

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH**

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Parish website: [www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk)Parish email: [sacredheart479@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheart479@gmail.com)**Sunday 9th September 2018 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today is Education Sunday, when the Catholic community comes together to celebrate and support Catholic schools. There will be a second collection after Mass.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. There will be second collections after next weekend's Masses.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

Saturday 8 September Vigil, 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time	6.30pm	Esther Mardlin
Sunday 9 September Mass, 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time	10.30am	Guido Attard
Monday in the church	9.15am	
Tuesday in the church	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Wednesday in the church	7.30pm	
Thursday in the church	9.00am	
Friday in the church	9.15am	School Mass
Saturday in the church	9.00am	
Saturday 15th September Vigil, 24th Sunday in Ord. Time	6.30pm	Marie Hart & Jeanne Dimberline
Sunday, 16th September Mass, 24th Sunday in Ord. Time	10.30am	For the People of the Parish

Please note: Monday Masses at Sacred Heart in September will start at 9.15am.

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 Mary Steel and those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dmitris Klapas, Mary Carlin, James 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, Piotr Nadratowski, Robert Hynd, Michael Flynn and Eileen Thorpe. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank you for last week's collection of £ 515.83, plus your regular standing orders of £ 417.00 per week.

The collection for Caritas' Indian flood relief totalled £229.28. Thank you.

Mary Steel died on Saturday 25 August. Her funeral service will be on Wednesday 12 September at Grenoside Crematorium, 2.30pm. Mary's family have the assurance of our prayers. May she rest in peace.

## Mass information for 15 & 16 September – 24th Sunday in Ord. Time

Announcers:	Annette Murray (Saturday) Janet Reader (Sunday)
Readers:	Clarissa Mswaka, John McConnon, Lesley Murray(Saturday) John Brennan, Jayne Kirwan, Rebecca Le Count (Sunday)
Eucharistic Ministers:	Alison Woodhead, David Raynes*, Peter Roche(Saturday) John Mizzi, Mary Nadin*, Mike Nadin, Juliet White, Barbara Parker (Sunday)
Children's Liturgy:	In the Hall

**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:** Thursday, 27th Sept: Group 3: P Crane, P Deakin, M Fournier, A Gibson, J Klapas, A&A Rodgers.

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

**Toddler & Baby Group:** Not until further notice.

**Choir Rehearsals:** Next rehearsal: Tuesday 2nd October, 7.30pm: Barbara Hartley

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

**Contact Club:** Wednesdays 1.30pm. This coming Wednesday, 12th, at Rawson Spring

**Youth Friendship:** Years 6,7 & 8. Fran Shiel

**Today is Education Sunday.** Coinciding with the start of the academic term, it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the important work our schools perform. Catholic schools could not exist without the support of the Catholic community. The second collection today is vital in enabling our schools to continue to thrive.

**Parish fund raising:** In 2000, the parish produced a "Covenant with the Poor" which among other things such as prayer and action we pledged to raise money for local and overseas charities (particularly CAFOD). We have moved on since then and now support Rustenburg and Trussell Trust, as well as those on the original list. We have not for a few years made decisions about who will receive funding and I think this should be a decision for the whole parish. Therefore, there will be a meeting on Tuesday 11th of September in the sacristy at 7:30pm. Please come and make your opinions known, you will not be committing yourself to any role. Ailsa Rodgers

**Splendid September Walk:** Sample the delights of Bradfordale. Sunday 16th September. Meet at 1.30pm in car park opposite the red telephone box in Alport on B5056. Allow 45 minutes travel time. Walk approx. 4 miles. Pushchair and wheelchair friendly, no stiles. Bring sandwiches/picnic. Contact Alan Wilson more details and to make arrangements.

## THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Reflection)

### Ephphatha: Vision and Mission of the Catholic Education

Today is Education Sunday with this year's theme as Ephphatha: Be Opened! (Mk 7:34). This points to Catholic schools as open and welcoming places for all. Jesus continually extend this

invitation "Let the little children come to me" (Matt 19:14). As the Canon Law 793 §1 states: "Parents and those who take their place, have both the obligation and the right to educate their children. Catholic parents have also the duty and the right to choose those means and institutes which, in their local circumstances, can best promote the catholic education of their children." Hence, "the Church as a mother is under an obligation therefore, to provide for its children an education by virtue of which their whole lives may be inspired by the spirit of Christ" (GE, #3).

The Catholic schools, therefore are envisioned to be learning communities, rooted in the Catholic faith and intellectual traditions, nurturing the multiple intelligence of learners and teachers, grounding them in faith, values, character and learning. With a sole aim of forming servant leaders who will build a civilisation of love. In today's Gospel, Jesus makes the deaf to hear and dumb to speak. Jesus calls us to open our ears to the joys of the Good News and open our mouth in praise of the God of our salvation.

Openness is a central theme of the Christian life. Open to the love of God, to the Good news of Jesus Christ and to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. It also entails openness to others. May Catholic Schools continue to be opened doors to the encounter with Christ who is the power and wisdom of God (1 Cor.1:24).

We thank teachers, parents, staff and all who make these their constant vision and mission.

**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.

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

**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.

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.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass.

## Further Announcements

**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 2312300. 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.