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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 24th July 2022

Saturday 23rd July - Vigil Mass 6.30pm (Virtue Ekhosuehi)

Sunday 24th July - 11am (Tom & Bridie Kinsella / Brian & Maura Moore)

Monday - Without Congregation (St James, the Apostle)

Tuesday - Without Congregation (Sts Joachim & Anne)

Wednesday - Without Congregation

Thursday - Without Congregation

Friday - Without Congregation (Sts Mary & Martha)

Saturday (AM) - Without Congregation (St Peter Chrysologus)

Updated COVID-19 Precautions:

1. If you or your family have any symptoms or indeed have cold, flu or are in any way unwell, please do not attend.
2. The Saturday vigil Mass is quieter and allows for greater social distancing.
3. We encourage you to wear a mask while in church.
4. Please sanitise your hands when arriving and leaving church.

No Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will be taking a break until September. You can sign-up to the family mailing list to get updates on children's liturgy and children's activities at: **[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 24th July

Please pray for Mary Hunt and all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frances Egan, Catherine Williams, Frederick Boxall, Maureen Lerpiniere, Maud James, Lily Stevenson, Bernie McGivern, Dan Brown, Austin Hunter, Mary McCabe, Josephine Daff, Kevin Logan, Hilda Vinter, Audrey Gerrard, Frank Murray, Cecilia Leach, Doreen Fitzpatrick, Robert Jessop, Susan Taylor and Shirley Hayes.

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 & Paul Carrington, Sheila McDonnell, Maria Coogan, Fr Michael O'Connor, Wesley, Kay Langan, Sonia Holland, Robert Ainsworth, Jacqueline Robinson, Ann Saunders, and Harry Priestley.

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray for the repose of the souls all those who have died recently, especially for Mary Hunt, Josephine Winterbottom and Susan Taylor who have died, that their families may have the assurances of our prayers.

May they rest in peace.

PARISH NOTICES

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

Spiritual Direction/Accompaniment

God is present and active in our lives. Through reflection and prayer we can become more sensitive to this presence. Often with the accompaniment of another person we can deepen our appreciation of the presence of 'God in all things'.

Are you looking for a someone to accompany you to help you as a spiritual director or accompanier? The Diocesan Spirituality Group would like to assess the need for this in the diocese. If you would be interested in finding out more then please send your details to formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com.

If you are already helping people as a spiritual director/accompanier please complete the google form on the formation and mission pages of the Diocesan Website <https://hallam-diocese.com/spiritual-direction-accompaniment/>

Volunteers Needed for Carmel Care

Do you have 2 hours a week to spare, would you like to support our community at the Carmel Care Centre? We are seeking committed and caring individuals to support our activity sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are particularly interested in hearing from those who have a skill or interest to share with others, for example any kind of creative arts, music or baking? If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact Janet Kent on 07927 657462 or email Janet at jkent@hallam-diocese.com. The centre is based at 172 Dykes Hall Rd, Sheffield S6 4GS.

Carmel Care Centre welcomes new members

The Carmel Care Centre welcomes all members of the community to join us weekly on a Tuesday and Wednesday for lunch and activities, we are a caring and welcoming group with plenty of space for new members. To find out more please contact Janet Kent on 07927 657462 or email Janet at jkent@hallam-diocese.com. The centre is based at 172 Dykes Hall Rd, Sheffield S6 4GS.

Caritas Counselling Service

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join this excellent team of counsellors working across schools and parishes within the Hallam Diocese.

If you are a qualified counsellor and are interested in finding out more, please contact Bernie Ware: email : bware@hallam-diocese.com Tel: 07980406198

Tea & Coffee After Mass

A few helpers are required to help with teas and coffees after 11.00 Mass. Please contact Fr Michael or Gerard Strain 07704251924. Thank you.

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon, August 2023. Hallam Diocese is taking 35 young people aged 17 - 30 to WYD next year. This is a great experience of Church where young people from every continent gather to celebrate their Catholic Faith in the presence of the Pope. If you would like to join us or want more information email Sue, our Hallam Youth Ministry Director for an information pack: smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com

Offertory Collection 17th July 2022:

- Baskets: £324.46
- Tap to Donate: £tbc



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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 [easyparishfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyparishfundraising.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)

The Power Of Intercessory Prayer

The main themes of today's Scripture readings are the power of intercessory prayer, the Our Father as the ideal prayer, and the necessity for persistence and perseverance in prayer with trusting faith and boldness. In short, the readings teach us what to pray and how to pray.

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis, gives us the model for intercessory prayer provided by Abraham in his dialogue with God. Although Abraham seems to be trying to manipulate God through his skilful bargaining and humble, persistent intercession, God is moved to mercy by the goodness of a few innocent souls.

Prayer is essential for Christian family life. To remain faithful in marriage, the spouses must pray, not only individually, but together. They must thank God and offer intercessory prayers for each other, for their children and for their dear ones. Daily prayer will help married couples to celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality and honour life from conception to natural death. Here is St. John Marie Vianney's advice to a couple: "Spend three minutes praising and thanking God for all you have. Spend three minutes asking God's pardon for your sins and presenting your needs before Him. Spend three minutes reading the Bible and listening to God in silence. And do this every day." We need to accept others as children of God and thereby our brothers and sisters: Through the Our Father, Jesus is giving us a new vision of human relationships: that we all, irrespective of our colour, creed or social background, are the children of God and thereby are brothers and sisters.

When we learn this lesson – if we can learn this lesson, if we are able to treat God as our Father and love Him accordingly, and if we are able to treat every other human being as our own dear brothers and sisters and love them accordingly — then, and then only, shall we experience the Kingdom of God here on earth and enjoy this in the next life. When we love each other and forgive each other's failings God also will love us and forgive us. This is the foundation of true faith.

*Father in heaven, you have given me a mind to know you, a will to serve you, and a heart to love you. Give me today the grace and strength to embrace your holy will and fill my heart with your love that all my intentions and actions may be pleasing to you. Help me to be kind and forgiving towards my neighbour as you have been towards me. **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 reflections and group prayer.
Please join us online for prayer and reflection at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st July.**

The prayer group will be taking a short break during August and will return on Thursday 1st September.

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

July is the month of **The Precious Blood of Jesus**

Pray the Holy Rosary

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

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