

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 8th September 2019 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There will be a collection for the Catholic Education Service at Mass today. CES is the agency charged with promoting our network of successful Catholic schools and represents Catholic education to the government and Ofsted, ensuring Catholic schools continue to flourish.

There will be collections at next weekend's Masses for Home Mission Sunday

Next Sunday will be the Centenary Celebration Mass

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 7th September	<i>in the church</i>	Vigil, 22nd Sunday in Ord.	Time	6.30 pm	Paul King, Esther Mardlin
Sunday 8th September	<i>in the church</i>	Mass, 21st Sunday in Ord.	Time	11.00 am	Violet Strain
Monday	<i>in the church</i>	<i>St Peter Claver</i>		9.00 am	
Tuesday	<i>in the church</i>			9.00 am	Prayer of the Church (No Mass)
Wednesday	<i>in the church</i>	<i>St Deiniol</i>		7.30 pm	
Thursday	<i>in the church</i>	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>		9.00 am	Prayer of the Church (No Mass)
Friday	<i>in the church</i>	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>		11.30 am	
Saturday	<i>in the church</i>	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		9.00 am	
Saturday 14th September	<i>in the church</i>	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		6.30 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 15th September	<i>in the church</i>	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		11.00am	For the People of the Parish

Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery each day at 8am. Saturdays at Sacred Heart: Adoration, confessions 10am to 11am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Violet Strain, who died on 2nd September. Her family have the assurance of our prayers. Also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Maurice Kelly, Audrey Cunningham, Frank Kennedy, Jim Young, Dimitris Klapas, Mary Carlin, James Carlin, George Guite, James House, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Fergus Blackwood, John Michael Melland, Mary Green, Ken Turner, Dennis Pendlebury, Mary Brennan, Maureen Brenton, Les Wade, Eileen Kennedy, Hugh Lynskey and Piotr Nadratowski. 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 £ 573.52, plus your regular standing orders of £390.50.

Mass information for 14th & 15th September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 14th September: Announcer: Helen Woods. **Readers:** Paul Zadik, Annette Murray, Clarissa Mswaka

Eucharistic Ministers: Anita Gibson, Francesca Esposito*, Alison Woodhead

Sunday 15th September: Announcer: Darren McDonnell. **Readers:** Janet Reader, Jayne Kirwan, Stephen Marlow

Eucharistic Ministers: Hilary Green, Chris Hibberd*, Stephen Marlow, Sr Maire, Marie Gelder

Children's Liturgy: To re-commence **Sunday, 22nd September** (after the Centenary Celebration Mass on 15th September).

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. 14th September, 11.00 am: Group 4: A Purdy, A Windle, R Gillott, J Klapas
Sat. 28th September, 11.00 am: Group 1: A Larkin, J McDonnell, A&L Murray, J&C
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St Vincent de Paul: Mondays at 7.30pm. Contact Chris Ashton

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsal: **Tuesday 3rd September, 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. Will re-start in September.

Help required with a few household / removal jobs for a lady in the Hillsborough area. Please contact Gerard Strain via the Presbytery number 2343580

For Mass Booking: Please contact Richard on 2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com to arrange a Mass for a date of your choice or give your request in writing to Fr Michael.

Eucharistic Ministers: New ministers for Sundays are required. If you would like to be trained to do this, please contact Richard on 2343580 or speak to Fr Michael.

Ramblers Walk, Saturday 14th September: An easy walk along Chesterfield Canal from Shireoaks to Thorp Salvin Bridge. Meet at 10.30am at Marina Drive. From A57 turnoff to Shireoaks Triangle keeping on main road, pass church on the left then 1/2 mile on turn left onto Marina Drive and park.

Bishop's Walk: Saturday 21st September. Please support Bishop Ralph, Bishop John and the team with your sponsorship to help the valuable work of St Wilfrid's Centre with vulnerable people. Our Parish has contributed to raising over £200,000 over the 21 years the walk has taken place. Please see the sponsorship form at the back of church. If you Gift Aid, you increase your donation at no extra cost. *Thank you.*

St Wilfrid's Centre: Runners wanted! Sheffield 10k – Sunday, 22nd September. Places still available. Are you an experienced runner or need a new challenge after your Summer holiday? Why not sign up and be part of the St Wilfrid's running team for the famous Sheffield 10k? Interested? We ask that you raise minimum of £80 in sponsorship. This includes your running place, a St Wilfrid's t-shirt and plenty of friendly support! Reserve you place: mads@stwilfridscentre.org.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

The True Cost of Discipleship

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Jesus makes a compelling statement of the demands of sacrifice and ethical consistency required of anyone who want to follow him: "No one who does not carry his cross and come after me can be my disciple" (Lk 14:27). Be ready to suffer. Be ready to die. The death implied in carrying the cross could also mean dying to oneself, dying to one's own plans and shallow desires and to be focused on Jesus. A life that is inspired by the Gospel values and standards is the life that is worth living in Christ.

We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him. Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

If we want to share in his glory and victory, then we, too, must 'count the cost' and say 'yes' to his call to "take up our cross and follow him" as our Lord and Saviour. What is the 'way of the cross' for you and me? It means that when my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each day for Jesus' sake. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love and kindness towards us. We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

Lord Jesus Christ, through your suffering on the Cross, grant me strength to bear my Cross without fear or dread and give me the grace that I may follow You. Amen.

Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after Mass.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacred Heart Memorial Garden: We have plots available to reserve in our memorial garden. Plots cost £300 each, including a plaque and the right to inter ashes. For more details, please contact Richard at the Presbytery on 2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com.

Please consider making your offertory donations to the Parish via Standing Order: Parishioners may 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 at the back of church. 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.*

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) carmelcarecoordinator@hallam-diocese.com

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

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.

