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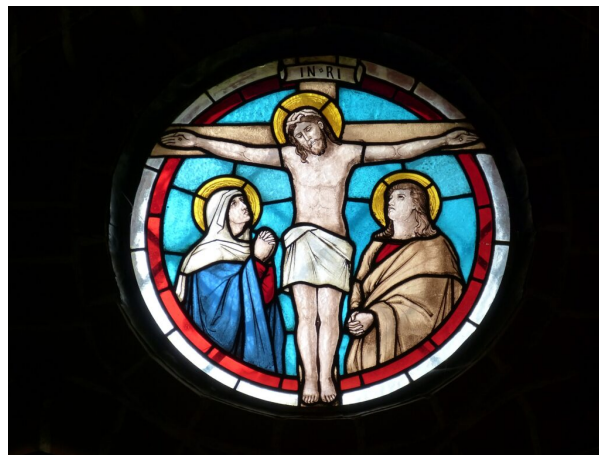
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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH



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 13th February 2022

Saturday - In Church
 Sunday - In Church
 Monday - **Priest Only**
 Tuesday - **Priest Only**
 Wednesday - **Priest Only**
 Thursday - **Priest Only**
 Friday - **Priest Only**
 Saturday - In Church

Francis & Charlet
 Joe McDonnell
 Thomas Murray
 Ann Hefferman
 Peter Metcalf

Sts Cyril & Methodius

Healing for Sheila
 Thomas Murray

For those with Dementia

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 13th February

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

occur at this time: Kathryn Hanley, Cecilia Mottram, Ita Guite, Louis Sleney, Eileen Shepard, Margaret Radford, Andrew Ronan, Thomas McAnearney, David John Coogan, Doreen Tingle, Eric Squire, Margaret Noon, John Henry Finney, Rosamund Parker, Milo Kelly, Hilda Vigrass, Kevin Price, Bernadette Martin-Collier, Maria Alison, Julia Roddy, Bernard Gaffney, Lilian Larkins, Walter Donnelly, Helen Freer, Luigi Esposito, Enrico Scarpa, Philomena Scarpa, Rosselle Lebrune, Raad Edmon, Edmon Yacoub. **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, Robert Ainworth, Jacqueline Robinson, Ann Saunders.

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, that their families may have the assurances of our prayers.

May they rest in peace.

We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Murray who died recently. Tom has been a life-long member of the parish. We offer the family and friends the assurances of our prayers for strength and for the repose of his soul.

Funeral arrangements: Date: 14th February. Time: 9am.
 Venue: Sacred Heart Church, Hillsborough.

Mass information for 13th February 2022

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

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

COVID-19 Precautions:

The concerns over the omicron COVID-19 variant means that we must be cautious to safeguard the health and safety of all our community. We have some simple precautions in place:

1. Mask wearing and sanitising will remain in place.

2. We are asking people to take a lateral flow test before attending services ([you can order test kits by clicking here](#)).

3. If you or your family have any symptoms or indeed have cold, flu or are in any way unwell, please do not attend.

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!

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

Children's Liturgy Returns!

Good news, our children's liturgy groups are back! Whether you're new to children's liturgy or have been many times before, **please check our new webpage** for more details of how it will work in 2022 and what to expect: [children's liturgy webpage](#)

We have a new email mailing list so that we can keep in touch with parents and let you know about children's liturgy dates, share important information, together with news of other family activities. **Please sign-up to be kept in the loop:** [sign-up here](#)

If you would like to get involved in the children's liturgy group, please do get in touch or speak to one of the helpers.

PARISH NOTICES

From the Parish Office

Synod: All the baptized are called to take part in the Church's life and mission. Synod indicates walking together and listening to one another as a faith community but above all to listen to the Holy Spirit. For our diocesan walking together, connect to the individual Synod response to the Diocese "What do you want to say?" - <https://hallam-diocese.com/synod/>

- **Open Synod Meeting:** 19th February 2022 St Peter's Doncaster 10:00-12:30
- **We, the People of God: Reading Vatican II for a Synodal Church** – a morning to explore and discuss these themes with Greg Ryan 5 March 2022 Blessed Trinity, Wickersley 9:30-12:30
- **Diocesan Pre -Synod Meeting** 26th March 2022 St Peter's Doncaster 10:00-2:30 pm

including shared Lunch. ***Participants will need to register for free to join by visiting the Eventbrite page and choosing the event they want to attend:***

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-hallam-synod-38169347133>

Diocese of Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage, June 2022

There is a poster about this at the back of church and a letter from the Director. It is hoped the pilgrimage, the first since 2019, will be able to go ahead as planned. Further details and booking forms: Alex Prior (Director) 01302 247910 or www.hallam-lourdes.com.

