

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 7th June 2020

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 7th June without congregation

Monday	without congregation	St. William of York	Nneka Enwereji
Tuesday	without congregation	St. Ephraem, deacon	For Persecuted Christians
Wednesday	without congregation		Joe & Eve Watt
Thursday	without congregation	St. Barnabas, Apostle	Michael & Mary Frain
Friday	without congregation		George Floyd
Saturday	without congregation	St. Anthony of Padua	Janka Pastierovicova & Dave Hardy
			The Carmelite sisters

Most Holy Trinity Sunday: 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: Francis Hynd, Monica Quirin, Frank Kay, Matthew Buckley, Helen Todd, Margaret McKeown, Catherine Darling, Jean Keoghan, Bill Woodhams, Patsy McGivern, Anne Hayes, Olga Long, John Maher, Sheila Oxley, Margaret Bowler, Margaret Strain, Harold Cole, Claire O'Malley, George Savage, Thomas Martin, Ellen Broadhead, Winnie Beatson, Christopher Ryan, Madeleine Blaess, Alice King, Bridget Crawshaw and Marek Piasecki. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Colleen Ford**, that her family may have the assurances of our prayers. Her funeral will be held on **Tuesday, 23rd June at 2 pm**, Grenoside Crematorium.

Mass information for Sunday, 7th June 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 are 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 in 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.

PREPARING TO OPEN OUR CHURCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There is no doubt that we are all very much looking forward to the time when we can all be back in church again ... and hopefully that may not be too long. However, before anyone can return, we need to be absolutely certain that it is safe to do so, and that safety can be maintained once we open our doors again. In the first instance it has been proposed that churches will be opened just for private prayer and on a scheduled basis. Whilst this is not going to be easy, we will need to begin our preparations to ensure that the church is clean and sanitised to the proper standard to keep us all safe before we can think of opening. Once it is possible to be back in church, social distancing regulations will apply at all times until restrictions are lifted and continuous sanitising and cleansing will be required. We will also need stewards to ensure that the regulations are followed. And, as we begin to plan, we will find further roles which are needed. If you think you can help in any way at all (and are not over 70 or in a vulnerable category) – cleaning and disinfecting the church, being available to steward when church is open and any other things that might be needed, PLEASE let Fr Michael have your name and details as soon as possible so that we can get going on the preparation needed to return to our church and our sanctuary of hope!

S6 FOODBANK [website: <https://sheffields6.foodbank.org.uk/>]

Many families and individuals are having to rely on foodbanks at this difficult time.

Over 90% of the food distributed by S6 Foodbank, which is in the Trussell Trust network, is donated by the public – that's why food donations are absolutely vital to its ability to give everyone referred to it a balanced and nutritious three-day supply of food. Urgently needed food items are: Tinned Meat Products, Tinned vegetables and Tinned fruit. The foodbank does not take sugar. The S6 Foodbank has a distribution point on Gilpin Street opposite Tesco on infirmary Road and accepts donations of food on Tuesdays and Fridays between 11am and 1pm. Donations can also be left at various other locations including Tesco itself. The website has more details.

If you would like to donate but cannot get to the Foodbank yourself, please call Janina on 0774 267 1268 to arrange for help. Thank you

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>

Prayer to the Blessed Trinity

The Father is my hope. The Son is my refuge. The Holy Spirit is my protector.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Let us praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; let us bless and exult God above all for ever!

Almighty and everlasting God, to whom we owe the grace of professing the true faith, grant that while acknowledging the glory of the eternal Trinity and adoring its unity, we may through your majestic power be confirmed in this faith and defended against all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE
(Fr. Michael's Homily)
The Perfect Unity of the Blessed Trinity

What is your God like? What does God feel like for you? Who is God for you?

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine enunciated by the ecumenical councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that there are Three Divine Persons, sharing the same Divine nature in one God. Today, this feast invites us to renew our encounter with the Trinity and live out the richness and glory of God's own life given to us by the virtue of our Baptism.

The invitation we have is; God the father is the Creator, we are invited to become co-creator by making the world a better place by changing the little corners of: the home, the family, and friends entrusted to us as spaces and places, where love flows and openness to one another endures. Pope Francis in his encyclical on the care for the earth as our common home, summons us to a profound interior conversion...Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience (LS217). What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?

Christ is our redeemer whose sacrificial love has redeemed us from condemnation. We are invited to become co-redeemer to each other, you are a co-redeemer when your words and actions heal and give a better future to your neighbour, friends and family. Christ is God with us. How available are we to each other as a church? How available are you to your spouse? What quality of time do you give to your children? How available are you to your aging parents and the members of your own family and the family of faith? Until we learn to be available to each other in a sacrificial way our world will remain a free-range infirmary of all forms of loneliness, brokenness, bitterness and perversions. We have all witnessed the horrific murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. We also have all watched video of how Amy Cooper weaponized the police against a black man. Our hearts grieve for their families and the Black community. These situations invite us to ponder on the cancer of racism, discrimination, modern day slavery, hatred towards migrants, unfair judgement of those with different sexual orientations and do our bit to bring it to an end.

The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier; we are invited to become co-sanctifier. We must become means of support for each other's spiritual growth and be a community forged out of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, empowered and reaching out to the needy and those at the tougher edge of our society and the continuum of life. We are, as the Psalmist states are "fearfully and wonderfully made." No wonder we cannot understand the mystery of a Triune God who created each one of us as an unfathomable mystery.

The mystery of God is not a puzzle to be solved. It is truth to be revered. It is a reality too rich to be fully grasped by our minds, so while it continues to unfold; let us ask for graces to enter into a deeper relationship with God and with one another. Let us take a pledge to make the world a better, fairer, safer place for all.

YouTube Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6AgmD_AAcQ&feature=youtu.be

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