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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Do You Love the Risen Lord Jesus above All Else?

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 8th May 2022

Saturday 7th May - Vigil Mass 6.30pm (Confirmation of Catechumens)

Sunday 8th May - 11am (Bobby Ernest Gilberthorpe)

Monday - Without Congregation

Tuesday - Without Congregation

Wednesday - Without Congregation

Thursday - Without Congregation (George Edward Sarratt)

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 8th May

Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maura Moore, Bridget Ikoro, Billy Hissett, Gertrude Warburton, Ronnie Synnot, Ellen Green, Elizabeth Alldritt, Helmut Pahike, John Moore, Arthur Proctor, George Sarratt, Edward Allen, Tony Fitzgerald, Liam West, Joe Byrne, George Burkin, Vera Walker, Ben Casey, Angela Bowyer, Chris Marriot, Margaret Dearden, Josie Kenna.
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.**

Funeral Mass:

Mary Theresa Moore passed away on the 28th of April 2022 aged 95 years. Her funeral mass is scheduled for the 24th of May 2022 at 10:30am. Mary was a lifelong Catholic and very devoted member of our parish. **We pray for her family and may she rest in peace. Amen**

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

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 1st May 2022:

- Baskets: £466.68
- Tap and Donate: £51.00
- Online Giving: £15.00



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.



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)

Christ The Shepherd Of Our Souls

Today, the Risen Lord speaks to His Church, and identifies himself, for us, as the Good Shepherd and the Gate for the Sheep. We are called to know and follow Jesus as:

The shepherd who knows his sheep and calls each one of us by name.

The shepherd who leads his sheep to food and refreshment, to nourish our souls with his body and blood, with his grace and truth.

The shepherd and gate who defends and protects his sheep, who gives us his strength to grow in virtue, and to choose life and love.

The shepherd and gate who lays down his life for his sheep, who sets us free from sin, suffering, and death by his death on the cross for each one of us.

The life of the shepherd is the perfection of poverty. It is the life of total self-gift that gives to others the good life, the abundant life. As the Shepherd, and as the gate for the sheep, Jesus not only gives us the means to live, but he also gives us Himself, his presence, and his life. He gives this to us by the ultimate sacrifice of laying down his life for us, his friends. He whose birth was first announced to the shepherds, is now the supreme Shepherd who will never cease to guard us from doubt and confusion, from fear and our own inertia, from malice and hatred.

In his risen life, he calls us to be shepherds, to imitate him by giving our lives away in self-sacrificing love. Parents are shepherds for their children. Spouses are shepherds for each other. Believers are shepherds during neighbours, looking out for one another and having each other's back, giving courage in the face of fear, giving faith in the face of uncertainty. We exercise this call only when we entrust ourselves to the care and mercy from the Shepherd himself. We cannot lead well unless we know by whom we are truly led, the Good Shepherd and the Gate for the Sheep. Christ, the Good Shepherd, comes into our "land," our hearts, and souls, and calls us to know him, and to be known by him.

The poverty of the shepherd is dear to Christ's heart. Even more, the poverty of the shepherd IS his heart. May we yearn for the joys of heaven so that we may "reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before."

*Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Open my ears to hear your voice and to follow your ways. Give me understanding that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and wisdom for my life. **Amen***



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 12th 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

[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](#)

May is the month of Our Lady

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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

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