



PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Mass Times & Intentions (without congregation)

Sunday 12th June		Dorothy Holden
Monday		For the sick
Tuesday		All parishioners
Wednesday	St. Bonaventure	For Immigrants and refugees
Thursday	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	For the Carmelites
Friday		For the Travellers
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary	For the Religious

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:

Agnes Hallam, Frank Holland, Dorothy Holden, Alice Hinshelwood, Michael West, Winifred Clarkson, Ray Cashin, Patrick Wiseman and Joseph McCluskie. May they rest in peace.

Prayers: Prayers are 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.

St Marie's Live Stream

Links to Mass Streamed online:

Mass will be live streamed as usual at 11am on Sunday from both St Marie's and Leeds Cathedral. The links can be found below:

Leeds Cathedral Live Stream

For services throughout the week (or if you would like to attend an alternative Sunday Mass) we strongly recommend Church Services TV. The link is below:

Church Services TV

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite me wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Click Here for Fr Michael's Homily

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS OPENING ITS DOORS AGAIN!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that, after an inspection by the Diocese, the church is to be open for private prayer! The Church has been deep-cleaned prior to opening and will undergo regular and thorough cleaning to ensure that your visit is safe and secure. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of spirit of our volunteers, we will be able to open safely for **private prayer only**. Our church will be open at the following times:

Wednesdays – 6pm to 8pm (15th, 22nd and 29th July)
Sundays - 10 am to 2 pm (12th, 19th and 26th July)

Stewards, who have already been trained, will be there to direct and guide all those who visit for prayer. There will be hand sanitising material provided and social distancing arrangements are in place.

PLEASE NOTE

With the lifting of the prohibition on public worship, we are working closely with the Diocese to commence Mass in the coming weeks. In order to do this we will have to follow strict social distancing guidelines and the number of people allowed to attend will be restricted. Details will be published in the

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.**

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

The Seed of God's Word and the First Fruits.

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's and our own response to God's Word. Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer; they lack depth. Another type is the distracted hearer who has many interests or cares. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. One lesson from this parable is clear: the harvest is sure to come. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Are you hungry for his word? And do you allow anything to keep you from submitting to God's word with joy and trusting obedience? Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? The word of God is the seed of all fruitfulness. As Hosea 14:10 attests, "all your fruitfulness comes from me" and "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (Jn 15: 5). The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. And they are like trees planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither-- whatever they do prospers (Psalm 1:3). Today's Gospel affirms: "But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold" (Matt. 13: 23).

What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God? The Scriptures frequently use the image of fruit-bearing plants or trees to convey the principle of spiritual life and death. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8 & Psalm 1:3). With regards to the first-fruits: we have repentance, that gem of the first water; faith, that priceless pearl; hope, the heavenly emerald; and love, the glorious ruby. Then comes all the graces, the consecrations and operations of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17-19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void (Isa 55: 11).

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns. In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And it will do us good not to forget that we too are sowers. God sows good seed, and here too we can also ask ourselves: which type of seed comes out of our heart and our mouth?

Lord, open my eyes to your deeds, my ears to the sound of your call and consecrate me in your word that I may understand your will for my life and bear fruits worthy of my Christian calling.

Amen

YouTube Video Link: [Homily for the 12th July 2020](#) (Kindly subscribe)

A number of resources are available for download. Please click on the buttons below.

Parish Community Prayer Booklet

Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion Booklet (June 2020)

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.

S6 Foodbank

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

Caritas Diocese of Hallam

We understand the challenges and disruption COVID 19 is having on the quality of life and mental health. We offer support in managing anxiety as we leave lockdown; coping with working from home; uncertainty in a changing society; social distancing and loneliness.

We are now able to offer Counselling for Men by Men!

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