

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 3rd March 2019 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There will be a collection after Mass in support of Hallam Caring Services

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 2nd March, Vigil, 7th Sunday in Ord. Time	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd March, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am	Deceased of the Wiseman Family
Monday <i>in the church St Casimir</i>	9.00am	
Tuesday <i>in the church Shrove Tuesday</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Wednesday <i>in the church</i> ASH WEDNESDAY	9:15am and 6:30pm	
Thursday <i>in the church Sts Perpetua & Felicity</i>	9.00am	
Friday <i>in the church St John of God</i>	11.30am	
Saturday <i>in the church St Frances of Rome</i>	9.00am	
Saturday 9th March, Vigil, 1st Sunday in Lent	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 10th March, First Sunday in Lent	11.00am	For the People of the Parish

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: Marguerite Brennan, Anthony Saville, Douglas Winter, Enid Gaffney, Marjorie Kenyon, Elizabeth Denning, Glen Addy, Rose Gormley, Mark Neylan, Teresa Caulton, Mgr Stephen Sullivan, Betty Blagg, Alan Caulton, Brian Thompson and Marie Lindop. 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 last week's collection of £440.63, plus your regular standing orders of £ 417.00 per week.

Mass information for 9th & 10th March, First Sunday in Lent

Announcers: Christine Trebicka (Saturday) Janet Reader (Sunday). **Readers:** Pauline McConnon, Paul Zadik, David Barrett. (Saturday). Gerard Strain, Darren McDonnell, David Wilkinson (Sunday). **Eucharistic Ministers:** Alison Woodhead, David Raynes*, Peter Roche (Saturday). Harry Priestley, Rebecca LeCount*, Angela Day, Gerard Strain, Lisa Unwin (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 or Chris Ashton on 2343580. Patient in hospital: Ring the voicemail on 2714999.

Children's Liturgy: Eileen & Fran

Church Cleaning: Please see the revised rota on the notice board in the church porch.

St Vincent de Paul: Mondays at 7.30pm. Chris Ashton on 2343580.

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsal: **Tuesday 12th March 7.30pm:** Barbara Hartley 2343580

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

Contact Club: Wednesdays 1.30pm. Christine Trebicka 2343580

Youth Friendship: Fridays in the School Hall, 6.30 to 8.00pm. Years 6,7 & 8. Here are the dates for 2019: 8th March, 22nd March, 26th April, 10th May, 24th May, 7th June, 21st June, 5th July, 12th July (Gelato Trip). Fran Shiel, 2343580.

Sunday Announcers & Readers: The new rota is on the notice board and there are copies in the sacristy.

Rustenburg Project: The total raised in the Parish for the Rustenburg Project in South Africa in 2018 was **£1082.10**. Sr Maire passes on her grateful thanks for your efforts. Fundraising will continue throughout Lent and Easter in 2019.

Baptism Classes for First Time Parents: These will take place **Sundays 17th & 24th March** before Mass at 10.00am. To enrol, please contact the office on 2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Letters of invitation are at the back of church, with application forms inside. Copies are also available from the Presbytery on 2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com. Please return the form to Fr Michael / Deacon Tony as soon as possible.

St Wilfrid's Centre are looking for new volunteers for the following roles: **Cafe** - alternate Friday morning. **Kitchen** - Wednesday or alternate Friday. **Befriending** - Monday morning. **Pottery** - Monday morning or Tuesday afternoon. **Allotment** - Tuesday morning or Wednesday morning. **Literacy** - Thursday morning. **Computer** - Friday morning. **Woodworking Workshop** - Monday morning, Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, Friday morning. **Welcomer**, cafe and kitchen to cover on an emergency/ad hoc basis. Contact Tracey Harrison-Marr on 0114 2555720 (option 2) or email tracey@stwilfridscentre.org.

CAFOD Family Fast Soup Lunch: In the Hall, after Mass on **Sunday 10th March**, we will be serving a soup and sandwich lunch for CAFOD Family Fast Day. For anyone who wishes to just have tea/coffee, this will be available as usual. All donations for lunch and drinks on that Sunday will be for the CAFOD Family Fast appeal.

Knights of Columba Lenten Service led by Fr John Cooke, **Sunday 10th March, 2.30pm**. Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Kirk Edge S6 6LJ.

Sacred Heart Parish Council: Next meeting **Thursday 14th March**, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Deanery Justice and Peace events: **Saturday 6th 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. **Younger people please note:** There will be a sleepout in St Wilfred's car park on **Friday 29th March** in solidarity with rough sleepers.

Parish Quiet Day – This will be a half-day event on the morning of **Saturday 23rd March**. Further details to follow.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

What's Wrong with the World? I am.

A century ago, in response to a newspaper article that asked, "What is wrong with the world today?" the Catholic thinker G.K. Chesterton wrote a letter to the editor which read: "Dear Sir: Regarding your article 'What's Wrong with the World?' I am. Yours truly," G.K. Chesterton.

In our present climate if a similar question is posed today, it is very likely the answer we may likely get to the question is: They are!

Our life in the Spirit results from his gift and our cooperation. Our part is to remove obstacles to growth, and one of our positive goals is to develop a kindly attitude to our fellow Christians. It is for us to help them and leave it to God to judge them.

We are called to help others to remove from their eyes whatever it is that prevents them seeing clearly. But this requires that our seeing is clear. As parents and teachers and friends, our greatest need is for our hearts to be purified by God. The words and actions that come from a pure heart are always words and actions of love. They can bring only healing to others. Left to ourselves, there comes out a mixture of love and self-interest, of healing and hurting.

It is essential that we find the courage to keep in touch with our own heart and allow the fire of God's love to keep purifying it. No task is more important. Everything we do with and for others depends upon it. May we bear fruits that are worthy of our Christian calling. Amen

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

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.

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.
