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Parish Deacon: Rev. Tony Strike.

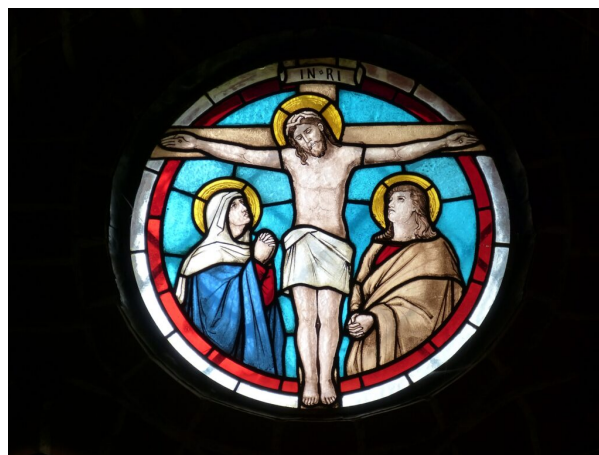
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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH



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 27th February 2022

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

10am & 6pm Mass

Blessed Virgin Mary
 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday
 St Casimir

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 27th February

Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Angela Bush, Josie Loomes, Patrick McDonagh, Josephine Mullane, Flo Hutton, May Allison, Edward Cummings, Marie Hayward, John Good, Vincent Kenny, David Burdikin, Lucas Lorenzo Tolley Christopherson, Mathilda Jeffcock, Annie Glover, Kaye Lemmings, Irene Chowings, Patricia Marie Cunningham. 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 Sr Ann of the Carmelite Monastery at Kirk Edge, and all those who have died recently, that their families may have the assurances of our prayers. **May they rest in peace.**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ocholi Unameh, Fr Michael's younger brother who died suddenly on Monday. He was 42 and leaves behind a young family.

His funeral will take place (in Nigeria) next Tuesday at 9 a.m. our time. It would be lovely if we could all unite in prayer, next Tuesday morning, with and for Fr Michael and the family at this very difficult time.

May God bless them all as they come to terms with their loss.

Mass information for 27th February 2022 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

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

We offer a very warm welcome to Fr Anthony Dampson & Fr Andrew, who will be celebrating mass with us whilst Fr Michael is away.

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

LENT 2022: Ash Wednesday

Lent 2022 begins on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March 2022.

There will be two masses with distribution of ashes

Time: **10 am** and **6:00pm** respectively.

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/>

- **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 20th February - **£325.92**
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%

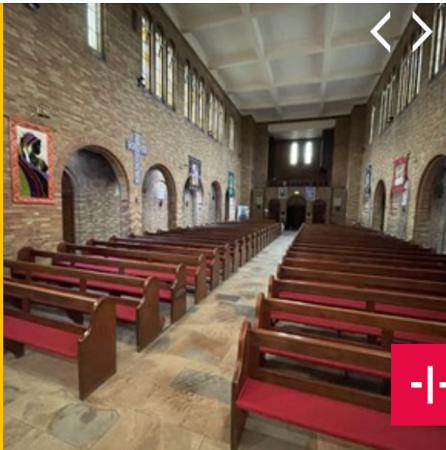
Raised out of £40000 target

£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: $\frac{£1}{80} \times 20 = £0.25$.

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

Reflections for this Sunday's readings

First Reading: Sirach 27: 4-7

The Book of Sirach is sometimes referred to as Ecclesiasticus. It is really a series of ethical teachings. Jesus Himself used these admonitions when instructing his disciples. We can find them in all of the 4 gospels. It was seminal Jewish teaching, how to become a good person. The teaching could be loosely termed as Human Relationship skills and Social ethics/responsibilities today. To be a good person is what is asked of us, honesty, and integrity in all things. The wholesomeness of who we are, particularly in our speech, is the test of the fruits of who we are. Two examples given us, a sieve that is shaken retains only the fruits, the rest is useless. And likewise, a potter's kiln if not packed properly by the Potter, the heat of the fire will break up everything.

Speech identifies who we are, it is the test. Our words echo the movements of our hearts

SECOND READING: 1COR 15:54-58

For a great number of people today, as of past generations, an understanding the Resurrection has raised many questions and been an obstacle for followers of Jesus Christ. The Corinthian Community were no exception. Paul in addressing them says, Listen, I will tell you a mystery! And so he does. We will not die, but we will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last, thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ. You, just continue steadfast in the work of the Lord in you.

Fr Henry Wansbrough, scripture scholar asks – Do we ask the correct question.?

GOSPEL: LUKE 6: 39-45

Jesus himself used the Book of Sirach in the forming of his Disciples. Several of the admonitions can be found in all four gospels – how to become a good person, a follower of His. We are very familiar with them. Listening and speaking from and with the heart is the test of our character. Our inner most thoughts and actions are the fruits of who we are formed in Jesus Christ. He is God's wisdom in person.

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16

With this beautiful hymn we give you, our God,
Thanks and Praise for all the beauty and joy of Creation, for the beauty of your faithfulness and steadfast love, and the joy ever mindful that 'in old age they still produce fruit; They are always green and full of sap.

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, 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 3rd March 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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