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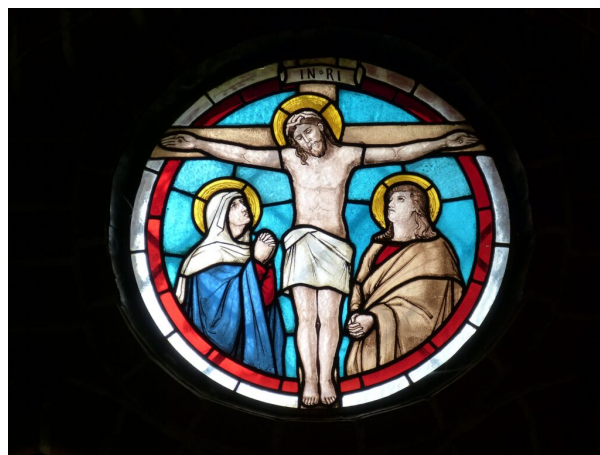
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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH



A SYNODAL PLEDGE

Our parish is a Spirit-filled home with open doors, where all are welcome. We commit to listening to each other, learning from each other, and taking responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacraments. We make constant recourse to Jesus in the Eucharist as the source of strength in our faith, worship, graced conversations, service, and shared mission.

We welcome and appreciate each other's gifts and talents in service of God, the community and humanity. And we renew and rededicate ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 2nd January 2022

Saturday - In Church
 Sunday - In Church
 Monday - **Priest Only**

Gerald Martin
 Patrick O'Dea

Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday - **Priest Only**
 Weds - **Priest Only**
 Thursday - **Priest Only**
 Friday - **Priest Only**
 Saturday - In Church

Martine Bernie
 People of the Parish
 Mary Frain
 Mary Coyle

The Most Holy Name of
 Jesus
 St Elizabeth Ann Seton
 St John Neumann
 The Epiphany of the Lord
 St Raymod of Penyafort
 Saturday after Epiphany

Confessions:

Confessions are available, please make appointment with Fr. Michael by phone or email.

Baptism:

Parents and guardians are now invited to book the baptism of the child/children. The available time slots are:

- Saturdays 12 noon
- Sundays 1 pm

Prayer Intentions w/c 2nd January

Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries

occur at this time: *Fr Foley, Scott Ralston, Jim Smith, Carmel Mackenzie, Angelo Di Mauro, Anthony Martin, Mark Jarwick, Jean Croft, Agnes Hynd, Hugh Hynd, Evelyn Bradwell, Kathleen Birnie, Cornelio Poblete, Mary Barry, Martha Brown, Mollie Littler, Andrew Varley, Charlie Lally, Spiridion Mizzi, Margaret Keable, Benjamin Leeroy James, Leslie Longden, Teresa Jackson, Wilfred Herbert Robinson, Gerard Young, Margery Melland, Christopher Walker, Michael Trebicki, James Moore, Patricia Land, Elaine LeCount, Maureen Butcher, Eileen Midgley. May they rest in peace.*

For the Sick: We pray for all those who are sick, that God may grant them health and strength. We remember *Barbara Beatson, Pip, Sheila McDonnell, Maria Coogan, Fr Michael O'Connor, Wesley, Kay Langan, Sonia Holland, Ann Heffernan, Robert Ainworth, Ann Saunders.*

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died recently, that their families may have the assurances of our prayers. **May they rest in peace.**

Mass information for 2nd January 2022 The Second Sunday of Christmas

Weekend Masses - Masses are said on Saturdays (6:30pm) and Sunday (11:00 am) in the church.

Mass Information from 2nd January 2022

Whilst still maintaining a cautious approach, it seems a good time to be taking another few steps

forward to return to a more 'normal' Mass. With this in mind, from the first weekend in November we will see the return of the Collection Baskets taken at the Offertory. Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers will be reintroduced although Holy Communion will remain under one kind for the foreseeable future. We will begin singing again from the first Sunday in Advent at the end of this month. So many of us have missed this very important part of our celebrations – so will be delighted to start this up again. The hand sanitiser will remain in the porch and you will still be encouraged to sanitise hands on entry.

