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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Do You Love the Risen Lord Jesus above All Else?

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 15th May 2022

Saturday 14th May - Vigil Mass 6.30pm (Confirmation Catechumens)

Sunday 15th May - 11am (All First Holy Communion Catechumens)

Monday - Without Congregation

Tuesday - Without Congregation

Wednesday - With Congregation (Virtue Ekhosuehi - Healing)

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](#)**

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**

Confirmation:

Bishop Ralph will be in here on Saturday 14th May 2022 at 6:30pm to confirm our Catechumens for the year 2022.

Prayer Intentions w/c 15th May

Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Ron Moore, John Easter, Eileen Ejogbam, Alfred Nadin, Alan Elliott, Philip Harte, Anthony O'Farrell, Kathleen Parkes, Denis Krajcovic, Clara Bird, Walbarja Zelionka, Mary Nicholson, Nellie Goodison, Angela Squire, Doreen Purdy, Roger Hudson, Norah Coyle, Frank Vaughan, Raymond Guest, Margarita Pressley.*

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

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

Offertory Collection 8th May 2022:

- Baskets: £341.38
- Tap and Donate: £18.00
- Online Giving: £50.00



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-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.



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

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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)

See, I Am Making All Things New

Today's readings are about renewal and new things: The New Jerusalem, a new Heaven and a new earth, and a new commandment.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, describes how the small Christian communities helped the work of renewal in their members by their agápe love, imitating the agápe love of Paul and Barnabas. The second reading, from the Book of Revelation, explains how God renews His Church, the New Jerusalem, by being present in her members, in their parish communities, and in their liturgical celebrations. "See, I am making all things new." Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practice of Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love

other people in the same way that he has loved us, with sacrificial, selfless, self-giving, unconditional, agápe love. Hence, the renewal of Christian life means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values, and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment.

Let us learn to love ourselves so that we may learn to love each other. The old commandment (Lev 19:1-2, 9-18) says: "Love your neighbour as yourself." We cannot learn to cherish others and care for them if we have never learned to do the same for ourselves. We live in a world that denies our basic human worth. How do we reclaim our basic worth? We can become whole and holy only when we learn to love ourselves properly, acknowledging the fact that we are children of God and that the Triune God resides in our souls, making our bodies the "temple of the Holy Spirit."

Let us love others in our daily lives: We are asked to love as Jesus loved, in the ordinary course of our lives. We love others by responding to their everyday needs with love and compassion. We love others by comforting and protecting those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving others in every possible way, no matter how small, seeing the face of Jesus in them. We love others by forgiving rather than condemning, by challenging rather than condoning. Finally, we love others by sacrificially sharing our time, talents, and blessings with them.

Let us demonstrate our love for others in our gatherings and parish assemblies: When we are assembled as a religious or social community, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our love for one another. People must see Christians as people who interact with a love and concern for one another that reveals their strong love and appreciation for each other. They should see in us a quickness to appreciate and readiness to forgive, even as Christ has forgiven us.

*Lord Jesus, your love knows no bounds and surpasses everything I could desire and long for. Fill me with the fire of your love and with the joy of your Holy Spirit that I may freely serve my neighbour with loving-kindness, tender-hearted mercy, and generous care for their well-being. **Amen***



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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 19th May starting at 7.30pm**, for 30-45min of prayer via zoom.

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVF0dThLcHYwLzIRSUVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

Meeting ID: 921 030 1020

Passcode: LjPd8p

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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](#)

May is the month of **Our Lady**

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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