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# PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year C)

### Mass Times & Intentions

#### **Mass Information w/c 14th August 2022**

**Saturday 13th August - Vigil Mass 6.30pm (James Marsden)**

**Sunday 14th August - 11am**

Monday - Without Congregation

Tuesday - Without Congregation (St. Stephen of Hungary)

Wednesday - Without Congregation

Thursday - Without Congregation

Friday - Without Congregation (St. John Eudes)

Saturday (AM) - Without Congregation (St. Bernard, Abbot)

### **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 14th August

**Please pray all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** *Sheila Butler, Sheila Blackwood, Dave Ollerenshaw, Ken Taylor, Mavis Bowden, Sharon Longshaw, Brian Falding, Sara Male, Florence Guest, William Martin, Nuhaad Matti, J R Ward and Diane Nelson.*

**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 *Dorothy Burns* who has died, that her family may have the assurances of our prayers.

**May they rest in peace.**



### Altar Servers – pay attention!

Altar Servers at Sacred Heart, you are becoming members of a world-wide organisation called the Guild of St Stephen.

If you recently attended the Servers training day, or have been serving a while, and are sure you want to continue being an Altar Server, we would like to invite you to a special ceremony. At **Mass at 11am on Sunday 18 September** you and any other new servers will join the Guild and be presented with your medal. You can then wear the Guild medal over your Alb. Wearing the medal is a sign of commitment to serve regularly and as well as possible. Collect your invitation letter from Fr Michael or Deacon Tony.



## Deacon Tony retires from the University

We congratulate Deacon Tony as he retires from his professional role at the University of Sheffield this September. Deacon Tony is a member of the board of the Conference of Deacons, organising the national deacons assembly to be held in Liverpool this September. He is also a member of the Northern Deacons Development Programme, responsible for training Deacons for the Northern Diocese, including assisting with selection and formation for the Diocese of Hallam. He will continue to serve Sacred Heart Parish in his retirement, which has now been his home for ten years, and we hope for many more.

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bware@hallam-diocese.com) Tel: 07980406198

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**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](mailto:smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com)

### **Offertory Collection 31st July 2022:**

- Baskets: £276.37
- Tap to Donate: £tbc



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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.easypfundraising.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)

### Assumption: Heaven Has A Mother's Heart

The feast of the Assumption is a day of joy. God has won. Love has won. It has won life. Love has shown that it is stronger than death, that God possesses the true strength and that his strength is life, happiness, and peace. Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven: There is even room in God for the body. Heaven is no longer a very remote sphere unknown to us.

We have a Mother in heaven. And the Mother of God, the Mother of the Son of God, is our Mother. He himself has said so. He made her our Mother when he said to the disciple and to all of us: "Behold, your Mother!" We have a Mother in heaven. Heaven is open; heaven has a heart, a mother's heart.

Mary is taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, and with God and in God she is Queen of heaven and earth. And is she really so remote from us? No. Precisely because she is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us. Those who go to God come near to us because God is near to us, and Mary, united to God, participates in God's presence, which is so close to us, to each one of us.

While she lived on this earth, she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is close to us, actually, "within" all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God. Being in God and with God, she is close to each one of us, knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness and has been given to us, as the Lord said, precisely as a "mother" to whom we can turn at every moment.

She always listens to us, she is always close to us, and being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother, who is not far from any one of us. Thus, Mary speaks with us, speaks to us, and invites us to know the Word of God, to love the Word of God, to live with the Word of God, to think with the Word of God. And we can do so in many ways: by reading sacred Scripture, by participating especially in the liturgy, in which Holy Church throughout the year opens the entire book of sacred Scripture to us. She opens it to our lives and makes it present in our lives. For Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart (Lk 2:19).

On this feast day, let us thank the Lord for the gift of the Mother, and let us pray to Mary to help

and teach us how to imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. **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 prayer group will be taking a short break during August and will return on Thursday 1st September.**

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### 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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