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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 21st August 2022

Saturday 20th August - Vigil Mass 6.30pm (Emmanuel Eno)

Sunday 21st August - 11am (Kieran & Jayne Kirwan Wedding Anniversary)

Hallam African Community Mass - 2pm (Gwladys Zahu and Paul Zahu)

Monday - Without Congregation (Queenship of Mary)

Tuesday - Without Congregation (St. Rose of Lima)

Wednesday - Without Congregation (St. Bartholomew)

Thursday - Without Congregation (Blessed Dominic)

Friday - Without Congregation

Saturday (AM) - Without Congregation (St. Monica)

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 21st August

Please pray all who have died recently *Gwladys Zahui and Paul Zahu* **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** *Bernadette McConnon, George Purdy, Margaret Harrison, Margaret Donlon, Francis Donlon, Con Heffernan, Peter Rooney, Kathleen Humphries, Evelyn Harding, Catherine Longden, Kitty Slater, Chloe Yale, Eunice Connolly, Beatrice Camsell, Frank and Elizabeth Handley, Kathleen Broughton, Violet Cooper, Gordon Lawless.*
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 Barnes* 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.

PARISH NOTICES

40th Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations to **Kieran & Jayne Kirwan** on their 40th wedding anniversary. All our loving and prayerful wishes to you and may God crown the years ahead with more of his goodness, health, and strength. Cheers!

Housing: We as a parish welcome the Hontaruk family who have just arrived recently from Ukraine and now members of our community and parish. They are looking for a house to rent. If you have a place or know anyone who can help, kindly email or ring Fr Michael (0114 2343580 / sacredheart479@gmail.com). Thanks

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.

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

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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

Offertory Collection 14th August 2022:

- Baskets: £tbc
- 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 [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)

Jesus is The Door to The Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus responds to the question asking how many will be saved by answering how one is to enter into salvation and how urgent it that one strive now, before the Master closes the door. What does the image of a door say to us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' story about the door being shut to those who come too late suggests they had offended their host and deserved to be excluded. It was customary for teachers in Jesus' time to close the door on tardy students and not allow them back for a whole week to teach them a lesson in discipline and faithfulness. Instead of asking how many will be saved, Jesus wants us to ask ourselves, "Am I prepared to be saved, choosing the narrow gate of sacrificial agape love and so loving others as Jesus loves them"?

But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not strive to enter by the narrow door. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved (John 10:9). God sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God's grace (favour and blessing) and mercy (pardon for our sins). Through Jesus' victory on the cross he has freed us from slavery to sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he has made us sons and daughters of God and citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free now to choose which kingdom we will serve - the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's wisdom, or the kingdom of falsehood and darkness ruled by Satan and the world system or society of people who are opposed to God and his laws.

The greatest possible sign of God's love is the person Jesus Christ, who "loved us to the end" (John 13:1). Therefore, God's signs to the unbelieving nations today are most likely personal. And the person meant to be a sign of God in the world is . . . you. The person is me. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are made 'alteri Christi' — other Christs. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are made witnesses to Jesus — like Mary Magdalene, Peter, John, and the rest. We are entrusted with and empowered for the mission of continuing the world of Jesus in the world (see Acts 1:1). The Holy Spirit has come upon us in Confirmation, and we must be witness to Jesus "to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8). As the saying goes, "You may be the only Bible some person reads."

We need to cooperate with God's grace daily given to us: a) by choosing the narrow way and the narrow gate of self-control and self-disciplining of our evil tendencies, evil habits, and addictions; b) by loving others, seeing the face of Jesus in them, and sharing our blessings with them sacrificially; c) by obtaining the daily Divine strength to practice self-control and sharing love through the guidance of the Holy Spirit in daily prayer, in Bible reading, and in reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

*Lord Jesus, may I never doubt your guiding presence and your tender love and mercy towards me. Through the gift of your Spirit fill me with persevering faith and courage to trust you always in all things and in every circumstance, I find myself in. May your love set my heart aflame with love for You who are my All. **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.

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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