Our Stewards who did a great job throughout the last 18+ months are, thankfully, now redundant but will change their role to Welcomers. If you were part of the Welcoming Team previously or would like to get involved, please speak to either Fr Michael, Deacon Tony or one of the Welcomers. We would love to expand the team!

The priority continues to be keeping everyone in our community safe and it is still necessary to state that if you are feeling unwell have COVID or FLU symptoms you shouldn't come to Mass.

It's been a real joy to see so many people returning to Mass over the last few weeks and we look forward to welcoming even more people again.

It is worth noting that if you would prefer a quieter, more socially distant Mass, fewer people do attend the Saturday evening Mass.

For services throughout the week 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

Offertory Collection: Gratitude

This is to express my profound gratitude to all parishioners and our visitors for the generous Christmas offertory collection and all the gifts both collective and individual. May God who loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7) reward abundantly. *God bless, Fr Michael.*



DONATING BY BANK STANDING ORDER OR ONLINE

We thank you for your continuous support to your parish. May God bless and reward you abundantly. **We appeal and would be very grateful if you could continue to support by your giving.**

If you wish to donate online please click the button below

[Click Here to Donate](#)

The parish bank account details are:

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

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.

In whatever way you support and donate, thank you very much. **God bless you.**

Fundraising

Sacred Heart Sheffield Heating Fund

Please help us pay for the cost of our new pew heating

Closing date: 11 December 2023

12%

Raised out of £40000 target

£5002

Including Gift Aid: £ 5002.41

Raised offline: £ 5000

DONATE >

GOOD NEWS! - we are delighted to be able to tell you that the new heating system has finally been installed and just in time for the onset of bad weather. Our heated seats will be fully operational at this weekend's services. Our thanks go to the Parish Maintenance Team: Fr Michael, Andrew, Malc, Matt, Mike and John who have driven this project through what can only be

described as difficult times. We are also very grateful to Johnny the Diocese Property Manager, Eva the architect and of course Richard Hammerschmidt and his team of craftsmen who have installed the system.

If you would like to make any donation towards the cost please either pass it directly to Fr Michael or put it in the Offertory basket at Mass. **PLEASE** mark any donations '**FOR THE HEATING FUND**' that will ensure that the Diocese will allow these dedicated donations to be separate from our normal collection. Many thanks to all those who have already made generous donations and gratitude in anticipation of further offerings.

For those wishing to donate **online** please click on the link below for our giving page:

[Click Here to Donate](#)



WHAT IS A GIFT AID DECLARATION (GAD)?

Many of you support us financially, for which we are grateful. But what if there was another way to increase your financial contribution without you actually handing over any extra cash? Well there is and it is called "**Gift Aid**". Gift Aid can help boost your donation by 25p for every £1 you donate.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

If you have paid or will pay an amount of UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities can reclaim against, the charity can claim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give. This is worked out as: $\pounds 1/80 \times 20 = \pounds 0.25$.

If you pay UK Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

You need to complete the GAD overleaf for our parish for any donation(s) you have or will be making, including any diocesan second collections donated in a recordable format. The parish can then reclaim the tax back on your donation(s). If the donation(s) are not recorded they cannot be reclaimed against. The donation(s) can be given either by numbered envelope, cheque or bankers order. The GAD will cover all donations recorded by the parish.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST ME TO GIFT AID MY DONATIONS?

There is no extra cost to you. The tax is an extra bonus for the parish on your contributions.

Please click on the button below to download a gift aid form.

**This can either be handed in at the back of church or emailed to us
sacredheart479@gmail.com**

[Click to Download Gift Aid Form](#)[Click Here to Help Us Fund Raise](#)

PRAYER MEETING

The theme for this week will be a reflection on the Synod

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 6th January starting at 7.30pm**, for 30-45min of prayer via zoom.



LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVF0dThLcHYwLzIRSVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

Meeting ID: 921 030 1020

Passcode: LjPd8p

[Click Here to Join](#)

If you wish to dial in using your phone please use one of the numbers below and use the **Meeting ID: 921 030 1020**: +44 208 080 6592; +44 330 088 5830; +44 131 460 1196

Perhaps you would like to consider leading a prayer meeting? Please get in touch! [e-mail us](#)

PARISH NOTICES

From the Parish Office

Prayer Card & Bookmarks

If you were able to attend Mass over the Christmas period, you will have been given a pack of these. They have been very kindly prepared and donated by Dominic and are a wonderful memento, highlighting the remarkable mosaics which adorn our altar and chapels. If you didn't manage to get one, there are some remaining at the back of church. Also, if you know anyone - perhaps a former parishioner or someone who has been unable to attend for a while - who would like to receive one, please feel free to take one and pass it on.

Church Cleaning

Currently the team of ex-stewards is cleaning the church about once a month on a Saturday morning. If you would like to donate any cleaning materials: 'Flash' floor cleaner, polish, mops, buckets etc they will be gratefully received. Prior to Covid, there were a number of active groups of cleaning teams. It is hoped that in the New Year, we will be able to expand the cleaning rota and maybe some of those previous teams along with some new members can be re-established.

The Lunch Club

The Carmel Centre Lunch Club starting again from the 27th of September 2021. This provides great opportunity to reconnect and re-engage with one another over lunch. There is atmosphere of welcome, acceptance and laughter for all. Please come along and invite a friend.

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

Prayer Resources for Download

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

Parish Community Prayer Booklet

December is the month of **Advent**

Pray the Holy Rosary

**RALPH
BISHOP OF HALLAM**
Pastoral Letter for the Second Sunday after Christmas
To be read at all Masses on 1 and 2 January 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

The last two years have been challenging for all of us and our future is still uncertain. However, we stand at the threshold of another year and, even as we find ourselves in the grip of the new Covid variant, we dare to hope that it will be different this year.

To fund this hope in adversity, Paul has a twofold prayer for his hearers. Firstly, he prays that they might grow in understanding of their calling and make progress in wisdom and knowledge of God. "May the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed to bring you to full knowledge of Him."

Paul's second prayer is that all his readers may have eyes to see how to live their lives in hope. "May He enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that you can see what hope His call holds for you" To grow in knowledge, wisdom and understanding, and to live in hope, is the invitation and challenge of the Scriptures to us today, as we look out on the year ahead.

I would like to suggest five ways in which we can respond to this invitation and rise to the challenge. They are not original to me. They are received wisdom and I share them with you. I have spoken of them before in a different setting, but I think that they bear repetition! Be confident in faith for our faith is true! During these days we are celebrating in faith the truth that Christ came, that He remains with us in Word and Sacrament and that He will come again. Recognise your obligations to spread the Good News: At the opening homily of his pontificate, St John Paul told his listeners "Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ". Pope Francis makes a similar plea at the beginning of The Joy of the Gospel.

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them". Par.3 EG.

This means not only opening your own heart to be touched by God, but also by sharing your personal experience of the life of Christ and the Church, with others, in whatever circumstances you find yourself.

Challenge evil: None of us is perfect. Nonetheless we are called to challenge evil in all its forms: injustice, oppression, lack of respect for human life from the womb to the tomb. We must do what we can, however limited, to hold up the light of Christ where darkness abounds. Like John the Baptist we are called to be witnesses to speak for the Light.

Reflect on what God has done for you: Luke tells us that Mary treasured all things that happened to her and pondered them in her heart and found it a source of strength. Changing the world for the

better takes energy. Prayer and the Eucharist make it possible.

And finally, decide what you, personally, are going to do to open wide the doors for Christ in the coming year: Maybe it will only be the Lord Himself who will know what you choose to do and that is more than enough.

Yesterday we celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is said that a picture paints a thousand words. In the history of religious art there are many paintings depicting Mary gently enfolding us, her children, under her mantle. We ask her once again to watch over us with love, protect us from harm and hold us close to her.

Throughout 2022
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord let His face shine on you and be gracious to you
May the Lord uncover His face to you and bring you peace.
(Numbers 6: 24 -25)

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