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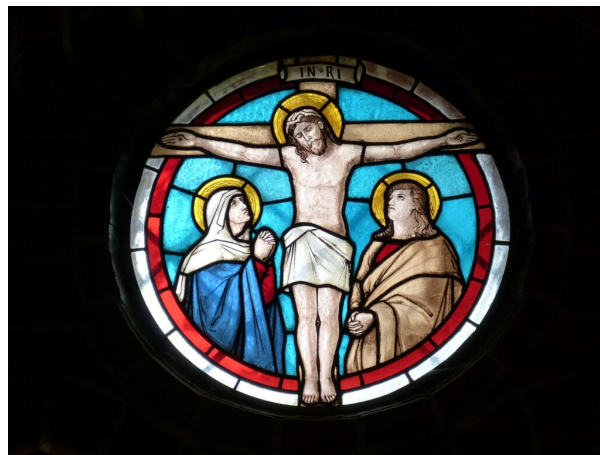
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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH



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 3rd April 2022

Saturday - In Church	6.30pm	Bridget Ikoro (Healing)
Sunday - In Church	11am	Peter Metcalf
Monday - Priest Only	St. Isadore	Russia & Ukraine
Tuesday - Priest Only		
Weds - Priest Only	10:00am	Bridget Ikoro (Healing)
Thursday - Priest Only		
Friday - Priest Only		Ocholi Soucy Umameh
Saturday - In Church		Benefactors
	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 3rd April

Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Edmund Turner, Bernadette Smith, Vera Croft, Wilfred Guest, Irene Savage, Hilda Justice, Joseph Leach, Annie Middleton, Stella Grayson, and John Maloney.*
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 3rd April 2022 5th 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.**

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](#)

PARISH NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS! we offer our very best wishes to Ann Fleet who retired earlier in the week! We wish Ann a happy, healthy, and blessed time ahead.

THANK YOU! - yet again your generosity has excelled. The fund for Ocholi Unameh - 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.

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*](http://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 27th March 2022:

- Baskets £397.64
- Tap and Donate - £40.00
- Online card donations - £35.00

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.

You are invited to 3 Livestreamed Lenten Talks at St Marie's Cathedral - Monday to Wednesday evenings, 7pm: St Marie's Cathedral warmly invites you to enjoy their 3 Lenten Talks, hosted in the Cathedral and live-streamed via their YouTube Channel. Liam Riley (from Youth 2000) will speak about God's Forgiveness on Monday 4th April, Deacon Henry Woodhouse will speak about Jesus in the Eucharist on Tuesday 5th April, and Deacon Paul Green will speak about the forgotten value in suffering on Wednesday 6th April.

All the talks start at 7pm, finish at 7:30pm, and will be followed by 15 minutes of Adoration. You are welcome to attend in person or click the Lenten Talks poster on St Marie's homepage for a 'quick link' to YouTube Channel. You can find St Marie's homepage here: <https://stmariecathedral.org>.

**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.

Fundraising

Sacred Heart Sheffield Heating Fund

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

Closing date: 11 December 2023

18 %

Raised out of £40000 target

£7306

Including Gift Aid: £ 7329.09

Raised offline: £ 7000

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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 7th April 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)

Go, and Do Not Sin Again

Today's readings remind us, first, of the horror and the just consequences of sin; second of the incredible gift of God's mercy; and third, of what we need to do to receive that mercy. Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin and to restore people to His friendship, today's readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation. Mercy and pardon are the hallmarks of the Christian.

When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice - either to go back to her former way of sin and death or to reach out to God's offer of forgiveness, restoration, and new life in his kingdom of peace and righteousness. Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean conscience?

We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation: Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict, or the shoplifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them Jesus' compassion and working with the Holy Spirit to make our own lives exemplary so that we can help lead them to Jesus' ways.

We have no right to judge others: We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgments, and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our merciful God Who does read people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The apostle Paul reminds us: "But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment." (1 Cor 11:31).

*O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! **Amen***

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