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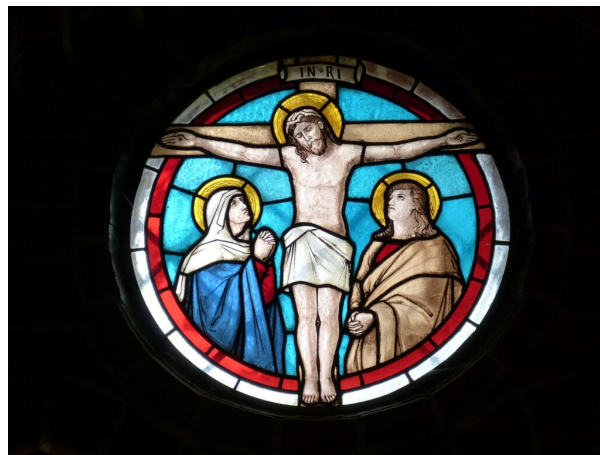
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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH



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 20th March 2022

Saturday - In Church	Tom Murray	St Joseph
Sunday - In Church	11am	
Monday - Priest Only		Ocholi Soucy Umameh
Tuesday - Priest Only		
Weds - Priest Only		Harry Priestley
Thursday - Priest Only	St Turibius	
Friday - Priest Only	St Oscar Romero	
Saturday - In Church	The Annunciation of the Lord 6:30pm	Vigil 4th Sunday of Lent

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 20th March

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

occur at this time: *Thomas Leo Frankland, James Dudley, Margaret Hinchliffe, Michael Barry Stanley, Margaret Martin, Jim Groark, Michael Mitchell, Iolanthe D'Roza, Anne Linsley, Fred Clayton, Kathleen Huntington, Henry Keable, Daphne Davies, George Francis Turner, Sadie Buckley, Patrick Ward, Joseph Haley, Patrick Smith, Mona Price, Michael O'Neill, Gordon French, Margaret Towey, Mae Woods*

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 and Harry Priestley.*

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray for the repose of the souls 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 Umameh, Fr Michael's younger brother who died recently. He was 42 and leaves behind a young family. May God bless them all as they come to terms with their loss.

Mass information for 20th March 2022 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year C)

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

COVID-19 Precautions:

1. Mask wearing and sanitising will remain in place.
 2. If you or your family have any symptoms or indeed have cold, flu or are in any way unwell, please do not attend.
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PARISH NOTICES

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/>

- **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.

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. All are welcome. 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.

Offertory Collection: The offertory collection for the weekend 6th March - **£458.10**

You can now tap to donate using the contactless terminal in church, make donations by card online or donate directly to the Parish bank account. If you shop online, you could also help us fundraise for free through easyfundraising.org.uk. Please visit our webpage for details or speak to us after Mass for more information: <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/give-a-bit-change-a-lot/>

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



To help focus prayer and reflection during Lent, Sacred Heart parishioners have recorded each of the Lenten daily readings. [You can listen to the readings on our Lent webpage: click here.](#) We will be adding more Lent resources to this page in the coming days.



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. We can stamp out global hunger one step at a time. If you can, please sponsor him at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/deacon-tonys-walk-against-hunger>

Children's Liturgy

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

Fundraising

Sacred Heart Sheffield Heating Fund

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

Closing date: 11 December 2023

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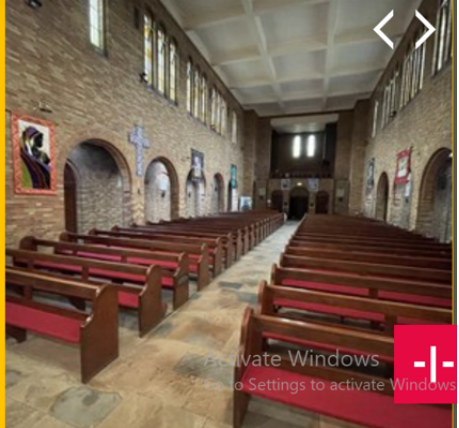
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Including Gift Aid: £ 7329.09

Raised offline: £ 7000

DONATE >



We still need to pay for our new pew heating. 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**'. Many thanks to all those who have already made generous donations.

You can also donate **online** please click on the link below for our giving page:

Click Here to Donate

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 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.



The theme for this week will be reflective prayer

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 24th March starting at 7.30pm**, for 30-45min of prayer via zoom.

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVF0dThLcHYwLzIRSUVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

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](#)

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)
God of Mercy and Compassion

All three of today's readings speak of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children by occasional punishment while giving them another chance despite their repeated sins. Although God's love for us is constant and consistent, He will not save us without our co-operation. That is why He invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, and faithful service.

Today's Gospel explains how God disciplines His people and invites them to repent of their sins, to renew their lives, and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Citing two tragic events, Jesus exhorts the Jews to repent and reform their lives. With the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus also warns them that the merciful God will not put up with them indefinitely. Although God patiently waits for sinners to repent, giving them grace to do so, He will not wait forever. Time may run out; therefore, timely repentance is necessary. Hence, one can say, "A Lent missed is a year lost from the spiritual life." The fire of God's presence always demonstrates his purifying love and mercy that burns away sin and refashions us in his holiness and righteousness. Just as gold is tested through fire, God tests and purifies his people and fills them with the fire of his love and holiness.

We need to live lives of repentance, because we never know when we will meet a tragedy of our own. Let us turn to Christ, acknowledge our faults and failings, and receive from him mercy, forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. There is no better way to take these words of Jesus to heart than to go to sacramental confession, and there is no better time to go to confession than during Lent. Repentance helps us in life and in death. It helps us to live as forgiven people and helps us to face death without fear. We need to be fruitful trees in God's orchard. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits of repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness, and sensitivity to the feelings of others.

We need to make the best use of the "second chances" God gives us. Our merciful Father always gives us second chances. During Lent, too, we are given another chance to repent and return to our Heavenly Father's love.

Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you that I may grow in righteousness and holiness. May I not squander the grace of the present moment to say "yes" to you and to your will and plan for my life.

Amen

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