

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 26th May 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Next Sunday is World Communications Day. There will be collections at the end of next weekend's Masses.

Mass Times and Intentions

In the church unless otherwise stated

Saturday 25th May, Vigil, 6th Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 26th May, 6th Sunday of Easter	11.00am	Czeslawa Kaminska
Monday	10.00am	
Tuesday - No Mass	9.00am	Prayer of the Church
Wednesday	7.30pm	
Thursday, Ascension of the Lord	9.00am and 7.00pm	
Friday, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.30am	
Saturday, St Justin, martyr	9.00am	
Saturday 1st June, Vigil, 7th Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd June, 7th Sunday of Easter	11.00am	For the People of the Parish

- Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery each day at 8am.
- Saturdays at Sacred Heart: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions 10:00-11:00.

Please pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

- Roy Good, Bridie Armitage, Karl Zelwinka, Maureen Saville, John Watters, Catherine Turner, Thomas Owen, Una Bows, Sheila Gibbs, Paul Adams, Irene Madin, Betty Hardwick, Flora McIlvar, Henry Pressley, Charles Hayward, Joseph Huntington, Robert Carrington, John Ronald Long, Bob Marley, Nellie Dillon, Thomas McDonagh, Gerard Rowan, Florence Ollerenshaw, Anne Colleran, Reginald Smith, Horace Norton and Patrick Sherry. 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 the last week's collection of £706.41, plus your regular standing orders of £417.00.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass

Mass information for 1st & 2nd June – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Announcers:

- Malcolm Fleet (Saturday)
- John Brennan (Sunday)

Readers:

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

. Eucharistic Ministers:

- David Raynes, Peter Roche*, Steve McGarry (Saturday)
- Annie Reed, Chris Ashton*, Vicky Moss, Monique Fournier, Chris Grant (Sunday)

Children's Liturgy: Break for First Holy Communion Sundays and Half Term. Children's Liturgy resumes on 9th June.

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: Sat. 25th May: Group 4: Anne Purdy, Angela Windle, Rita Gillott, Janina Klapas

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

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsals: Tuesday 4th June, 7.30pm: Barbara Hartley

Art Class: Wednesdays 10am in the presbytery. Barbara Beatson

Youth Friendship: Fridays in the Presbytery, 6.30 to 8.00pm. Years 6,7 & 8. Dates: 24th May, 7th June, 21st June, 5th July, 12th July (Gelato Trip). Fran Shiel.

Sacred Heart Parish Council met on 16th May. Here are the main points from the discussion: Parish Finances– the annual parish accounts were shared with the group, highlighting average weekly costings. Fund Raising – a plan / strategy for raising funds to address current shortfall was discussed and ideas about how to create a contingency suggested. Sacred Heart Centenary 2020 – the actual parish of Sacred Heart will be 100 years old next year. The group discussed initial ideas of how this occasion could be marked and decided a sub-committee will need to be sought. Details will follow. It is envisaged that this will be a fantastic opportunity for us to come together as a parish and celebrate our uniqueness. Next meeting: 20th June.

Mass Booking: You may wish to dedicate a Mass to the deceased, or have a Mass said for your own or loved ones' intentions. The traditional mass booking donation applies. Please contact Richard on 2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com to arrange a Mass dedication on the date of your choice, or give your request in writing to Fr Michael.

Hallam Walsingham Diocesan Pilgrimage, Saturday 27th July -Coaches leave Pond Hill at 7.50 a.m. £18 adults, £12 children & students, procession along the Holy Mile, Mass of Sunday. Contact Francesca Flynn, 0114 2686247 francesca@fmflynn.plus.com

The Evidence of Grace

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

Come, Oh Holy Spirit
Come, Creator Spirit
visit the minds of those who are yours;
fill with heavenly grace
the hearts that you have made.

Today's Gospel is already leading us forward to Pentecost, the sending of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us wisdom and understanding and invites us to meditate on the Word of God so that we can understand how that Word can change our lives. The Holy Spirit is the spiritual space, the life-sustaining ambience, in which we can be in touch with God, with Christ and with one another in love.

In the Gospel we continue with the challenge of knowing how to live the Christian life with others: whoever loves me will keep my word. It is clear from the Scriptures that if we want to follow Jesus, then we must allow our lives to be formed by His words in the Scripture and strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit. We must study Scripture, not as scholars do but as people who are thirsty to live by His word with heartfelt devotion.

Today's celebration gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church.

The Church is one, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]."The Church is holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel. It is therefore from the Holy Spirit that the Church, and every preacher of the Gospel, has the power to convince and to lead to conversion, to get through to the very heart of a culture, and to destroy within it all the bulwarks erected against Christ, and to lead people to the obedience of faith.

And we see the Holy Spirit guiding the Apostles in all their decisions. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves". May the choices and decisions we make as a parish community be guided by the Spirit. Where the Holy Spirit leads, there is freedom, love and peace.

As we await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit may our lives be lit by the radiant glory of God.
Amen.

Further announcements

Regular Giving to support Sacred Heart Church: Offertory Envelopes for 2019-2020 to be used from 7th April are now available at the back of church. If you have not used envelopes for your Offertory donation in the past and would like to start now, please put your name and address on the list near the envelopes and they will be ready for you to collect next weekend. Parishioners who prefer to give regularly by standing order since this is an efficient and convenient method. There's no need for cash or to write cheques. If you would like to donate by standing order please set this up with your bank. The parish bank account details are Sort Code: 40-41-47 Account no: 21094319. Whether you give by envelope or by standing order, if you are a taxpayer the best way to increase the value of your donations, without it costing you anymore, is to complete a Gift Aid declaration. Gift Aid allows the church to claim back from the government on your behalf 25p for every £1 you donate, boosting the value of the donation by a quarter. Gift Aid declaration forms are also available near the envelopes. Please place completed forms in the Sacristy. As a church community, we are encouraged to increase the amount we give to support our church as income is failing to keep up with growing expenses. Please consider if it is possible to give a bit more. Thank you for everything you already give and do in any way.

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

Volunteers Needed – Carmel Care Lunch Club: 172 Dykes Hall Road S9 4GS: Carmel Care is seeking to recruit two volunteers to set up and run a Lunch Club for adults at Carmel Care. If you are aged 18 or over, able to relate to people with respect and understanding, and willing to give a few hours each week we would like to hear from you. For more information please contact Anne Jenkinson (Co-ordinator) 07305 476 987 carmelcarecoordinator@hallam-diocese.com

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

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.