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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Third Sunday of Easter

Do You Love the Risen Lord Jesus above All Else?

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 1st May 2022

Saturday 30th April - Vigil Mass 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

Sunday 1st May - 11am

Monday - Without Congregation

Tuesday - Without Congregation

Wednesday - Without Congregation (Eric Howgate)

Thursday - Without Congregation

Friday - Without Congregation

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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will take place during Sunday Mass. 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](#)**

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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 24th April

Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Alan Vigrass, Mary Burke, Christopher Gateley, Malcolm Slater, Pat Bentley, Bobby Ernest Gilberthorpe, Donald Malcolm, Morris Harrison, James Folan, Eric Howgate, Reginald Loomes, William Maycock, Mabel Wortley, Lorraine Purdie, Rita Bowler, Madelaine Scott, Basil Davis, Joseph Canavan, Maria Gell, Rita Gregory, Thomas Coyle, Walter Green, Christopher Roche, Douglas Walker.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

Hallam Walsingham Diocesan Pilgrimage, Saturday 23rd July 2022 Coaches leave Pond Hill at 7.30 a.m. £18 adults, £12 students/children, Procession along the Holy Mile, Mass of Sunday. Contact Joseph Durham, 07939 152558 joseph.durham52@gmail.com, or Francesca Flynn, 0114 2686247 francesca@fmflynn.plus.com

Decorations & Flowers: You may have noticed the wonderful Easter 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 24th April 2022:

- Baskets £437.60
- Tap and Donate - £50.00



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)

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

Do You Love the Risen Lord Jesus above All Else?

Today's Gospel narrative shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented, and then received Primacy in the Church from Jesus. The Gospel also shows us God in search of man, even when man tries to evade Him.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit transformed Peter, whom Jesus had appointed head of his Church, from a man fearful of powerful men into a brave witness to the Resurrection. Peter stands before the Jewish Supreme Court – the Sanhedrin — boldly announcing that he and the others must obey God rather than men. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and mercy. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) wrote in his famous confession a remarkable prayer of thanksgiving and love:

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ...You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath...now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace. " (Confessions 10:27)

We need to open our eyes, ears, and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances, and events: The Risen Lord blesses us with success and achievements. We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the

Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, great achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healings, and success in relationships. He is right there in our parties, celebrations, and occasions of rejoicing. The Risen Lord is present in our pains and suffering: Acts 9:1-13 tells us how the Risen Lord transformed the life of Saul by pushing him down onto the Damascus Road and making him temporarily blind. The same Jesus often visits us in the form of accidents, illnesses, the loss of dear ones, pain, suffering, and problems in relationships. The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers: He is present in those who visit us and encourage us in our sad and desperate moments. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs.

The Risen Lord is present in our Christian worship: He is present on our altars during the Holy Mass to share His life with us; He is present in the words of Holy Scripture; He is there in the Sacraments, and He is there where two or three are gathered in his name (Mt 18: 20).



Hillsborough Park

Sat 7th May 1- 4 pm

Fun and games for everyone
and it's all for **FREE!**

- * Teddy Bear's Picnic
- * Parachute Games & Giant Games
- * Bouncy Castle & Circus Skills
- * Story Telling
- * Refreshment Marquee
- * Athletic Games & Tug O' War
- * Book Stall Arts, Crafts



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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.**

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

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 5th May 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 Holy Eucharist**

Pray the Holy Rosary

For services throughout the week we strongly recommend Church Services TV. The link is below:

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