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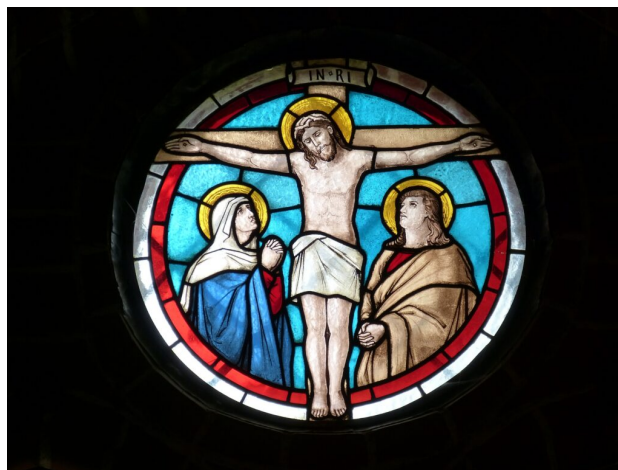
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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Easter Sunday 17th April 2022
Halleluiah Christ is Risen!



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 17th April 2022

Easter Vigil Saturday 16th April - 7.30pm (People of the Parish)

Easter Sunday 17th April - 11am

Monday - Without Congregation

Tuesday - Without Congregation

Wednesday - With Congregation - 10am (Ocholi Unameh)

Thursday - Without Congregation

Friday - With Congregation - 10am (Bridget Ikoro - Healing)

Vigil Saturday 23rd April - 6:30pm

Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April - 11am

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](#)**

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: *Henry Darling, Michael Dearing, Hugh McGreehan, Dennis Brown, Mary Donlan, Nellie Lees, Maureen Swift, John Fenn, Vincent Donlan, Eileen Kenny, Douglas Beech, Anne Watters, Marjorie Hodgson, May Roche Wright, Olive Rosie, Don Higginbottom, Beatrice Falding, Caroline McDonagh, Margaret Maycock, Bertie Cell, Frank Walker, Fr Callanan.*

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, Bridget Ikoro & Maura Moore.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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.**

[Click Here to Donate](#)**Divine Mercy Celebration:**

There will be a Divine Mercy Celebration on the **24th April 2022**.

Time: **2-3pm**.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **2pm**

Divine Mercy Prayer **3pm**

Walking Group: The walking group have arranged a walk on **Thursday 5th May on the Monsal trail**, about 4miles, meeting in Bakewell. If you are interested, please ring Ailsa on 0114 2333293 for further details.

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, next dates: **25th April, 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.

Decorations & Flowers: You may have noticed the new Lenten decorations in church or remember the beautiful Christmas flowers and decorations. We're blessed to have such a creative team in the Parish - **thank you to the flower arrangers and church decorators!** If you would like to support the decoration of the church, contributions towards the costs would be most appreciated ([click here](#)) or please speak with Fr Michael if you have talents, crafts or creativity that you could offer.

Offertory Collection 10th April 2022:

- Baskets £453.78

- Tap to Donate / Online - £49.00



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.**

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**Make your gift go further at no
expense to you!**

If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your donations to Sacred Heart by 25%, simply by completing a Gift Aid Declaration.

Through the Gift Aid scheme, the government gives the church 25p for every £1 you donate.

What the church receives is tax you have already paid. **It costs you no more.**

To be able to claim that 25p for every £1, the church needs to keep a record of how much is donated by each Gift Aider. Donations which provide such a record can be:

by standing order through your bank

by Offertory envelope

by cheque

by using our new contactless giving screen at the back of church.

There are blank Gift Aid Declarations at the back of church, and you can complete one using the contactless giving screen. If you have any questions, please ask. I am usually in the hall after Sunday Mass.
(Janina Klapas Gift Aid Administrator)



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

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](https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/deacon-tonys-walk-against-hunger)

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

Christ's Resurrection is also Our Resurrection

In the Resurrection of Christ, a new possibility of human existence is attained- a sort of 'evolutionary leap'-that stretches into the past and look forward to a future, a new kind of future for all mankind. A future with hope and certainties guaranteed by God's promise.

The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom. It is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven. The message of Easter is that

God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it. As Archbishop Fulton Sheen puts: "The Cross had asked the questions; the Resurrection had answered them...The Cross had asked: "Why does God permit evil and sin to nail Justice to a tree?" The Resurrection answered: "That sin, having done its worst, might exhaust itself and this be overcome by Love that is stronger than either sin or death."

Christ's resurrection is also our resurrection. Every man who looks is invited to be identified with Adam, and every woman with Eve, and to stretch out their hands to allow themselves to be gripped and pulled by Christ out of the sepulchre. This is the new universal Easter exodus. God has come "with powerful arm and outstretched hand" to liberate his people from a much harsher and universal slavery than that of Egypt.

This day brings a message of joy: it is the day of the Lord's resurrection when, with himself, Christ raised up the race of Adam. Born for the sake of human beings, he rose from the dead with them. On this day, the Alleluia that pleads more insistently than the cry of Abel is heard, and justice is restored. On this day paradise is opened by the risen one, Adam is restored to life and Eve is consoled. On this day the divine call is heard, the kingdom is prepared, we are saved, and Christ is adored. On this day, when he had trampled death under foot, made the tyrant a prisoner and despoiled the underworld, Christ ascended into heaven as a king in victory, as a ruler in glory, as an invincible charioteer. He said to the Father, 'Here am I, O God, with the children you have given me.' And he heard the Father's reply, 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool' (Psalm 110:1)." To him be glory, now and forever, through endless ages.

Amen.

Christ is risen!

He has risen indeed!

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**' - please include your name and address, so we can claim Gift Aid. You can also donate **online** by clicking the button below. **Many thanks to all those who have already made generous donations and gratitude in anticipation of further offerings.**

[Click Here to Donate](#)



The theme for this week will be.....

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 21st April starting at 7.30pm**, for 30-45min of prayer via zoom.

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVFODThLcHYwLzIRSVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

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:

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