

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 28th April 2019 – Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Dante and Halle Gamez will be baptised at Mass today.

Ella Grace Irene Mitchell will be baptised at 1pm. Congratulations to their families.

Mass Times and Intentions

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| Saturday 27th April in the church Vigil Mass, 2nd Sunday of Easter | 6.30pm | Peggy Canetti |
| Sunday, 28th April in the church Mass, 2nd Sunday of Easter | 11.00am | Sylvia Marsden |
| Monday <i>in the church St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe</i> | 9.00am | |
| Tuesday <i>in the church St George, Martyr, Patron of England</i> | 9.00am | Prayer of the Church (No Mass) |
| Wednesday <i>in the church St Joseph the Worker</i> | 9.00am | |
| Thursday <i>in the church St Athanasius</i> | 9.00am | |
| Friday <i>in the church Ss Philip & James, Apostles</i> | 11.30am | FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION AT 6PM |
| Saturday <i>in the church</i> | 9.00am | |
| Saturday 4th May in the church Vigil, 3rd Sunday of Easter | 6.30pm | Jessie Goddard |
| Sunday 5th May in the church 3rd Sunday of Easter | 11.00am | Basil Davis |

Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery each day at 8am. Saturdays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions 10am to 11am.

Please pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Fr Matty O'Meara, Winifred Hookway, Thelma Gordon, Norman Gregory, Mark Hamilton, Sylvia Marsden, Alan Edward Vigrass, Mary Burke, Christopher Gateley, Malcolm Slater, Pat Bentley, Bobby Ernest Gilberthorpe and Donald Malcolm.

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 Easter collection of £1184.76, plus your regular standing orders of £417.00.

This is to specially thank all parishioners for your generosity and kindness at Easter. God bless you all

Mass information for 4th & 5th May – Third Sunday of Easter

Announcers: Pauline McConnon (Saturday) David Wilkinson (Sunday). **Readers:** Clarissa Mswaka, Paul Zadik, Claire Brady (Saturday). Claire Farrington, John Brennan, Rebecca LeCount (Sunday). **Eucharistic Ministers:** Tina Varley, Clarissa Mswaka*, Ann Fleet (Saturday). Chris Grant, Hilary Green,* Chris Hibberd, Rita Kaye, Sheila McDonnell (Sunday)

Children's Liturgy: Following the Easter break, Children's Liturgy resumes for 2 weeks in the Hall. The leaders are Debbie on 28th April & Kirsty on 5th May. There is a break for First Holy Communion Sundays and Half Term, then Children's Liturgy resumes on 9th June.

Holy Comm

union 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: Please see the rota on the notice board in the church porch.

St Vincent de Paul: Mondays at 7.30pm. Chris Ashton on 2962514.

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsals: **Tuesday 7th May, 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:
10th May, 24th May, 7th June, 21st June, 5th July, 12th July (Gelato Trip). Fran Shiel, 2343580.

Rustenburg Project, South Africa: During Lent: The monies collected last week amounted to £30.00. *Thank you, Sr Maire*

Journey in Faith: Sunday 5th May, 6.30pm in the Presbytery

First Confessions for Catechumens preparing for First Holy Communion comes up on Monday 6th May at 6:30pm in the Church.

Counters Vacancy: This is done on a rota basis by 6 teams of 2 people. We need someone new, to be partnered with David Martin, to start in May. If you are interested in finding out more details about this volunteering opportunity, please contact Richard on 2343580 or sacredheart479@gmail.com.

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) 07305 476 987 carmelcarecoordinator@hallam-diocese.com

Deanery Justice and Peace events: Saturday 11th May, 12 noon, St Marie's Cathedral - Mass for Creation, said by Bishop Ralph.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

The Gospel of Mercy: We have Seen the Lord

In today's Gospel, we hear frequently the word "see". The disciples 'were filled with joy' when they saw the Lord (Jn 20:20). They announced excitedly to Thomas: "We have seen the Lord" (v. 25). The Gospel simply mentions one key detail: "He showed them his hands and his side". It is as if the Gospel wants to tell us that that is how the disciples recognized Jesus: through his wounds. The same thing happened to Thomas. He too wanted to see "the mark of the nails in his hands", and after seeing, he believed. After the resurrection: "Jesus Christ does not appear to his disciples without his wounds; those very wounds enabled Thomas to profess his faith" But how can we see him? Like the disciples: through his wounds. Gazing upon those wounds, the disciples understood the depth of his love, his endless mercy and the inexhaustible treasury of His compassion. May our Church become a 'field hospital,' a place of healing, mercy and forgiveness, and to be the source of hope for all.

Three core inspiration from the Gospel therefore:

Jesus commissions the disciples and invites us to join in the glorious band. He sends them out: "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you" (Jn 20:21), to heal and pour balm of mercy. After this, "He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). For John, in a sense Easter and Pentecost are one: we receive the Holy Spirit when we experience the Risen Lord and his love and power impels us to be compassionate to others. May we live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit. And lastly, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained" (Jn 20:23). St. Bernard reflecting on the wounds of Christ states: "Where have your love, your mercy, your compassion shone out more luminously than in your wounds, sweet, gentle Lord of mercy?" As the Scriptures says: "But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our sin, but by His wounds we are healed" (Isa 53:5). Do I really and deeply experience the healing power of the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Let us today, like Thomas, implore the grace to acknowledge our God: to find in his forgiveness our joy, and in his mercy our hope. For by his wounds we find healing, mercy,

strength and enablement to run with the vision of our Christian commissioning.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Giving to support Sacred Heart Church: Offertory Envelopes for 2019-2020 to be used from 7th April are now available at the back of church. If you have not used envelopes for your Offertory donation in the past and would like to start now, please put your name and address on the list near the envelopes and they will be ready for you to collect next weekend. Parishioners who 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 near the envelopes. 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.

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

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

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.

Green Gas: 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.