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 Lunch Club at Carmel Care Centre, 172A Dykes Hall Rd, has started. It is on the last Monday of the month, next date is the 31st January and the times are 12pm to 2pm. All are welcome. We are committed to trying to prevent Covid transmission - while the risk lasts, we will ask visitors to wear a mask when not eating, use hand disinfection and maintain a safe distance from others. We will also request a contribution of £3.50. You will need to book in the week before by phoning 0114 2335727 to help with planning.



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](#)

Offertory Collection: The offertory collection for the weekend 6th February - **£301.24**
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

14 %

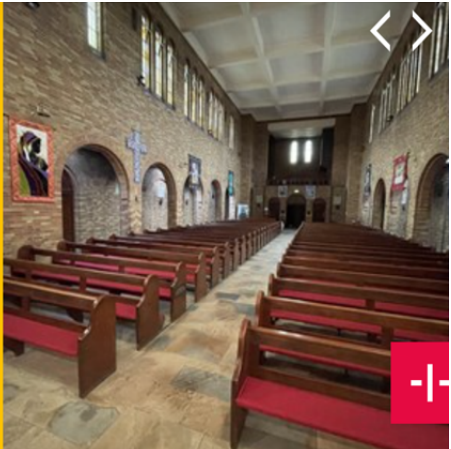
Raised out of £40000 target

£7102

Including Gift Aid: £ 7123.03

Raised offline: £ 7000

DONATE >



GOOD NEWS! - we are delighted to be able to tell you that the new pew heating system has finally been installed and just in time for the onset of bad weather. 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



Deacon Tony's Walk against Hunger

Deacon Tony's CAFOD Walk Against Hunger:

This year's Lenten CAFOD campaign is to #WalkAgainstHunger. Deacon Tony will walk 200 km over the 40 days of Lent between Ash Wednesday and Easter. We can stamp out global hunger one step at a time. If you can, please sponsor him by visiting <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/deacon-tonys-walk-against-hunger>

**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: $\text{£}1/80 \times 20 = \text{£}0.25$.

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](#)

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

The Beatitudes: Magna Carta of Christianity

Pope St. John Paul II called the Beatitudes "the Magna Carta of Christianity" — that is, the essential blueprint or road map of the Christian ideal, the Christian vision for a way of life. Jesus gives us today the Magna Carta of Christianity. If Christianity were a form of government, the Gospel today forms its Constitution. It is valid for all times and at all places for every disciple of Jesus. Unlike the Constitution of any country, it is not the Beatitudes that is changed; rather, it is the Beatitudes that change us. Thus, when we feel uncomfortable with the demands of the Christian Magna Carta, we should not water down what it requires from us.

Jesus presents to us today a way of life that is radical, that is different; one that gives a happiness that is stable, enduring, and which leads us beyond this visible world. The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and when we work to uplift them, thus declaring our "option for the poor," as Jesus did.

Beatitudes consist in humble selflessness and compassionate, generous sharing of our blessings with the needy. The beatitudes must be understood as eschatological statements which see and evaluate the present in terms of the future glory and everlasting happiness.

The Beatitudes are a new programme of life, to free oneself from the false values of the world and to open oneself to the true goods, present and future. Indeed, when God comforts, he satisfies the hunger for righteousness, he wipes away the tears of those who mourn, which means that, as well as compensating each one in a practical way, he opens the Kingdom of Heaven.

They are also our frame of reference and the direction of the journey of evangelical citizenship. In fact, at profession of faith, we commit ourselves to live them radically in our lives.

The Beatitudes express the essence of the Gospel. This is a way of trust and love: of loving confidence in God's goodness in all circumstances; of deep awareness of our total dependence on him for all things; of abandonment or surrender of ourselves, our lives, our fortunes, our future, to God's providence. If we walk this way, we won't be swayed by the temptations and appeals in the cultural waters around us. A culture that idolizes wealth and strength is a culture of fear and anxiety. To trust in God is to put aside fear and anxiety. I leave you with the words of St. Teresa of Avila:

***Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.
May these Beatitudes be for you a practical programme for holiness. Amen***

JOURNEY IN FAITH

We are starting our Journey in Faith program at 6:30pm on Sunday, 6th February. It is aimed at Catholics who want to deepen their faith and for those who are not Catholic who are interested in finding out about the Church & our Faith.

- Sunday, 6th February: Introduction, global Church structure & key books
- Sunday, 20th February: Beliefs & creed
- Sunday, 6th March: Sacraments 1 – Baptism, first communion, reconciliation & confirmation
- Sunday, 20th March: Sacraments 2 – Marriage, Holy Orders, anointing of the sick
- Sunday, 3rd April: Prayer 1 – types of prayer, prayer in the Bible
- Sunday, 10th April: Prayer 2 – Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, & Ignatian prayer

Each session starts at 6:30 & will be held in the church hall.



PRAYER MEETING

The theme for this week will be reflective prayer

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 17th February 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](#)

Prayer Resources for Download

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

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

February is the month of **The Month of the Passion of Our Lord**

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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

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