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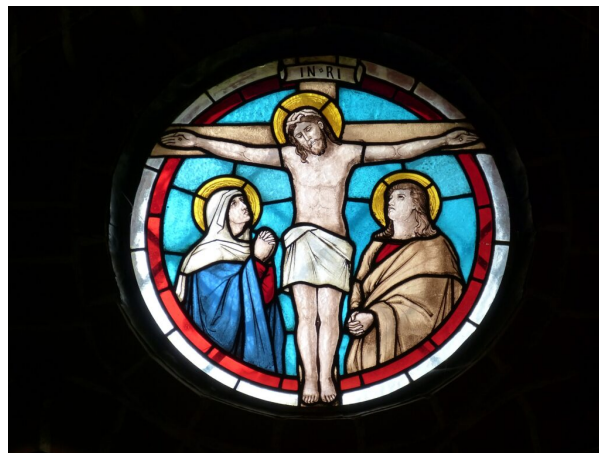
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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH



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 27th March 2022

Saturday - In Church	6.30pm	Julie Bennett
Sunday - In Church	11am	Bridget Ikoro (Healing)
Monday - Priest Only		Ocholi Soucy Umameh
Tuesday - Priest Only		
Weds - Priest Only		Bridget Ikoro
Thursday - Priest Only	10:00am	FHC Catechumens
Friday - Priest Only		Confirmation
Saturday - In Church		Vigil 5th Sunday of Lent
	6:30pm	

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 March

Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Winifred Richmond, Kenneth Larkins, Sandor Beres, Julie Bennett, Fr. James Hynes, Eric Aldgate, James Donlon, Ruth Braithwaite & Hugh Bow.*
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, Harry Priestley and Lady Bridget Ikoro.*

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 27th March 2022 4th 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

In Memory of Ocholi Umameh - this weekend will be the last opportunity to donate. You can either access the **link on the Parish Website** or, should you prefer, put your donation into an envelope marked Ocholi Umameh (or Fr Michael's Brother!) and put it in the offertory basket. Many thanks for all the donations so far - your generosity is much appreciated!

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/>

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.

Job Advert - Part Time Cleaner

Grade 1 EO1 Point 1

£18,333 pro rata (£9.50 an hour)

LOCATION: Sacred Heart School, a Catholic Voluntary Academy, Ripley Street, Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 2NU.

Tel: 0114 2344362

HOURS: 10 hours per week on a 52 week contract.

3.30pm to 5.30pm daily during term time and by arrangement during school holiday periods.

The post holder will

- Be responsible for maintaining a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene throughout the school.
- Communicate effectively with employees and clients.
- Be reliable and punctual.
- Able to use initiative.
- Be aware of Health & Safety policy.

The school is committed to the safeguarding, welfare and safety of children and young people and all staff share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to complete an enhanced D.B.S disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from the school to where completed forms should be returned. Please note that applications not on the CES form

will not be considered.

Offertory Collection: 13th March - £464.32 & 20th March - £295.95

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](https://www.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](#)**

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, 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 31st 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](#)

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

I Will Go Home to My Father

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.

Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his "homecoming" where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community, and his God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, repentant, and now we are ready to receive God's forgiveness and to experience Jesus' Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God.

Let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts: As prodigal children, we face spiritual famine all around us in the form of drug and alcohol abuse, fraud and theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, premarital sex, marital infidelity, and priestly infidelity, as well as in hostility between and among people. All of these evils have proliferated because we have been squandering God's abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father's home.

Holy Mass enhances our “pass over,” from a world of sin to a world of reconciliation. At every Mass, we come to our loving Heavenly Father’s house as prodigal children acknowledging that we have sinned (“I confess to Almighty God”). In the Offertory, we give ourselves back to the Father, and this is the moment of our surrendering our sinful lives to God our Father. At the consecration, we hear God’s invitation through Jesus: “... this is My Body, which will be given up for you... this is the chalice of My Blood ... which will be poured out for you...” (“All I have is yours”). In Holy Communion, we participate in the banquet of reconciliation, thus restoring our full relationship with God and our fellow human beings.

*Lord Jesus, may I never doubt your love nor take for granted the mercy you have shown to me. Fill me with your transforming love that I may be merciful as you are merciful. **Amen***

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