

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 2nd December 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent

There will be a collection at the end of Mass in aid of the Catholic Youth Service

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 1 st December, Vigil, 1 st Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	November Dead List
Sunday 2 nd December, 1 st Sunday of Advent	11.00am	November Dead List
Monday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	November Dead List
Tuesday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Wednesday <i>in the church</i>	7.30pm	November Dead List
Thursday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	November Dead List
Friday <i>in the church</i> First Friday devotion at 6pm	11.30am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Saturday <i>in the church</i> <i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	9.00am	November Dead List
Saturday 8 th December, Vigil, 2 nd Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	November Dead List
Sunday 9 th December, 2 nd Sunday in Advent	11.00am	November Dead List

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 all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Strain, George Henry Cummings, Harold Dobson, Joseph Flanagan, Giorgos Klapas, Laurance Guest, Tom Yeardley, Margaret Coyle, Ellen & Joseph & Christine, Ron Ashby, Irene Growden, Annie Turner, John Joe O'Hagan, Brian Moore, John Reilly, Raymond Fleet, Grace Wood, Ann Healan, John McGeehan, Sylvia Hamilton, Mary Theresa Hydes, Tommy Kelly, Nora Thompson, Donald Gordon and James Paul Ward. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank you for last week's collection of £ 517.87, plus your regular standing orders of £ 417.00 per week.

The Christmas Fayre raised £1007.96. *Many thanks.*

Mass information for 8th & 9th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Announcers: Claire Brady (Saturday) Jayne Kirwan (Sunday). **Readers:** Paul Zadik, Ann Fleet, David Barrett (Saturday). Ailsa Rodgers, Gerard Strain, Clare Farrington (Sunday)

Eucharistic Ministers: Annette Murray*, Claire Brady, Mario Castellino (Saturday). Annie Reed, Chris Ashton, Vicky Moss, Monique Fournier, Chris Grant (Sunday)

Advent Day-by-Day: Available at the back of church, 70p each. Please put your money into the envelopes provided and into the collection.

The November Dead List is on display in the Lady Chapel.

Operation Christmas Child - Gift-filled Shoeboxes: There are shoeboxes with instruction leaflets inside in the church porch for you to take away and fill. If you cannot fill a shoebox but would like to contribute, please put donations in the box in the porch. For more information call Janina on 2343580. **Please return by Sunday 2nd December.**

The Christmas Fayre raised £1007.96 for Parish funds. Many thanks for your contributions of time, effort and money! You may collect **uncollected raffle prizes** from the sacristy after Mass. **Please see the notices at the back of church / church porch for the list of prize winners.**

Pastoral Review Exchange: The latest edition of the Review is out. If you would like either a paper or email copy of it, please phone or email Richard (2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com)

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry: Offered by Loyola University, Chicago, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, this course consists of online modules running from February 2019 to December 2020. Please see the notice at the back of church or go to luc.edu/ips/Liverpool for more details on how to enrol.

Holy Communion Visits at home. If you know of anyone who needs to receive Holy Communion at home, please ring the Parish on 2343580 or Chris Ashton on 2962514. **Patient in hospital:** Ring the voicemail on 2714999.

Church Cleaning: Sat. 8th December, 11am: Group 4: D&R Kaye, M Mirando, A Purdy, A Windle, MA Todd, R Gillott
St Vincent de Paul: Mondays at 7.30pm. Chris Ashton on 2962514.

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsal: **Tuesday 4th December 7.30pm:** Barbara Hartley 2343580

Art Class: Wednesdays 10am in the sacristy: Barbara Beatson 2343580.

Contact Club: Wednesdays 1.30pm. **5th & 12th December: Rawson Spring.** Then none till New Year, date TBA.

Youth Friendship: Years 6,7 & 8. Please contact Fran Shiel on 2343580.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona O'Farrell. For non-urgent matters, please contact Fiona on 2343580, 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.

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

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.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

Advent: The Season of Great Expectations; Jesus is Coming

Much of the season of Advent is spent in waiting for something or someone to come. For some, the season is marked by a delicious anticipation of good things to enjoy. For others there are very many great expectations of various things hanging in the air.

Christmas is coming . . . Santa Claus is coming . . . Snow is coming. Another year is almost upon us. There are many things to do, so many gifts to buy and wrap and deliver. . . So many meals to prepare and so many decorations . . . so many lights . . . so many . . . Too many! We could lose the meaning of the season in these undertakings. We must set our heart and look for Jesus (Lk 2:45).

In her wisdom the Church, through the scripture readings for Advent gathers the preoccupied thoughts, the anxieties, wandering hopes and scattered energies of each one of us to focus them once again on the "reason for the season": Jesus who comes! Jesus our great expectations and our redemption who is at hand.

Advent celebrates the coming, into time and space and human flesh, of Jesus, not as a past event but also as a present experience and future joy yet to be fully realized. We know that Jesus will come because he is already here. He remains present in the sacred word; in the living bread; in the sacramental moments which mark the passages of our lives; in the midst of the community gathered in his name at prayer; and through the abiding power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, God has given this gift in Jesus. He has come; he is here, and he will come again. In 1John 3:1, we are reminded: "Think of the love the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are". And if we are His children, then we are His heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ; joint-heir with Christ sharing His inheritance with Him (Rom 8:17). This is who we are!

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.
