of £417.00 per week. The collection for CAFOD raised £267.03. Added to the Fast Day Lunch (£122.51), the total is £389.54. *Many thanks.*

#### Mass information for 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March, Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday

**Announcers:** Clarissa Mswaka (Saturday) Jayne Kirwan (Sunday). **Readers:** David Barrett, Anita Gibson, Christine Trebicka (Saturday). Mike Nadin, Clare Farrington, John Brennan (Sunday). **Eucharistic Ministers:** Claire Brady, Mario Castellino\*, Malcolm Fleet (Saturday). Sheila McDonnell, Stephen Marlow\*, Sr Maire, Marie Gelder, John Mizzi (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.

**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 .

**Choir Rehearsals:** Next rehearsals: **Tuesdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm: contact** Barbara Hartley  
**Art Class:** Wednesdays 10am in the presbytery. Contact Barbara Beatson  
**Youth Friendship: Fridays in the Presbytery, 6.30 to 8.00pm.** Years 6,7 & 8. Here are the dates for 2019:  
22<sup>nd</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> July (Gelato Trip). **Contact** Fran Shiel,

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**Hearts4Uganda Fund:** In Support of Mrs Kate Kelly, Headteacher:  
<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/hearts4uganda>

**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*

**Ring of Coins Around the Church:** Our annual Lenten collection for charity has begun, and raised £55.51 in the first week of Lent. The weekly 'bucket shake' is for you to get rid of any 1p or 2p pieces that might be weighing down your pocket or purse but, of course, all donations are welcome! Weekly totals can be seen placed around the church. Many thanks for all your contributions so far.

**Sacred Heart Parish Council** met last week. Here are the main points from the discussion: **Parish Finances**— there was an update, provided by the F&P Committee, on current finances and projected budget details. **Fund Raising** – several new ideas for increasing the income for the parish were discussed and further details of these new ventures will be introduced over the next few weeks. **CAFOD – 'Hands On' Campaign for Columbia** – as Connect2El Salvador has progressed, it was agreed that we would support the project in Columbia.

**St Wilfrid's Centre's Sleep Out 2019:** St Wilfrid's are holding their second fundraising Sleep Out in their very own car park on **Friday, 29th March.** There is still room for more participants who are willing to sleep out, for one night only, to raise funds for the work of St Wilfrid's Centre. Please ring the Centre on 0114 2555720 to register or find out more, or go to: [www.stwilfridscentre.org](http://www.stwilfridscentre.org). *Thank you for all your support.*

**Deanery Justice and Peace events: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Green Gas:** As members of the Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management (IFM) scheme, we have earned a certificate showing that 57% of the gas used by our parish in the last contract year was green gas. Green gas refers to gas that has come from renewable sources like bio-term rather than from traditional natural gas or fracking. We are on course this year for 100% of our gas to be green. This puts you at the forefront of denominations, charities, businesses in taking this step. Our electricity supply is already 100% from renewable sources. The certificate is on the notice board at the back of church.

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## THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

### Bear Fruits Worthy of Your Christian Calling

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading. Mindful of His covenant with Abraham, God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. In today's first reading it states: 'I have seen the humiliation..., I hear their cry..., and I know their suffering (Exodus 3: 1-15). God sees, hears and knows all we go through. And he comes to free us from all that troubles us. Faithful to that same covenant, He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm (103) tells us: He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Jesus calls us today to "repentance"—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. Romano Guardini wrote: Faith demands a reconstruction of the inner life, a reforming that can be brought about only by overcoming.

Today's parable of the fig tree (Luke 13:1-9), is about God's generosity and trust. The vineyard of my life, the vineyard of my family, the vineyard of my workplace is given to me on trust, am I bearing fruits worthy of that trust? Our Lord stresses that we need to produce plenty of fruits in keeping with the graces we have received (cf. Lk 12:48). But he also tells us that God waits patiently for this fruit to appear; he does not want the death of the sinner; he wants him to be converted and to live.

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

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## Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass

### FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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 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.

**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.

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