

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 31st May 2020

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 31st May without congregation

Monday	without congregation	Mary, Mother of the Church	For the People of the parish
Tuesday	without congregation	Ss. Marcellinus & Peter	Philip
Wednesday	without congregation	Ss. Charles Lwanga & Comp.	Jean Lawrie
Thursday	without congregation	Christ, Eternal High Priest	For all the Priest of diocese
Friday	without congregation	First Friday	Patricia Rowden & Celia Rowden
Saturday	without congregation	St. Norbert	For drivers, shop worker and Teachers
			Agnes Rowden & Marjorie James

Pentecost Sunday: Go Forth and Set the World on Fire 11.00 am

Please pray for those who have died recently as a result of Covid-19 pandemic and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Reginald Smith, Horace Norton, Patrick Sherry, Roy Camsell, Jill Evens, Susan Coultish, Mary Bishop, Catherine Gibson, Anthony Moger, Arthur Stell, Moll McGivern, Renee Swift, Anthony Mains, Margaret Kennedy, Karol Wojewoda, Robert Hamilton, Mae Hamilton, George Wilson and Jean Lawrie. May they rest in peace.

Mass information for Sunday, 31st May 2020

Links to Mass Streamed online:

This is to let you know the times that Masses and services will be live-streamed from St Marie's Cathedral (<https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-and-services/mass-livestream/>).

Prayers: Prayers is offered for all the nurses, doctors, care workers and everyone in the frontline. And those living and recovering from Covid-19 and their relatives and friends.

Giving and Donations and Gratitude

The period of temporary closure of our parish will have a significant impact on the parish income to cover fixed costs. Thank you to those of you who have moved to Standing Orders as this will mean that the parish has a small amount of income coming in. We know this is a very tough time financially for many individuals and families in our communities but if you able to support your parish during this time to enable us to pay the bills and continue our works of charity and support those who are dire need, please donate by standing order, please set this up with your bank. The parish bank account details are:

Diocese of Hallam Sacred Heart Sheffield: Sort Code: 40-41-07 Acct no. 21094319.

Or give online here <https://www.give.net/20277734>

If you are a UK taxpayer, please confirm that you would like to reclaim Gift Aid on your donation.

This will add 25p to every £1 you give. **Thanks, and God bless you.**

SVP: HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!

People needing help during the Coronavirus crisis:

Do you know of anyone who is isolated and may need support at this time?

Do you know any families in need of financial assistance?

Please give names, addresses and phone numbers to Fr Michael who will pass them to the SVP in confidence.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

Pentecost: Go Forth and Set the World on Fire

Eastertide, a sacred season of fifty days concludes with the solemnity of Pentecost, when the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, the birth of the Church, and the inauguration of her mission to all tongues and peoples and nations. Today's Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River: "And John bore witness, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him... this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit'" (John 1:32,33; Mark 1:8; Matthew 3:11). "And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness... and Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" (Luke 4:1,14). Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the Church is a field of dry, dead bones.

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13). The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life includes: (1) As an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16). 2) As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by transparent Christian lives. 3) As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: a) He makes us children of God and heirs of heaven through Baptism. b) He makes us temples of God, warriors and defenders of the Faith, through Confirmation. c) He enables us to be reconciled to God by pardoning our sins through Reconciliation. d) He gives us spiritual nourishment via the Holy Eucharist by converting bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood. 4) As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings. 5) As a listening and talking God, He listens to our prayers and enables us to pray, and He speaks to us mainly through the Bible. 6) As a giver of gifts, He enriches us with His gifts, fruits and charisms. The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13). Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of your love that I may serve you in joy and freedom.

YouTube Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZetDwk62FM&feature=youtu.be>

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Virtual Spiritual Pilgrimage: Hourly Masses, Adoration and Devotions.

<https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/>

Sacred Heart Parish Community Prayer Booklet

<http://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/v8/wordpress/?p=747>

The Month of June is dedicated to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Booklet)

<http://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/v8/wordpress/?p=869>

PENTECOST SUNDAY NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. This is taking place from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland England and Wales. Our **Diocese of Hallam** has been asked to pray a **Rosary Hour at 3.00pm** and I warmly invite you to take part. This is to be led in the form of a Rosary relay Rally where the Dioceses designated in their Rosary Hour encourage the peoples across their Diocese to pray the Rosary either, individually, in families, as online prayer groups, parish groups, and where possible led online by their parish priests and Bishop.

The photo below is of the whole school (Sacred Heart School) taken in 1956 and appeared later in the Star newspaper. If they or their relatives recognise anyone or were attending school around the time, could you kindly email me or the Sacred Heart school (enquiries@sacredheart.sheffield.sch.uk) someone is after a clearer copy. Thanks



Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. Amen.