

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 17th March 2019 – Second Sunday in Lent

Next Sunday will be a Family Mass. No Children's Liturgy

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 16th March, Vigil, 2nd Sunday in Lent	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March, Second Sunday in Lent	11.00am	For the People of the Parish
Monday <i>in the church St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	9.00am	No mass Prayer of the Church
Tuesday <i>in the church St Joseph</i>	9.00am	No Mass. Prayer of the Church
Wednesday <i>in the church Lenten Mass, Yrs 3&4</i>	12 noon	
Wednesday <i>in the church</i>	7.30pm	
Thursday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	
Thursday <i>in the Shalom Room, Eucharistic Adoration</i>	12.00 to 1.00pm	
Friday <i>in the church</i>	11.30am	
Saturday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	Tom and Bridie Kinsella & Brian Moore
Saturday 23rd March, Vigil, 3rd Sunday in Lent	6.30pm	Mary Jean Javier
Sunday 24th March, 3rd Sunday in Lent. Family Mass.	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: James Bird, Freda Moore, Elizabeth Hall, Mary Lawson, Mary Christina Donlon, Christine Finnigan, Julie Finnigan, George Allen, Eithne Frawley, John Richard Haywood, Frances Brown, Joyce Wragg, Thomas Leo Frankland, James Dudley, Margaret Hinchcliffe, Margaret Martin, Jim Groark, Michael Mitchell, Iolanthe D'Roza, Anne Linsey, Fred Clayton, Kathleen Huntington, Henry Keable and Daphne Davies. 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 £ 421.08, plus your regular standing orders of £ 417.00 per week.
The CAFOD Fast Day Lunch raised £122.51. *Many thanks.*

Mass information for 23rd & 24th March, Third Sunday in Lent

Announcers: Claire Brady (Saturday) David Wilkinson (Sunday). **Readers:** Ann Fleet, Malcolm Fleet, Annette Murray (Saturday). Jayne Kirwan, Janet Reader, George Brownell (Sunday). **Eucharistic Ministers:** Clarissa Mswaka, Ann Fleet*, Annette Murray (Saturday): Monique Fournier, Chris Grant*, Hilary Green, Chris Hibberd, Rita Kaye (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: Family Mass. No Children's Liturgy.

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 2962514.

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsal: **Tuesday 2nd April, 7.30pm:** Barbara Hartley 2343580

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

Youth Friendship: Fridays in the Presbytery, 6.30 to 8.00pm. Years 6,7 & 8. Here are the dates for 2019:

22nd March, 26th April, 10th May, 24th May, 7th June, 21st June, 5th July, 12th July (Gelato Trip). Fran Shiel, 2343580.

Reminder: Journey in Faith – This Sunday, 17th March 6.30pm.

Rustenburg Project, South Africa: During Lent there will be soup lunches on **Fridays in the presbytery after Mass.** On **Sundays** there will be a raffle and items for sale **in the Hall after Mass.** Your support will be appreciated. *Sr. Maire*

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. *We need new leaders for the course to join us next Sunday, 24th March - and for future courses. Please contact 2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com.*

APF red mission boxes are due to be emptied. Collectors' books are at the back of church. You can bring your box to Sacred Heart for emptying. Any problem please phone Janet Reader on 2343580.

Parish Quiet Day – This will be a half-day event on the morning of **Saturday 23rd March.** Meet 9.30am for a 10am start. There will be opportunities for prayer and contemplation in church and **Mass at 12 noon**, and also led sessions in the presbytery. It expected we will conclude at 12.30pm.

St Wilfrid's Centre's Sleep Out 2019: St Wilfrid's are holding their second fundraising Sleep Out in their very own car park on **Friday, 29th March.** There is still room for more participants who are willing to sleep out, for one night only, to raise funds for the work of St Wilfrid's Centre. Please ring the Centre on 0114 2555720 to register or find out more, or go to: www.stwilfridscentre.org. *Thank you for all your support.*

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.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

Transfiguration and The Wound of Beauty

Today on Tabor, God of my life, God of my prayers, Power of my power, Light of my light; the splendour of your radiant glory burst forth from your body. The celestial garment of bliss and the cloud of divine presence envelopes you. The voice burst forth with might from the lips of eternity. The voice of the Lord on the mountain; the voice over many waters; the God of glory thunders: Listen to Him!

Here you open the door to holiness for me, you spread a ladder of cloud to bear me to the mountaintop, to the mainspring, to the glimpse of beatific vision. You say; come to me. Come to the eternal beauty. Here I am Lord.

I climb into the interior Tabor. That I may encounter you and bath in the burst of brilliant glory; That I may shut the buzzing echoes of my noisy emptiness and Listen. Let your Life speak to my life. Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I known you, late have I loved you. Like Peter, the patron saint of all those who make the right mistakes. I have stumbled forward to your healing light, to your redeeming voice, to your guiding feet, to your merciful gaze. Touch me. Heal me. Redeem me. Lead me. Save me. Who have I on earth besides you? God of my encounter. Your face Lord do I seek. Do not hide your face from me (Psalm 27:8-9).

Everything that has met your divine presence is beautiful. Everything that is connected to you, becomes beautiful. Everything that you touch is good and beautiful. Restore unto me the beauty of my creation, renewed once again the beauty of my soul. Heal the burden of my brokenness. Fill the hunger of the emptiness of my spirit. Cure me of the pretences of false life and wearing of other people's faces. Give faith to my fears. Give hope to my future. Give success to the work of my hands. Light my path with the radiance of your glory.

I will come to your gaze. I will come to your holy fire. I will come to the waters of Siloam. I will come to the refining fire. Let your transfiguration be a lasting antidote to the patchwork of beauty that misleads and damages. May I never forget that he who created the eyes to see also created the eyelids to cover it. Open Lord my inner eyes, that I may see and dwell in your redeeming beauty.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

As members of the Inter-diocesan Fuel Management (IFM) scheme, we have earned a certificate showing that 57% of the gas used by our parish in the last contract year was green gas. Green gas refers to gas that has come from renewable sources like bio-term rather than from traditional natural gas, or fracking. We are on course this year for 100% of our gas to be green. This puts you at the forefront of denominations, charities, businesses in taking this step. Our electricity supply is already 100% from renewable sources. The certificate is on the notice board at the back of church.

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.
