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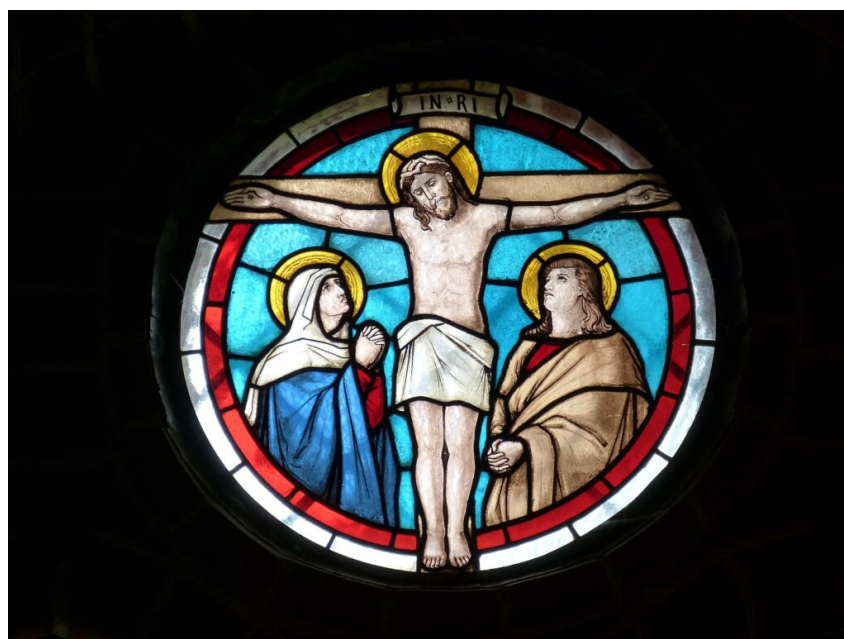
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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH



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 10th April 2022

Saturday - In Church with Congregation - **6.30pm** - People of the Parish

Sunday - In Church with Congregation - **11am** - Bridget Ikoro (Healing)

Monday - In Church with Congregation - **10:00am**

Tuesday - In Church with Congregation - **10:00am**

Wednesday - **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11:00am**

The EASTER TRIDUUM at SACRED HEART

Maundy Thursday - 14th April - Mass at 7:30pm

Good Friday - 15th April - Service of the Passion at 3:00pm

Easter Vigil Saturday - 16th April - Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Mass - 17th April - Mass at 11:00am

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 10th April

Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Bridget Warren, Catherine Woolfrey, Michael Anthony Melland, Mark Anthony Cox, Frank Heap, Dukate Fushazi, Tony Harris, Peter O'Brien, Annie McGeehan, Bernard Murphy, Jack Cade, Ethel Gregory, Liverpool Fans (Hillsborough), John Kelly, Anna O'Connor, George Edmund Gregory, Zatica Danisoua.*

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.

Mass information for 10th April 2022 Palm Sunday (Year C)

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

Holy Week Masses : Please note that in addition to the celebratory services at the end of the week, there will also be Mass in church at 10a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. **All welcome!**

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.**

No Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is taking a break over the Easter school holiday, please check our webpage for details and to sign up to our email mailing list: **[children's liturgy webpage](#)**

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU! - yet again your generosity has excelled. The fund for Ocholi Umameh - Fr Michaels' brother - raised £525 to be sent to his wife and family who very much appreciate your thoughts, prayers, and support at this very difficult time. God bless.

Easter Readers, Ministers and Mass Volunteers: Readers and Eucharistic ministers are needed for the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Day Masses, together with 12 volunteers to have their feet washed during Holy Thursday Mass. **Please volunteer by adding your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board at the back of church.**

Easter Offering: Just a reminder that, as instructed by Bishop Ralph, all the Offertory Collection money at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday will be given to Fr Michael as our gift to him from the parish. This includes Tap & Donate and the online giving received. Your generosity will be much appreciated! Thank you.

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 3rd April 2022:

- Baskets £383.50

- Tap and Donate - £19.00



Tap to Donate

Sacred Heart Offertory Collection



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.



LAST CHANCE: 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>

Synod



Thank You for Supporting the Synodal Process in the Diocese

Over the last 6 months about 1700 people or about 16% of the Diocese's Mass going population have contributed to the synodal process. This has been facilitated by volunteers in many of our parishes. We would like to thank them and you for your contributions to this process.

Bishop Ralph will submit a synthesis of our conversations to the Bishops' Conference, and this will be made available in due course.

This will then feed into the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. Many of those who got involved appreciated this synodal way of working and so we plan to arrange some diocesan events to consider how this can be embedded at parish and diocesan levels.

One thing that people have said is that the diocese needs to develop a Diocesan Pastoral Plan.



Tap to Donate

Sacred Heart Heating Fund



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**'. You can also donate **online** by clicking the button below. **Many thanks to all those who have already made generous donations.**

[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: 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 14th April starting at 7.30pm**, for 30-45min of prayer via zoom.

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVF0dThLcHYwLzlRSVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

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)

Palm Sunday: God Empties Himself to Save Us

The Church celebrates on this sixth Sunday of Lent the Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glorious and humble entry of the anticipated Redeemer, the other of redemption song of the suffering servant: the royal welcome of Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in crucifixion, death and burial for the Christ. Taken together, today we recall and relive our own sufferings, dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

Our procession today reminds us that together with Jesus we set out on a pilgrimage of the heart and mind along a new highway that leads to the living and loving God.

As St. Andrew of Crete enjoins: So, let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king

of Israel.

As we enter into the pilgrimage of his passion, death and resurrection, let us allow these questions to shape and guide our mind and our heart on this journey.

1. Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession? Does God find delight in me or is my life a reason for sorrow?
2. Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I? Or worse, do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness?
3. Will Jesus need to cleanse my heart with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit that I have become by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; nor does Jesus praise my business mentality or calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God, my Heavenly Father.
4. Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Saviour? Let us remember that we are all sinners who have crucified Jesus by our sins, but we are still able to turn to Jesus again to ask for pardon and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the Passion of Jesus we receive forgiveness: "through his wounds we are healed." (Is 53:5).
5. Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus, bringing Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service to our families, places of work and communities by the way we live our lives?
6. In the face of the global pandemic, death, suffering and anxiety, have been a source of strength to anyone? Have brought the light of comfort into the darkness of anxieties and fears that plague my neighbours? Have I been able to share with the less privileged?

God our Father, through the action of the Holy Spirit, help me

***to renew my personal encounter and relationship with Jesus,
today and always.
Amen***

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