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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 31st July 2022

Saturday 30th July - Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 31st July - 11am (Andrzej Kurpiel on 60th Birthday)

Monday - Without Congregation (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Tuesday - Without Congregation

Wednesday - Without Congregation

Thursday - Without Congregation (St. John Vianney)

Friday - Without Congregation

Saturday (AM) - Without Congregation (Transfiguration, Feast)

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 31st July

Please pray all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *John Donlan, Martin Strain, James Marsden, Patrick Judge, Sadie Horton, Olive Purdy, Patricia Abdulla, Nora Owens, Harry Hibbert, Gerald Dawson and Christopher Smith.*

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

Andrzej Kurpiel: 60th Birthday Celebration

We pray for Andrzej and Wishing him all the best for the years ahead, may they be full of fun, adventure, and laughter! Congratulations on your 60th birthday.

Parish Census - before the pandemic hit, we had conducted a parish census. For obvious reasons, there was no immediate follow up to this. However, now that things are more or less back to normal, we are ready to widen our contacts and continue developing our parish community. Group leaders will be contacting those who volunteered for various roles / groups. You may have even forgotten that you volunteered.... it's so long ago, so don't be surprised if you get an email or a text! If you didn't fill a form in before, don't worry - a new form will be ready and available very soon.

SVP - if you are sick, elderly, lonely and you would like to be visited by a member of the SVP, please contact Fr Michael or Chris Ashton via the Presbytery Number: 01142343580

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 24th July 2022:

- Baskets: £tbc
- Tap to Donate: £tbc



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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:

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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)

Be Rich In What Matters To God

The common theme of today's readings is the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth and power because everything and everyone is "here today and gone tomorrow." So, the meaning of life cannot be found in selfishly hoarding wealth and possessions, but only in sharing these with the needy. The first reading, taken from Ecclesiastes, reminds us that the greedy acquisition and hoarding of material wealth is useless because when the hoarder dies, he goes to eternity empty-handed, and his heirs gain, and perhaps squanders, his riches.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, telling the parable of the foolish rich man, warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in Himself and in other people. Jesus says that God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man thought he would not die soon and that he was not accountable for the way he used his riches. Besides, the rich man forgot the fact that his wealth had been lent to him by God for sharing with the needy. Jesus also warns us that our eternal life does not consist of earthly possessions (Lk 12:15), which we should share to gain eternal life.

In this little parable Jesus probes our heart - where is your treasure? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. What do you treasure above all else?

We are invited to share our blessings with others. The parable of the rich fool gives us a warning as well as an invitation. It reminds us that our possessions are merely lent to us by God, and that we are accountable for their use. We must be generous in sharing our time, our treasure, and our

talents in Christian stewardship. Even if we are poor financially, we may be blessed with intelligence, good will, a sense of humour, or the ability to console, encourage, inspire, support, and help others. God expects us to give our thanks to Him for all these blessings by sharing them with others for His glory. The Old Testament Scriptures are clear about tithing – giving 10% of our income for God's cause and for helping the needy. God never allows tithers to regret their generosity.

Let us control our greed. Our greed takes different shapes and forms. For some, it may be the desire for the approval and praise of others. For others, it is the uncontrolled desire for power, control, or fame. For still others, greed takes the form of excessive and sinful indulgence in eating, drinking, gambling, drugs, or sexual activities. Greed also turns our life away from God and away from loving and serving Him in Himself and in other people. As greed directs all our energy and attention to fulfilling the self, its objects become our false gods, and they will consume us, unless we become rich in the sight of God.

*Lord Jesus, free my heart from all possessiveness and from coveting what belongs to another. May I desire you alone as the one true treasure worth possessing above all else. Help me to make good use of the material blessings you give me that I may use them generously for your glory and for the good of others. **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.

[Click Here to Donate](#)



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

Prayer Resources for Download

A number of resources are available for download. Please click on the buttons below.

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

August is the month of **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

O Mary Immaculate, inflame our hearts with one ray of the burning love of thy pure heart

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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